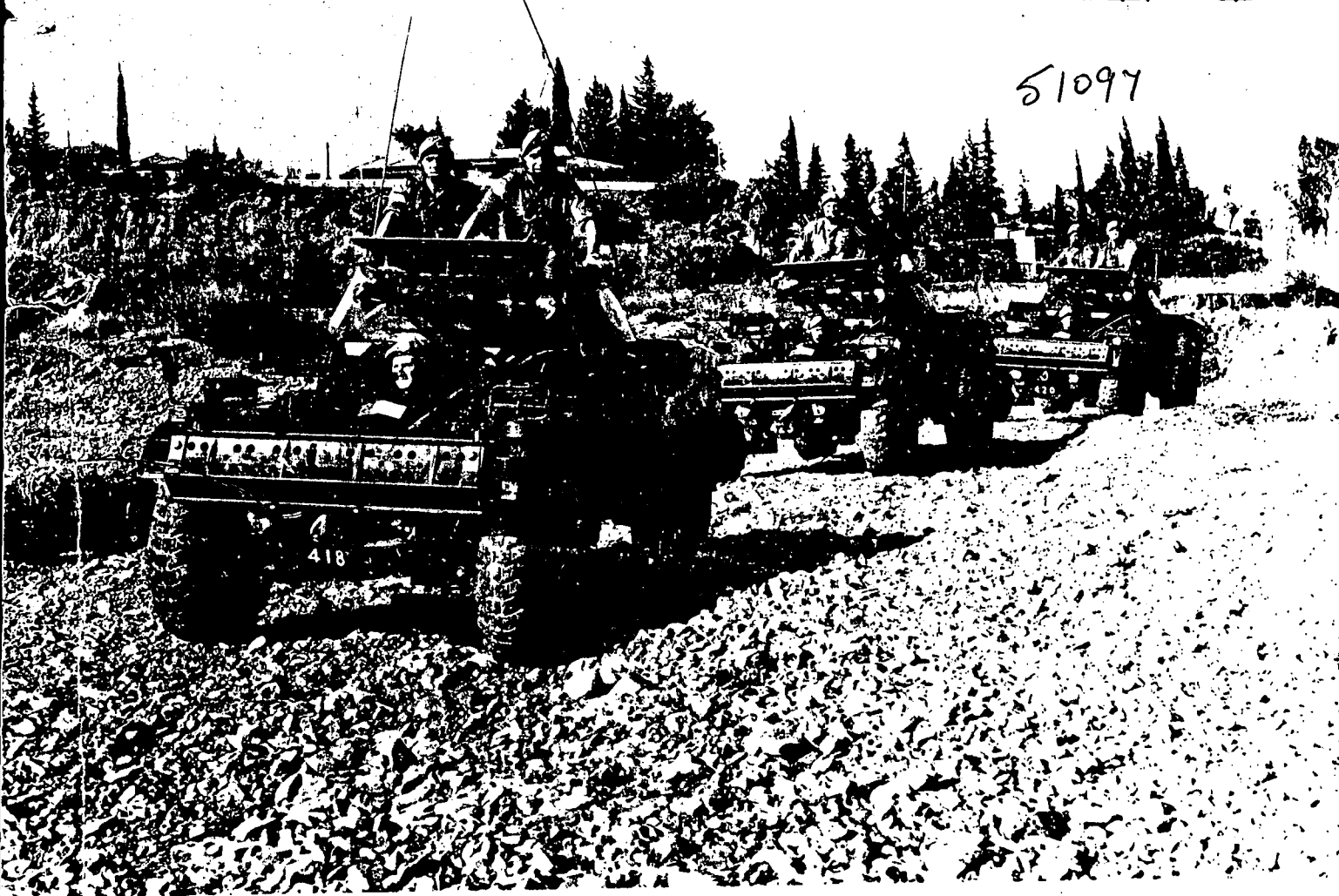
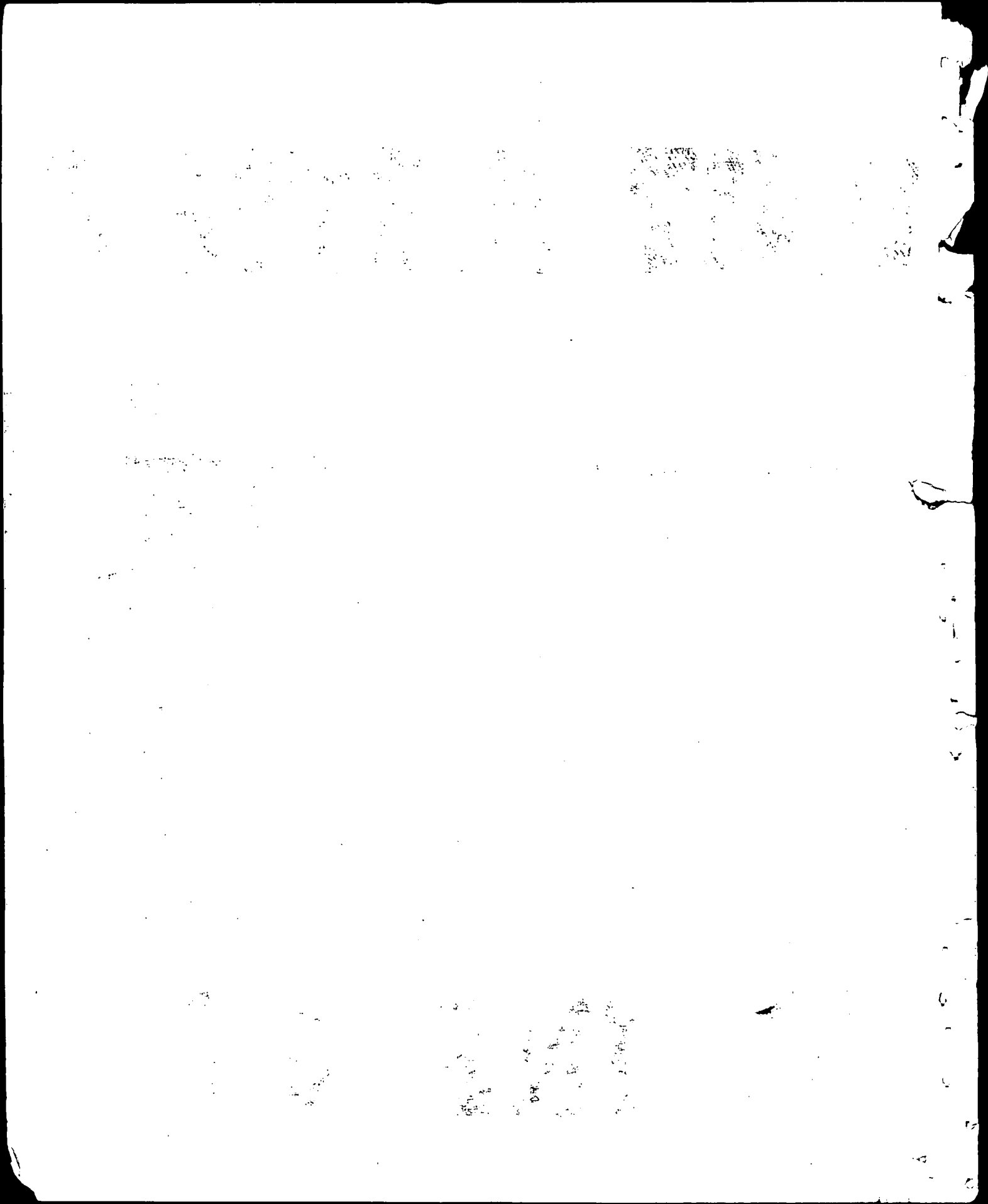


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UNIT HISTORY - 13 INFANTRY GROUPINTRODUCTION

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The outbreak of violence between the Greek Cypriot and Turkish Cypriot communities in December 1963 ended a situation of civil strife which, from the outset, had implications for international peace and security. Mindful of this new threat to international peace, the Security Council, the Chief Executive organ of the United Nations unanimously adopted the following Resolution, dated 4 March 1964:

"The Security Council"

Noting that the present situation with regard to Cyprus is likely to threaten international peace and security and may further deteriorate unless additional measures are personally taken to maintain peace and to seek a durable solution:

Recommends the creation, with the consent of the Government of Cyprus of a United Nations peace-keeping force in Cyprus. The composition and size of the force shall be established by the Secretary-General, in consultation with the Governments of Cyprus, Greece, Turkey and the United Kingdom. The Commander of the force shall be appointed by the Secretary-General and report to him. The Secretary-General who shall keep the Governments providing the force fully rejoined, shall report periodically to the Security Council on its operation.

Recommends that the function of the force should be, in the interest of preserving international peace and security, to use its best efforts to prevent a recurrence of fighting and, as necessary to contribute to the maintenance and restoration of law and order and a return to normal conditions.

This Resolution of the Council is the constitutional basis of the force in Cyprus; it gave legality to the Acts of UNFICYP.

The Irish Government in pursuance of its obligations as a Member Nation despatched the 40th Inf Bn to Cyprus. Since that date successive Units have gone to Cyprus, each one contributed according to its own peculiar talents no small share towards fulfilling the aims of UNFICYP.

The 13 Infantry Group was responsible for peace-keeping operations in Cyprus from Sept 69 to April 70. The Group on arrival, was conscious of the existing standards to be lived up to in the performance of its duties. In facing these tasks, the Group's morale was buttressed in the very high standards set by its colleagues in earlier Units. Outlined in the following pages, is the manner, in which the 13 Infantry Group set about accomplishing the aims of UNFICYP.

UNIT HISTORY13 INFANTRY GROUPCHAPTER IGENERAL NARRATIVE1. FORMATION OF THE UNIT

- a. The Advance Group of the 13th Inf Gp assembled at CATHAL BRUGHA BKS, DUBLIN on 5 Sep 69 and preparations were made for the assembly of the unit.
- b. Group Headquarters & Headquarters Company were due to concentrate on 9th SEP at CATHAL BRUGHA Bks, however on FRI 5th Sep this element of the Group was ordered NOT to concentrate as planned but were put on 12 hrs notice to move from 2000 hrs, 9 Sep 69.
- c. On 10th Sep the entire concentration was put back 14 days. Adv Gp HQ returned to their parent units and the new dates as indicated below were issued for all planning purposes:
- | | | |
|-----|---|--------|
| (1) | Adv Gp HQ establish in CATHAL BRUGHA BKS: | 19 Sep |
| (2) | Gp HQ, HQ Coy & Comd Adv Ptys conc CATHAL BRUGHA BKS: | 23 Sep |
| (3) | Gp conc DUBLIN Bks: | 26 Sep |
| (4) | Gp activated: | 4 Oct |
- d. On 12 Sep new instructions were issued amending dates as stated in c(1), (2) & (3) to read 15th, 16th & 18th Sep. The date for the activation of the Group was to be issued later.
- e. On 13 Sep, the Officer Commanding and the three (3) Coy Comdrs met once again in CATHAL BRUGHA Bks prepared to move to CYPRUS on MON 15th Sep.
- f. At 1000 hrs 15th Sep the RECCE PARTY consisting of the OC & 3 Coy Comdrs departed DUBLIN Airport for CYPRUS by Civil Airline.
- g. The Advance Group of the 13 Inf Gp re-assembled at CATHAL BRUGHA Bks on 15 SEP.

- h. Group Headquarters & Headquarters Company assembled on TUE 16 Sep and were located at CATHAL BRUGHA Bks.
- i. On 18th Sep the Group conc in DUBLIN Bks.
- j. The problems in billeting and administrative arrangements generally, were NOT easy. In addition some of the personnel selected for the 13th Inf Gp had NOT by 18th Sep been phased out from units engaged in border activities and until the very last moment doubts existed as to the exact personnel of the Gp.
- k. On 19 Sep it was announced that the 13 Inf Group would be activated w.e.f. 20 Sep 69.

2. TRAINING, CEREMONIAL & DEPARTURE

- a. A & B Coys had been concentrated for trg under Command control prior to conc in DUBLIN Bks.
- b. NO review of the troops was carried out by An TAOISEACH nor was it found possible to have the officers of the Group presented to An t-Uachtarán - Eamonn De VALERA.
- c. On SUN 21 Sep the Adm Party consisting of 84 all ranks departed fro CYPRUS on Aer Lingus Charter Aircraft.
- d. On THU 25 Sep the OP Party consisting of 100 all ranks departed for CYPRUS.
- e. On FRI 26 Sep Chalk 3 with 110 all ranks of the MAIN BODY departed for CYPRUS.
- f. On SAT 27 Sep the remaining 109 all ranks of 13 Inf Gp departed for CYPRUS. One Officer - Capt J. McGREAL, 'B' Coy, 13 Inf Gp, passenger on this Chalk had to return to IRELAND on the turnabout of this flight as he was required as witness for G.C.M. He arrived back in Cyprus for duty with 13 Inf Gp on 10th Oct.

3. TAKE-OVER FROM 12 INF GP

- a. The take-over from the 12 Inf Gp in CYPRUS was smoothly completed at all branches.
- b. The 13 Inf Gp was operational in CYPRUS w.e.f. 1000 hrs, 26 Sep 69.
- c. The Officer Commanding 12 Inf Gp and the Rear Party of that unit departed CYPRUS on the night of SAT Sep 27th.

UNIT HISTORY13 INFANTRY GROUPCHAPTER 2'A' COMPANYPART 1PREPARATION FOR CYPRUS

1. 'A' Coy, 13 Inf Gp formed up - well when! for the Coy remained in embryo state virtually to the day of departure from Ireland. It is chronicled, however, that No. 1 Pl and Sp Pl (formed from personnel of Ceann O) were to concentrate and commence training in CATHAL BRUGHA Bks on 19 Aug 69. No. 2 Pl (formed from personnel of CIC) were concentrated in the 3rd Bn and commenced training on 25 Aug 69.

2. Training for Cyprus. A great deal of administration and training was required of the Coy in a short space of time. To facilitate this, all Rifle Pls carried out all matters of processing, clothing and administration within their own Commands. Because of this short time factor, priority was given in the Rifle Pls to those subjects only relevant to the immediate situation in Cyprus:

- a. Internal security.
- b. Cooking and feeding the OPs.
- c. Rifle markmanship and range practices.

3. Sp Pl carried out its own weapon training, which terminated in a weapons shoot in Glen Imaal on 19 Sep 69. No. 2 Pl joined with the Coy in CATHAL BRUGHA on the same day. By this time, by virtue of the concentrated effort involved, Coy HQ with all its Adm support elements was now performing with cohesion.

4. Though little time was available at home for the various elements of the Coy to get to know each other and to act as a team, this was not evident in Cyprus. The Coy set down to its various tasks with a will.

WINTERISATION

5. Lefka Camp. As the grass turned green and the leaves turned brown, our winterisation programme got under way immediately. The Coy tasks in this respect were as follows:

- a. Replacement of canvas and rewiring of the camp.

- b. Replacement of floors in tented accommodation.
- c. Construction of showers, washroom and sauna for NCOs.
- d. Fitting of windows and doors in permanent structures.
- e. Digging of surface water drains.
- f. Sandbagging roads to OPs.
- g. Sandbagging of shelters and fire trenches.

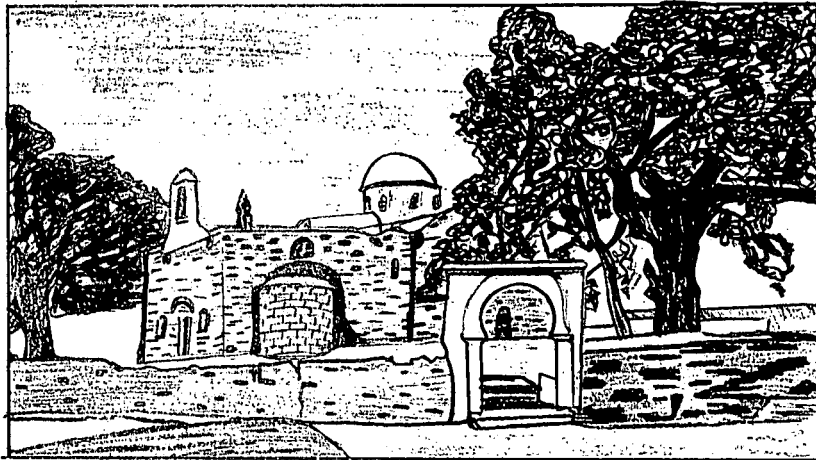
6. This work took a great deal of time and became of primary importance to us. With some improvisation and guidance from C/S Mick BUTLER, teams learned to make frames and lay cement floors. Five such floors were laid in this manner, and this had the added advantage of training the men involved in the construction business! Meantime, all our tentage was replaced and the camp rewired before Winter set in. With the aid of materials and technical advice from Engr. Corps personnel, our sauna and shower complex took shape rapidly.

7. Meanwhile, CQMS Paddy BANNON had the task of getting in all the necessary stores required for the Winter. These included combat clothing, liners, storage heaters, Tilley lamps and those every popular "Long Johns". It now became colder in the OPs, and the demand for hot beverages increased. Accordingly, Paddy "acquired" soups, ground coffee and other "goodies".

8. The sandbagging of the OPs and the reinforcement of the Limekiln Road was a different matter, for little initiative, but a great amount of work was required in filling and laying over 1,000 sandbags. Eventually the broken road, where repaired by sandbags, looked like a series of redoubts as one approached from Ambelikou Village.

RECREATION

9. The organisation of recreational facilities became very important in the Coy during the long Winter evenings. Many facilities were available, but perhaps the most successful venture of all were the twice weekly Bingo sessions, organised by the Bingo staff, C/S M. Butler, Cpls Keenan and Egerton. Apart from their entertainment value, many of the lads managed to have a fairly full "Mingy-Box" on returning home. Equally popular were the concerts and impromptu sing-songs. The Coy showed no shortage of genuine talent in this sphere. Most notable was the ballad group, "The Combats", who were popular entertainers throughout UNFICYP.



The Church of "Our Lady", the Angle-Built,
at Kiti in Larnaca District. (Prized
above all the Byzantine shrines in Cyprus
for the precious mosaics it contains)

Equally memorable were such sketches as "The Only Man on the Island", "The Combat Foran Half Hour", comedy sketches by Cpls Egerton and Durcan and many others too numerous to mention.

10. In addition to the many improvised recreational facilities, we had T.V. and films. Films were operated by Cpl Durcan and his Sigs Sec, and of course were a sell-out. The OPs were provided with radios and magazines. Newspapers and periodicals were purchased by the Coy Welfare Fund and were distributed throughout the Coy on a weekly basis.

11. Tours. Bus tours to Famagusta were organised on a Platoon basis. If one could judge from the sounds coming from the buses on the home journeys, it would appear that these trips were very popular!

SPORT

12. Sport in the Coy came second only to our operational commitments, and with this end in mind, every facility was made available for all sorts of activities. A sports committee was formed with representatives from each activity being appointed. Undoubtedly, the most popular sport of all was volleyball, as it attracted the most players. Friendly matches, knockout competitions and even "Needle" matches were played with gusto. It is true to say that as soon as afternoon came, the volleyball court was never empty.

13. Soccer. The Coy team were very successful in the Group League, and completed the Championships undefeated. The competition itself provided a lot of entertainment for both the spectators and players.

14. The Coy also had a number of local friendly matches whilst in Lefka and in Larnaca with the Turkish communities there. They were victorious in many of them. The Coy also had a number of representatives in the Group Soccer team.

15. The following table shows the Coy's success in the League Competition:

	<u>P.</u>	<u>W.</u>	<u>D.</u>	<u>L.</u>	<u>F.</u>	<u>A.</u>	<u>Pts.</u>
A Coy	6	5	1	0	20	6	11
B Coy	6	3	1	2	14	9	7
HQ Coy	6	3	0	3	11	15	6
Armd Car & S&T	6	0	0	6	6	20	0

16. Cross Country. The Coy were also well represented in the UNFICYP Cross Country competitions. They ran in a number of races, and were quite successful. An A Coy Cross Country team also won the Ghaziveran road race on Christmas Day. Prominent members of all Cross Country teams from A Coy were Cpl Keating and Pte Crowley.

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL

17. When the Gp OC, Lt Col Carroll, gave permission to all ranks to bring their wives or girl friends out to Cyprus to visit them, the idea was greeted with enthusiasm in A Coy. Indeed, it can be said that all the NCOs' wives who did eventually come to Cyprus were from A Coy, with the exception of one. Accordingly, on the 19th December, Sgt Murphy's wife, Jean; Cpl Keating's wife, Madeleine and Lt Halligan's wife, Jean, arrived into what must have been a formidable company of males in Lefka.

18. Accommodation was arranged for all in the Xeros area, but fortunately the ladies honoured us with their presence on many occasions during the Christmas period. Most popular of these occasions were those Céili-House nights, arranged by C/S Mick Butler. Indeed it can be said that these get-togethers had a humanising effect on us all, and helped us get over the Christmas period. We strongly recommend that this policy be adopted by future IRCON units.

The bride and groom
Captain and Mrs Travers
being congratulated by Mrs
Nora Flynn on the left.



FIRST IRON NCO TO WED ON UN SERVICE



On Tuesday 20th January the wedding between Miss Joyce
Killey of Marown, Isle of Man, and Corporal Aiden McHugh
'A' Company 13 infantry Group took place in St. Barbaras
Church, Xeros. Matron of Honour was Mrs Ann O'Brien and
Corporal John Sheridan officiated as best man. The bride was
given away by "father of the day" Captain Desmond Travers.



© Bride and groom Lt and
Mrs Noel O'Brien with on left
matron of honour Mrs Jean
Halligan (wife of Lt Tom Halli-
gan) and best man Lt Michael
Nestor.

PART IIOPERATIONS LEFKA DISTRICT

19. It is not the intention of the writer here to give a background to the area, the UN Mission or the problems involved. It is felt that previous Unit Histories have more than adequately dealt with this.

20. Org of Operational Staffs. On assuming command by A Coy of Lefka Area, the Coy Comdr took over the operational responsibilities of the district. Immediately under him was an OPS Offr and OPS NCO. Understudy for both was an Incidents Offr and Incidents NCO, when available. The OPS Offr, with the Coy Comdr, maintained communication with the relevant Authorities on both sides and investigated complaints. The Incidents Offr helped out the OPS Offr in following up reports and complaints. The organisation of OPS staff during our stay in Cyprus was as follows:

Period	Area	OPS Staff	Incidents Staff
Sep/Oct	Lefka	Lt Halligan Cpl Keenan	Lt O'Brien As detailed
Nov/Dec		Lt O'Brien As detailed	Lt Nestor As detailed
Jan/Feb	Limnitis	Lt Nestor Sgt Moore	N I L N I L
Mar/Apr	Larnaca	Lt Halligan Sgt Gregan	Armd Car Comd Tp Sgt

21. Operational Duties. In addition to the duties of the OPS and Incidents Staff, we manned the following OPs:

- a. OP Hotel.
- b. OP Limekiln.
- c. Outpost Ghaziveran.

OPs and outposts were rotated on a fortnightly basis. Their tasks were to report and sometimes investigate any incidents in the area that might be prejudicial to our UN Mission. Indeed, much of the reporting from them concerned reinforcements of Tk or Gk positions and shots heard. Such reports, when investigated, were usually groundless.

22. In addition to the duties as outlined in paras 20 and 21, we provided the following:

- a. Weekly patrols. These patrols were carried out by NCOs detailed by the Coy Sgt and covered the entire area in sections. It was also part of the Coy Navigation and Signals training programme.
- b. Investigation and Patrols. Patrols as detailed by Gp HQ or Coy Comdr for Adm or Operational purposes, as detailed from time to time.
- c. Standing Patrols and Escorts. Where requested by one or other of the communities, such patrols were mounted to give harvesters protection.
- d. Helicopter Recce. Orientation flights were arranged for Offrs and NCOs from time to time. A Coy helicopter exercise was carried out in November. This exercise involved the whole Coy and was instigated on Gp OC's instructions of 21 Nov.

23. Ops Incidents. Perhaps our only major operational incident was of the Ghaziveran Beach Agreement. When the Tk/Cyps there first requested permission to plough within 20m of the beach positions on the 22 Oct, little did we realise that we would have a major problem brewing in our area. Nevertheless, it was an interesting insight into community relations and the UN's involvement in them. Demands increased, incidents became more frequent, and finally displays of military force were staged to push an early Beach Agreement with the Gks.

24. Operations Limnitis Area. The operations during our stay in Limnitis were purely routine and no major incidents occurred.



The Hala Sultan Tekké in Larnaca is one of the most holy places of Islam. It shelters the tomb of one of the Prophet Mohammed's relatives, who joined an Arab raiding expedition and, falling from her mule, died at this spot in A.D.

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PART IIIOPERATIONS LARNACA DISTRICT

25. Background. A detailed background to this district is contained in "BRIEF OF LARNACA", and is not dealt with in great detail here. When A Coy took over this area from SWEDCON, they also were given the task of manning the outpost of Louroujina from DANCON. The entire area has a population of some 70,000. Larnaca itself has a population of 22,000, with 4,500 Tks in Scala District. A Bn of the Nat/Gd (226 Bn) with 380 men, located at St. George Camp, had a Coy deployed along Artemis Road and the Salt Lake, which was approximately 90 strong. The Tk/Cyps had 200-250 Fighters in Scala.

26. The Coy's main problems were as follows:

- a. The Artemis Road.
- b. The Tekke Mosque.
- c. The Scala School.
- d. Louroujina.

27. The Artemis Road. No major problems had occurred here since August 1967. However, this remains a dangerous area as long as both sides have armed forces in close confrontation. A Coy manned the following OPs on this road:

- a. OP 36A.
- b. OP 36D. (OP HQ).
- c. OP 36G.

28. Tekke Mosque. The mosque belongs to the Tk/Cyps and is one of the most holy places of Mohammedanism. Tks may visit the mosque but they protest against Nat/Gd positions in the area and the Gk caretaker. In former times thousands of Moslems came each year to visit it, but nowadays very few do so because they feel intimidated by the Nat/Gd presence. This problem has been discussed at a high level, but so far no solution has been reached.

29. The Scala School. This school, which belongs to the Tk/Cyps, is situated on the Gk side of the Green Line. The Tks need the school for 500 children, who are at present being taught in houses around Scala. The Nat/Gd object to the return of the school, because they fear it will be used for Fighter positions in this close confrontation area. At present personnel of OP 36A are accommodated in it. In 1968 negotiations for the opening of the school broke down when Dr Orhan insisted on the flying of the Turkish flag over it.

30. Louroujina. This is the largest Tk/Cyp village in Cyprus, with a population of 2,000 to 3,000. The inhabitants, however, are on good terms with the neighbouring Gk village of Lymbia. They have approximately a Coy of 250 under the command of a Tk Nat Major, Ertugrul. No major incidents have occurred here in recent years. It can be said that UN presence is designated to keep Nat/Gd concentrations to a minimum and to observe any unusual military activity in the village. In addition, the outpost had the following additional operational commitments:

- a. Man OP at Stavros Church.
- b. Vehicle Patrol local area. (See Handover Brief)
- c. Foot Patrol: Ayia Varvara down into valley, up to Stavros and back to camp.

31. In addition to the OPs manned on the Artemis Road, OPs 313 and 305 were established along the McKenzie Hill on the southern extremity of Scala. 313 had excellent observation into the Scala enclave. Any activity is immediately noticed from here. 305 was established as a counter to the Nat/Gd Coast Defence Bunker at Gr Ref 581603, when the Tk/Cyps retaliated by building bunkers at Gr Ref 583613, in April 1966.

32. Operational Tasks. In addition to the manning of OPs already described, the following patrols were carried out by the Coy:

- a. The Green Line: This patrol is carried out twice daily by OPs Incidents Staff.
- b. Scala Area: This patrol is carried out twice daily by Pl Sgt I/C OP 36D.
- c. Village Patrol: This patrol is carried out by Incidents Staff or Armd Cars and covers a group of villages each weekday on a rota basis.

33. Operational Incidents. With No 2 Pl in Louroujina A Coy was over-extended. We had little reserve capabilities to handle major incidents. Fortunately none occurred during our stay here. This may be due to the popularity of previous IRCON Unit (3 Inf Gp).

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Irish Minister Visits IRCON

The Minister of Industry and Commerce, Mr George Colley, led Ireland first trade mission for Capital Goods Industries. to the Middle East last week.

The party visited Cyprus on weekend 10/11 October 1969, and made a special visit to Ircon at Xeros Camp.

During his flying visit to 13th Inf Group, Mr Colley inspected a Guard of Honour drawn from members of HQ Coy and A/Car Group, toured Xeros Camp and met officers, NCOs and men of the group in their respective messes.



Range Practices

Last week saw Ircon on the Ranges at Dhekelia for 4 days with members from each Company in the Group firing their Annual Range Classifications. Capt A. Riordan was officer I/C Ranges ably assisted by Lt B. Wickham.

Lt Col P. Carroll, CC 13 Inf Gp and Capt J. O'Sullivan, Group Ordnance Officer observing the firing of the Annual Range Practices.



UNIT HISTORY - 13 INFANTRY GROUPCHAPTER 3B COMPANYCOMPOSITION AND FORMATION

1. B Company, 13 Infantry Group consisted of a Company H.Q., three rifle platoons and a support platoon. Personnel of the Company were drawn from the SOUTHERN and WESTERN Commands. Officers of the Company were as follows:

Company Commander	-	Comdt E. DINEEN.
" Second-in-Command	-	Capt J. McGRIMAL.
Platoon Commander	-	Lt M. O'DWYER.
" "		" R. McEVOY.
" "		" B. GOULDING.

One rifle platoon was comprised of personnel exclusively from the WESTERN Command, the remainder of the Company was drawn from the SOUTH.

- a. On the 9th September 1969 the SOUTHERN Command element concentrated at BALLINCOLLIG, and the rifle platoon drawn from the WESTERN Command concentrated at ATHLONE. Under supervision of their officers, training was intensive in preparation for the Mission ahead.
- b. On the 15th September 1969 the Coy Comd left DULBIN Airport for CYPRUS as part of the RECCE Party.
- c. On the 19th September 1969 the Company concentrated at COLLINS BARRACKS, DUBLIN.
- d. On the 21st September 1969 the Coy Adm Party flew out from DUBLIN Airport for CYPRUS.
- e. On the 25th September 1969 the Coy OP Party flew out from DUBLIN and finally,
- f. on the 25th September 1969 the main body flew out on the 26th and 27th September 1969.

AREA OF RESPONSIBILITY

2. B Company were as possible for the LIMNITIS - KOKKINIA area. This operational area extended WEST along the coast from NEROS to PAKHYAMOS, a distance of approximately 20 miles. It extended into the hinterland for a distance of 15 miles, towards the TROODOS mountains.

- a. This appears to be a somewhat large area of responsibility, yet, when it is considered that the main operational role was confined to an area within 7 miles of the coastline it can be seen that our tasks were within manageable propositions.
- b. Our area then included the two Tk/Cyp enclaves of LIMNITIS and KOKKINA as well as the Gk/Cyp village of KATO PYRGOS. KATO PYRGOS was situated on the coast and lay between LIMNITIS and KOKKINA.

TOPOGRAPHICAL

3. The LIMNITIS and PYRGOS river valleys are the main navigation systems within the area. The term "Hill Country" most adequately describes the terrain in our zone of responsibility. The livelihood of the people in the area consisted in the cultivation of citrus fruits, , almonds, and the rearing of sheep and goats. In all, ten villages are located in the area, the most important being LIMNITIS - KATO PYRGOS - KOKKINA. All three were situated astride the coast road.

a. Limnitis

NESILIRMAK in TURKISH. This village is the focal point of the enclave. It consists of about 200 houses and some cafés. It is one of the few Tk/Cyp communities with direct access to the sea. The population of the village is about 3,000, all Tk/Cyps. The Company liaised with the Tk/Cyp leadership through the local Information Office.

b. Kato Pyrgos

This is a small Gk/Cyp village of about 1,000 people. It lies about 6 miles WEST of LIMNITIS and the Nat Gd HQ is located in the village. Liaison with the Gk/Cyp leaders is carried out through the Nat Gd HQ.

c. Kokkina

This is a small Tk/Cyp seaside village. Its population is about 1,200, made up of refugees and Tk/Cyp fighters. Liaison with the Tk/Cyp leaders was done through the Information Office. Kokkina is an extremely poor village; the surrounding land is poor and could barely support 100 people. The population for the most part rely on Red Crescent supplies from TURKEY.

d. Limnitis Camp

The Camp is situated in a valley surrounded on the sides (except the WEST) with hills rising to 700' or more.

Entrance to the Camp opens onto the road. All accommodation is tented within the confines of the Camp except the Officers' Mess, NCO's Mess, Canteen, Cookhouse and D/Hall. The Camp was capable of accommodating 80 men; washing and shower facilities were considered adequate. Despite its apparent isolation the Camp was popular among the men; it was adjacent to the sea, and, it boasted of a soccer pitch and volleyball court. However, in Winter, conditions could be disagreeable unless certain precautions were taken. This was so in regard to the drains. It was essential that the drains be kept clear otherwise the Camp could be inundated with water.

e. KOKKINA Camp

This Camp is situated beside the sea. It comprised two NISSEN huts, and was capable of accommodating 20 persons. Its main function was to act as a base camp for the various OPs in the area. The work force here was a platoon commanded by a Sergeant. As organised, it was a reasonably self-contained Unit. Electricity was provided by its own Generator. Recreational facilities were sufficiently adequate to stave off the inevitable boredom of outpost duties. Transport, Signals and Medical were attached to the infantry platoon.

COMPANY MISSION

4. Basically, to implement UNFICYP aims in the LIMNITIS - KOKKINA area i.e.,

- a. To prevent a recurrence of fighting.
- b. To contribute to the restoration and maintenance of law and order.
- c. To contribute to the return of normal conditions.

(1) This Policy was carried out by using the following methods:
Manning OPs at -

(a)	OP 1	-	AYIA ANNA	GRVD 631927
(b)	OP 2	-	AYIA YEORYIOS	GRVD 637924
(c)	OP 3	-	MOSPHILERI	GRVD 657931
(d)	OP 4	-	MANSOURA	GRVD 669941
(e)	OP 5	-	KOKKINA	GRVD 647933

- (f) OP 6 - KOKKINA GRVD 658939
 (g) OP JULIET - GRVD 741894.

(2) Maintenance of Unmanned OPs and Patrol Daily -

- (a) OP INDIA - GRVD 753893
 (b) OP KILO - GRVD 777916.

(3) Surveillance of Check point at LIMNITIS GRVD 771917 - this post was manned throughout the period.

(4) Provision of escorts for Gk/Cyps through LIMNITIS at pre-arranged times.

(5) Patrols as required.

PROBLEMS

5. The operational situation in an area of close confrontation like LIMNITIS-KOKKINA enclaves is always potentially explosive. So the surveillance of both sides on cease-fire line was most important. However, very few incidents of a serious nature occurred between TK/CYP Fighters and Nat/GD in the actual area of confrontation during B Coy's tour in LIMNITIS. There were many minor incidents and only two serious ones in all. One involving the arrest of TK/CYP farmer by NAT/GD, and the other an outbreak of shooting. Both cases were resolved by B Coy to the satisfaction of all concerned.

LIMNITIS ROAD AGREEMENT

6. The LIMNITIS ROAD AGREEMENT which governs the use of TK/CYP held stretch of road between LIMNITIS checkpoint and FOXTROT BARRIER was subject of constant attention by B Coy. This agreement which was drawn up in 1966 by UN and TK/CYPs was renewed by OC B Coy in Dec 69.

7. Every day a convoy was escorted each way through LIMNITIS at arranged times. The main problem was GK/CYP cars seeking individual escorts outside laid down times. In all cases where TK/CYP Leadership gave permission, escorts were provided. OC B Coy tried unsuccessfully to have all barriers and restrictions on road through LIMNITIS by TK/CYPs removed.

CULTIVATION OF LAND

8. Cultivation of land in abandoned villages and NO MAN'S LAND Area presented another type of problem. On 6 Oct 69 NAT/GD Comdr at KATO PYRGOS agreed to allow TK/CYPs in KOKKINA to cultivate their lands in AYIOS THEODHOROS valley, provided there were UN Observers present.

This was the first time since 1964 that these people were able to visit their former homes. There were heart rendering scenes as these poor people literally kissed their old homes as they beheld them for the first time in 5½ years. Cultivation of the land in this village continued without incident until completed in late Dec 69. Two unexploded bombs were found in area, a legacy of 1964. TK/CYPs were also allowed, with UN Observers, to cultivate their lands in NO MAN'S LAND area all around KOKKINA. This also was a new concession. Daily, Observers from LIMNITIS, augmented with men from OPs observed the cultivation of this NO MAN'S LAND Area. There were very few incidents, mostly cases of farmers going too near NAT/GD positions. In short, it can be said that the main problems in LIMNITIS area were economic in nature and that both sides in dispute used successfully the good offices of UN to try to settle disputes and misunderstandings as they arose. Neither side appeared in any hurry to "Rock the boat".

IMPLEMENTATION OF MISSION

9. The Coy Mission was implemented mainly through manning OPs, provision of escorts, patrols and observers, in areas of confrontation, and continuing to ensure that the good personal relations which our predecessors had with both communities were maintained.

- a. OP DUTY. Both LIMNITIS and KOKKINA Enclaves are surrounded by elements of GK/CYP NAT/GD and are protected by an inner ring of TK/CYP Fighters. UN OPs are placed at vantage points between the two opposing forces to observe and report any incidents that occur between them i.e. shooting, digging, etc.
- b. In KOKKINA. The following OPs are manned by 1 NCO and 3 men. OP1, OP2, OP3, OP4, OP7 and OP 6, KOKKINA Camp serves as Base Camp for the OPs.
- c. On LIMNITIS Front there are OP HOTEL and OP JULIET both with 1 NCO and 3 men. OP HOTEL is operationally under control of B Coy, but staffed and administered by A Coy personnel.

Rations and supplies for OPs are prepared in LIMNITIS by Cook Cpl, and sent to most OPs via land-rover. However in the case of OP7, OP JULIET and OP HOTEL, a donkey man is hired to bring rations and supplies up the final climb to the OP.

- d. Rotation is normally carried out fortnightly, via helicopter in case of OP JULIET, and by road in case of all other OPs. All pay is delivered to OPs via helicopter. Most members of B Coy like OP duty. They consider a fortnight's stay in an OP a break from Camp Routine and an excellent opportunity to save money. Good food and proper heating facilities are, according to a consensus of B Coy, a first priority to have a satisfied OP

- man. As well as observing, OP personnel are kept busy keeping their OPs in good condition especially during winter, as the storm and rain comes heavy and unannounced on those hills.
- e. OP 1. Manned by 1 NCO and 3 men, is situated on hill overlooking the main KOKKINA-POLIS Road. Stopping shepherds straying across the cease fire line and observing TK/CYPs cultivating land in NO-MAN'S-LAND area between coast and OP position were the only interruption of a quiet 3 months. This OP is approached by a rough, steep track which tests both driver and landrover.
 - f. OP 2. This OP is approached by road through the village of KOKKINA. Manned by 1 NCO and 3 ptes. A good view of KOKKINA village can be had from this OP. An outbreak of shooting by GK/CYPs in Dec 69 was the only serious incident in area of this OP. A total of 10 rounds in all were fired. There were no casualties as a result of this incident. The GK/CYP Comdr admitted that this incident was the fault of his men.
 - g. OP 3. An excellent view of KOKKINA enclave can be had from this OP. The sleeping quarters are situated in a hollow and high winds are regularly experienced here. In fact, on a number of occasions these quarters have taken a severe hammering from the winds that sweep up the valley from the sea. This OP is reached by a winding road from MANSOURA through the GK/CYP village of MOSPHILERI.
 - h. OP 6 KOKKINA. This OP is situated in KOKKINA village. It maintains UN presence in a potentially explosive area. It serves as a communication and adm centre for the other OPs. Strength of OP 6 during B Coy's period of responsibility was 2 NCOs, 2 Signallers, 2 drivers, 1 cook, 1 medical orderly and 4 general duties privates. One of the NCOs was a Sgt and i/c KOKKINA and all personnel in OPs. The other NCO acted as Operations NCO for KOKKINA area.
 - j. OP 4 - MANSOURA BARRIER. Manned by 1 NCO and 3 Ptes. There is now no barrier as such there, only a NAT/GD Post. The UN OP acts as communications link with NAT/GD.
 - k. OP 7. This OP is approached by road up to the TK/CYP barrier at KOKKINA and thereafter by foot taking about 20 minutes to climb to it. Rations and supplies are delivered to it by hired donkeyman. It is manned by 1 NCO and 3 Ptes. The main problem here is observing TK/CYP cultivation of lands in MANSOURA village and observation of GK/CYP and TK/CYP positions. Only minor incidents during B Coy tour of duty.

'B' Company, in their usual efficient manner, have settled into their new area at Kophinou. They were the last of Ircon to leave the Lefka District but when we visited them last week it was as if they had been established in their new location for months instead of two weeks.

Spare time (we must be joking!) competition for the 'B' Company Nameplate produced some interesting efforts. Results were not to hand when we were leaving the camp but next time you are passing, the win-

ning design will be there for all to see.

Our picture below shows Lieutenant B. Goulding (right) examining the entry of Corporal C. Scott, on left and Private McGrath, centre.



© Sergeant John Harrington briefing new arrivals to Observation Post Skerinou. They are left to right Privates James Coleman, John Fahy, Patrick Granaghan, Michael Lambert and Corporal John O'Malley.



OC 13 Inf Gp accompanied by Lt R. McEvoy inspecting the 'B' Coy guard at Camp Knockanure Limnits.

1. OP JULIET. Manned by 1 NCO and 3 Ptes. It is situated high above LIMNITIS river and has observation over LIMNITIS and PYRGOS rivers. The main problem here is prevention of shepherds straying over cease-fire line and reporting of instances of NAT/GD personnel entering the deserted TK/CYP village of SELEMANI. It is the most difficult of the OPs to reach and it takes 35 minutes to climb from the deserted TK/CYP village of SELEMANI. Rations and supplies are delivered to it by hired donkeyman and personnel are rotated by helicopter.
 - m. OP HOTEL. Manned by 1 NCO and 3 ptes of A Coy. Operationally under B Coy control. Very few incidents in vicinity of this OP, which is situated close to GK/CYP village of LOUTROS.
10. B Coy to LEFKA. On 14 Jan 70 B Coy rotated with A Coy to take over Camp McAuley in LEFKA. The rotation was carried out in a very efficient manner and in a good spirit of co-operation. This move to LEFKA was very well received by all members of B Coy who settled down quickly to their new operational duties in LEFKA and commenced to give the Camp the B Coy touch up.
- a. The operational duties in LEFKA, in carrying out the aims of UNFICYP, consisted mainly of -
 - b. Manning OPs at
 - (1) OP HOTEL.
 - (2) OP LIMEKILN.
 - (3) OP GHAZIVERAN.
 - c. Maintaining UNMANNED OPs at
 - (1) PERISTERONARI.
 - (2) AMBELIKOU.
 - d. Patrolling the area of responsibility.
11. The operational situation in LEFKA during the period of B Coy's tour there can be said to be quiet. There were very few incidents of note. There were however usual cases of digging and improving positions especially by TK/CYPs, which necessitated a request by O/C B Coy to inspect these positions and on 20 Feb, UN Chief of Staff, Brig. Gen. Leslie, accompanied by O/C B Coy, carried out the inspection which revealed some improvement being made on positions.

12. Move to KOPHINOU 7/8 March, 1970. As part of general UN policy in Cyprus IRCON were moved from LEFKA District to take over LARNACA District. B Coy were detailed to take over KOPHINO from A Coy, 3rd ANGLIAN Regt. While the rotation of IRCON to LARNACA was generally accepted as an improvement, those who had done a good recce of the Island were in NO doubt but that B Coy were being given a poorer location than LEFKA. However, this rotation took place in a very efficient manner and coy personnel had the unique experience in dealing with personnel of BRITCON and DANCON and there is no doubt but that all three contingents will have very happy memories of their association with each other during this rotation exercise. B Coy got an excellent hand-over from the ANGLIANS, who were in every way very co-operative.

13. KOPHINO District formed the EASTERN part of LIMASSOL Zone prior to the new re-deployment of UNFICYP. KOPHINO District is now to form part of LARNACA District. The area is approximately 140 square miles, consisting of some 35 villages, 23 GK/CYP, 6 TK/CYP and 6 Mixed. The main NICOSIA-LIMASSOL road runs through the District and at KOPHINO the road branches off to LARNACA and FAMAGUSTA. The population NORTH of the main road is principally GK/CYP, although there are some mixed villages. The TK/CYPs consider the area SOUTH of the road to be a TK/CYP enclave, though here again there are mixed villages. KOPHINO District is part of the Civil Administration LARNACA District. The Coy area of operation extends along SOUTH Coast of Island from GR VD 249410 CAPE DOLAS to GR VD 478510 approx 2 miles WEST of MAZOTOS and NORTH from coast to LARNACA-NICOSIA District boundary. The main part of UN operations take place in immediate vicinity of main NICOSIA-LIMASSOL road and four miles SOUTH of it. The area consists of low hills and escarpments. Wheat and citrus fruits are grown in the lowlands and olive and almond trees on the hills.

14. Operationally, the area was taken over in situation from BRITCON. The aims of UNFICYP are implemented by -

a. Manning the following OPs:-

- (1) OP BUNKER.
- (2) OP TANGO.
- (3) OP SKARINO.
- (4) OP BLACK BRIDGE.
- (5) OP MARI.

b. Patrolling. Standing patrol to ALIMINOS during daylight and patrol to UNMANNED OP at FOXTROT twice by day and once after 2359 hrs.

c. Providing a Platoon to administer main Camp in Compound at KOPHINO and provide a Stand-By Section at 30 mins notice and another at 2 hours notice, both capable of being airlifted.

15. The strength of all OPs is 2 NCOs and 7 men, with an Officer i/c at BLACK BRIDGE and MARI.

KOPHINOUS COMPOUND

16. Description. Coy HQ and Compound Platoon are stationed in this Compound, an area 100 yds x 80 yds. With the exception of Offrs Mess, Armoury, Operations Room, Coy Office, Radio Room and cookhouse, the remainder of Camp is tented.

It resembles very much a POW Camp, very confined, with no running water. It is a dust bowl in fine weather and resembles the mud of Flanders in wet weather. In the centre of Camp is a block of two storey buildings, sufficient to house remainder of Coy in comfort, but UN are NOT allowed to use them as they are TK/CYP police married quarters, out of which they were evicted in 1967 by UN.

17. Background. UN Post first established in Mar 1964. KOPHINOUS Compound was occupied by UN at an early stage because of the importance of the road junction and because TK/CYPs controlled both sides of the road at that time. The post was originally a police post manned by TK/CYP Police. A platoon of 3rd Inf Group IRCON, were stationed in KOPHINOUS in 1964.

18. B Coy make valiant effort to improve Compound. When B Coy took over the Compound they immediately went about improving the Camp. Wiring system, which was faulty, and also changing the big marquee tents for MUGs Modified. Coy O/C requested that the Camp be completely resurfaced. Coy soon found that keeping an adequate supply of water to Camp and OPs and keeping the dust out of tents was a full-time job. The task of administering the Compound and OPs was given to No 3 Pl and Sgt Gray was Compound Pl Sgt. For the Compound Pl this new posting was definitely NOT as popular as the nicely laid out LEFKA Camp with its beautiful scenic views and they welcomed their rotation to OPs on 23 March.

OP DUTY IN KOPHINOUS DISTRICT

19. In contrast with duty in KOPHINOUS Compound, OP Duty in the new area was pleasant and if anything less strenuous than in LEFKA District, as the OPs are placed much nearer to main roads and NOT as isolated as in LEFKA District. Strength of OPs usually 8 all ranks.

20. OP BUNKER

- a. Background. First UN OP established here in Nov 1967 following the Battle of KOPHINOUS in order to observe KOPHINOUS village and to ensure that TK/CYPs did not cut the LARNACA Road, and to report on any attempts by NAT/GD or CYPOL to enter KOPHINOUS. Since its establishment there have been no serious incidents in area of OP BUNKER. Most

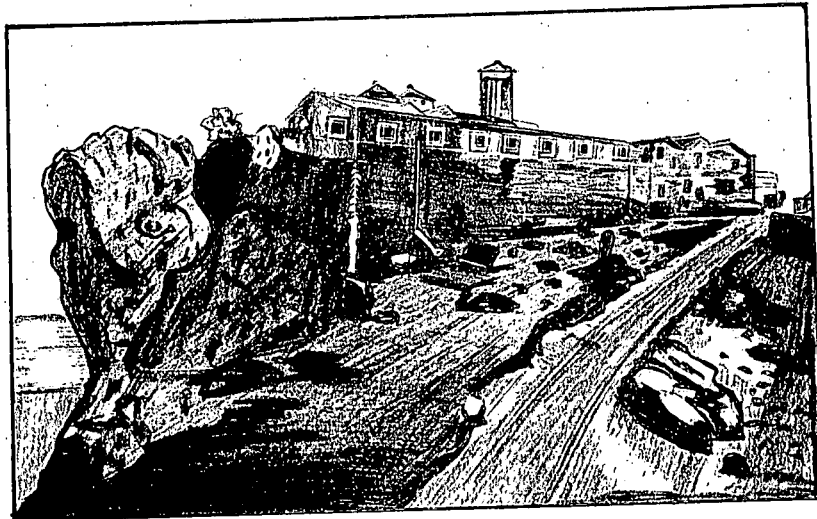
reports from this OP have to do with TK/CYP fighter training activities on FORBIDDEN HILL. This OP was taken over from BRITCON by Sgt SKEHAN. BUNKER was a popular posting as it is near the Compound and off duty personnel have not far to go to attend films in the Camp.

21. OP TANGO

- a. Background. This OP was established on 12 Dec 64, but was situated six hundred metres SOUTH of FORBIDDEN HILL and was moved to its present position in Aug 68.. UN personnel on OP TANGO observed NAT/GD Hill, watch movement of TK/CYP fighters in KOPHINO and patrol FORBIDDEN HILL.
- b. Major Incidents. While there were a number of incidents during 1964 and first half of 1965, there was little or no trouble from July 65 to end of 1966. On 20 July 1967 the communities in mixed villages of AYIOS THEODOROS spread to NAT/GD Hill and FORBIDDEN HILL. A cease fire was arranged. However on 15 Nov 67, NAT/GD assaulted KOPHINO and AYIOS THEODOROS with 2 Bns supported by 25 pdrs. UN Post was then withdrawn and re-established in its present posn in Aug 68. There have been no serious incidents since its establishment. This OP was taken over from ANGLIAN Regt by Cpl Barnes on 7 Mar 70. One of the main difficulties with administering this OP is the difficulty in wet weather in transporting sufficient water to it due to poor track surface.

22. OP BLACK BRIDGE (AYIOS THEODOROS)

- a. Background. This OP was established first by UN on 27 Mar 67 as AYIOS THEODOROS was a large mixed village and its task was to prevent communal strife. The Battle of KOPHINO resulted in the formation of several understandings which the post has to ensure are honoured by both communities. There mainly are agreements concerning the movement of CYPOL, NAT/GD and TK/CYP Fighters in the village and access to roads and tracks, and to control the supply of water in the village.
- b. Major Incidents. Major gun battles took place on 20 July 67 and 15 Nov 67. Since then many incidents of minor nature mostly concerning water supply and use of access road to SKARINO. This OP was taken over by Lt O'Dwyer from BRITCON on 7 Mar 70. The OP is situated in village of AYIOS THEODOROS. Consists of evacuated Coffee Shop and Bakery. This OP is a popular posting. An UNCIVPOL post manned by SWEDISH Police is in a position near the BLACK BRIDGE OP and known as the AYIOS HILTON.



Twenty-three miles from Nicosia is Stavrovouni Monastery. Legend has it that it was built by St. Helena in 327., who presented the Monastery with a small piece of the Holy Cross.

23. OP SKARINOU BRIDGE

- a. Background. This OP was first established by UN in April 67 to observe the deployment of a NAT/GD Bn at SKARINOU by Gen GRIVAS and was also used to observe NORTH end of access road to AYIOS THEODOROS, when this became a sensitive issue. Since the Battle of KOPHINO in Nov 67 SKARINOU OP has been given the added responsibility of watching for movement by CYPOL, NAT/GD, TK/CYP fighters and TK/CYP Police down the road to AYIOS THEODOROS. The post also observes activity by NAT/GD on NAT/GD Hill.
- b. Major Incidents. On 20 July 67 and 15 Nov 67 UN position was close to major gun battles which took place on both those dates. Since 15 Nov 67 no very serious incidents took place. Most incidents concerned the use of the access road to AYIOS THEODOROS. This OP was taken over by Sgt Harrington from A Coy 3rd Anglian Regt on 7 Mar 70.

24. OP MARI

- a. Background. This OP was established in April 67 by UN to ensure that TK/CYPs did NOT dominate MARI Heights and thus the main NICOSIA-LIMASSOL Rd and to ensure that GK/CYPs did NOT deny access to MARI Village to TK/CYPs and CROWN HILL OP is a visible demonstration of UN presence on a major road.
- b. Major Incidents. On 8 April 67 NAT/GD patrol fired on MARI for four hours and attempted to move up the escarpment. There have been very little incidents reported by this OP since Apr 67 and those incidents which occurred were of a minor nature. This OP was taken over by Lt McEvoy from Anglian Regt on 8 Mar 70. This is a very popular posting.

SPORT

25. Soccer. Though not the most popular sport in the Coy, it was the one the Coy were most successful at, being runners-up in both the League and Championship and also B Coy supplied 50% of Group Soccer Team which finished 3rd in UNFICYP League.

26. Volleyball. Prior to our move to KOPHINO, volleyball was by far the most popular sport, almost all members of Coy participated in Coy leagues and blitz tournament. We had excellent facilities for playing the game both in LIMNITIS and LEFKA.

27. Other Sporting activities. Squash, Coy played and beat RAF NICOSIA, the Island Champions. Coy was well represented in Group teams. Pte Nash was one of the most prominent members of Group Cross-Country Team. Swimming was very popular in early months of our tour. We used both BLUE BEACH at XEROS and SANDY BEACH at LIMNITIS.

28. SOCIAL & RECREATIONAL. Films, which were a regular feature four times per week were the most popular. Bingo sessions were organised once per week and the Jackpot which was held just prior to our move to KOPHINO had a highly magnetic effect. Darts, Rings and Cards with the other sub-units of Group and with personnel of other Contingents were a regular feature and proved very enjoyable social occasions. These games were played in Canteen, NCOs Mess and Offrs Mess. Coy personnel had social nights, involving dart games with Anglian Pl stationed at POLIS, with BRITCON from ZYYI. Members of CANADIAN Contingent, DANCIWPOL and members of staff of HQ UNFICYP were guests of B Coy while the Coy was stationed in LIMNITIS and LEFKA.

29. All Ranks Smokers were organised in the CANTEEN at Christmas and New Year and were very successful. All Coy personnel, less those on duty in OPS and Camp Guard had Christmas Dinner together on Christmas Day, while those on duty and on OPS had a similar function at the New Year. Everyone agreed that the fare provided for Christmas could not be surpassed by the best hotel. A Childrens' Party was held in LIMNITIS for 250 children and a party for 200 children was held in KOKKINA. Both these parties were very successful and enjoyable. The Pipe Band of 13 Inf Gp attended both functions. The wives and girl friends of Group personnel were highly entertained by B Coy whenever they paid us a visit.

30. Cocktail parties were held in Offrs Mess for local TK/CYP Leadership on occasion of Coys departure from LIMNITIS and LEFKA. Present at the party in LEFKA were officers of DANCON who were about to take over LEFKA Camp. This provided these officers with an opportunity to meet the local leadership.

31. Members of M.T. Pl of B Coy held a very enjoyable Dinner Party in the FAT-MANS Restaurant in XEROS in Dec 69, while the members of SP Pl had their party in the Seagull Restaurant in XEROS. No 3 & 4 Pls held their Platoon Dinners in the Half-Way House near KOPHINO Camp in March. Coy HQ were of course invited ex-officio to all these Pl functions and as well as giving their blessing enjoyed themselves thoroughly at them. St. Patrick's Day was celebrated in the traditional manner.

32. Wherever located, the Company invariably established the friendliest of relations with the local community. An excellent rapport was maintained with the various officials representing the interests of each Section in the Community.



Major General Prem Chand presents the United Nations Medal to Signalman John FRAWLEY of 4 Field Signals, Mullingar, Co Westmeath. Signalman Frawley whose home address is at 10, St Colman's Terrace, Athlone is on his first ever overseas trip. (Picture right).

QMG Calls On Force Commander

Colonel W. Donagh, Irish Quarter Master General, is received by the Force Commander, Major General Prem Chand, at Headquarters UNFICYP. Colonel Donagh is at present on a tour of inspection of Irish soldiers serving with UN in Cyprus and the Middle East. (Picture left)



CHAPTER 4 - HQ COY

During 13 Inf Gp tour of duty in the LEFKA District, HQ Coy, Group HQ and the Armed Car Group were located in Xeros Camp. For Comdt T. Gleeson OC HQ Coy and Camp Comdt at Xeros the immediate task on takeover was the preparation for winterisation. It is a tribute to the co-operation he received from all ranks that the task was completed in a relatively short while.

As for previous IRCON Units who had served in the LEFKA District, Xeros Camp will always be associated with ceremonial parades, conferences and social events.

1. Visitors

Visitors to our headquarters were frequent and numerous. Many of the official visits and functions are listed in this Unit History under 'A' matters. We were fortunate that during our tour of duty a number of wives of the officers and NCOs of the Unit were able to visit us. In addition, early in the New Year 1970 wedding bells rang out on three separate occasions at the local Church of St. Barbaras, Xeros for members of A Coy. On 3 Jan Lt Noel O'Brien and Mss Ann Loftus got married. This was followed on 20 Jan with the first IRCON NCO to wed on U.N. Service when Cpl Aiden McHugh married Miss Joyce Killey. Finally on 12 Feb we had a third member of A Coy getting married when Capt Des Travers and Miss Celia Somers were wed. HQ Coy were proud of the fact that all three receptions were held in Xeros Camp and NO effort was spared to make the occasions memorable ones for all concerned.

2. Indoor Recreation

Various recreational activities were organised in Xeros Camp each week. None was more popular than the Bingo Sessions organised by that team of experts C/S Jim Egan, Cpls Billy Wykes and Tommy O'Connor. Films, Darts and Rings were also much enjoyed by all. Camp Concerts were also run and an amount of talent came to light during these occasions.

3. Christmas

It was Christmas Day with a difference for many at Xeros Camp. The day commenced with the IRCON choir singing at Midnight Mass at the Church of the Holy Cross, Paphos Gate, Nicosia. They sang again at the Mass in Xeros Camp and finally at the local Church of St. Barbaras, Xeros. The day itself was gloriously sunny and many enjoyed the Volleyball Challenge Games between officers, NCOs and men of the group. The Roadrace from Ghaziveran to Xeros Camp was highly successful and the Christmas morning swim at Blue Beach was

so well supported that the Swim-master and Adjt Capt Mick Harrington ran out of Certificates for those who took the plunge. Christmas Dinner with all the traditional fare was served in all the Messes and a wonderful day was had by all.

4. Sporting Activities

Sport was organised and co-ordinated at Gp HQ by a special sub-committee under Comdt Vincent Crawford 2IC 13 Inf. Gp.

a. Cross Country & Road Running

(1) General. The Group Team competed throughout the entire tour of duty in the various weekly competitions organised by the British Forces in Cyprus and by the United Nations. The Group had a first class team of runners and achieved many outstanding successes. Their efforts were ably organised and controlled by Lt J. Moriarty, Armd Car Gp. Sgt O'Sullivan, Armd Car Gp was undoubtedly the leading individual runner in Cyprus for the period.

(2) Results

Team. The team as a whole earned three first places and five second places in major competitions. Its outstanding results were as follows:

- (a) Nicosia 6 x 1½ Mile Road Relay - First Place.
- (b) Open 6½ Mile Cross Country - DHEKALIA - First Place.
- (c) All-Island Cross Country Championship - Third Place.
- (d) British Services and UN Contingents Cross Country League - Leading UN Contingent and third place overall. Would have finished higher but lost points through inability to fulfill one fixture.
- (e) UN Cross Country Championship - First Place.
- (f) Famagusta Town Road Relay - Second Place. The team's time of 19 mins 22.8 secs would have been a winning time in any previous year.
- (g) Ten Mile Road Race EPISKOPE - AKROTIRI - Second Place.

(3) Individual. Sgt S. O'Sullivan despite injury and a short illness which put him out of action for some time was head and shoulders above any other runner, British or UN on the island. He achieved three first places and three second places in major competitions as well as racing through the field in many of the relay events. His most notable achievements are enumerated hereunder:

- (a) All-Island Cross Country Championship - First Place. This event was held over a 7 mile uphill course of rough terrain and scrub. Sgt O'Sullivan's winning time of 48 mins 4 secs constituted a record for the course.
- (b) 6½ Miles Open Cross Country DHEKELIA - First Place.
- (c) 3½ Mile Road Race EPISKOPI - First Place.
- (d) Nicosia 6 x 1½ Mile Road Relay. Each runner in this event had to run two relay legs of 1½ miles each. Sgt O'Sullivan completed his two legs in 7 mins 51 secs; and 7 mins 46 secs. He was the only runner in a large field to break 8 mins for any leg.
- (e) 10 Mile Road Race EPISKOPI - AKROTIRI - Second Place.

b. Soccer

(1) General. Due to the nature and availability of playing pitches, soccer was the most feasible ball game to organise in the Group.

(2) Results

- (a) UNFICYP League. The Group team competed in this league in which it found itself no match for the Swedish and Danish Contingents. They were defeated 3 - NIL by SWEDCON the ultimate winners. However the team finished in third place in the league obtaining seven points from six matches. A number of friendly matches were also played with UN, Gk Cyp and Tk Cyp teams in which good results were achieved.
- (b) Group League. In a highly exciting Group League 'A' Coy emerged League Champions after an exciting victory over 'B' Coy by 3 - 2 in the final league match.

- (c) Group Knock-Out Competition. The semi-finals of this competition were played on a double leg system. HQ Coy proved the surprise packets of this competition by defeating the much fancied 'A' Coy twice in the semi-final and going on to defeat 'B' Coy 1 - 0 after extra time in the Final.
- (d) Chief Signal Officers Cup. This six-a-side competition was keenly contested by teams of Signals personnel from each Contingent in the Force and HQ UNFICYP. The final result was that the British and Irish Contingents finished level on points at the head of the table, but the British were awarded the trophy by virtue of superior goal average.

c. Volleyball

- (1) General. This was probably the most popular sport of ALL in the unit. It had the maximum participation and was played even by those of inferior ability in sport.
- (2) UNFICYP Championship. This was held on 28 Feb 70 which unfortunately coincided with the busiest period of the IRCON rotation CANCON who organised the event had previously postponed it because it clashed with their rotation dates. As a result the IRCON team were unable to devote much time to training and preparation. Despite these difficulties the Group Team were defeated in the Final by the favourites FINCON by a narrow margin. The Irish Team actually won the winners pool in the morning and defeated the FINCON team in the process. However FINCON emerged as winners of the Losers Pool in the afternoon and reversed the earlier result against our team in the Final. The IRCON team has therefore to be content with Runners Up Medals but all credit is due to Lieut F. O'Connor, Sgt Oliver Walsh and Sgt George Hunt and the members of the team for such a commendable achievement.
- (3) Group League. The HQ Coy team powered by a strong backbone of Signals personnel won this league defeating a gallant Armd Car Gp team in a very exciting final.

d. Falling Plates Shooting Competition.

This competition is organised by the UN All Contingents Sports Committee. It was classified as a sport rather than a military skill and for that reason it is included in this

section of the Unit History. The success of the unit shooting Team in this particular competition which was held at POLEMIDHIA Range on 9 Jan 70 represented the greatest achievement of the unit in its tour of duty. The Team defeated the British Contingent in a most exciting final after a shoot off following a 'dead heat' at the first attempt. The members of the winning team were:

Capt A. Riordan (Captain)
 Capt J. Kiely
 Sgt J. Porter
 Sgt T. O'Brien
 Cpl S. Mooney
 Pte T. McSweeney
 Tpr J. Carey

e. Gaelic Football and Hurling

The unavailability of suitable pitches precluded the playing of any inter coy competitions. However, challenge matches in both hurling and football were played against the RAF AKROTIRI on 22 Nov 69 and 15 Mar 70. The unit teams had double victories on both these dates.

f. Darts

Three teams from Gp HQrs, 'A' Coy and 'B' Coy competed in the UNFICYP Darts League. In its initial stages the competition was keenly contested but it was ultimately NOT concluded due to a falling off in interest on the part of some of the other Contingents. At that juncture 'A' Coy team had won all but one of their matches and were the likely winners of the competition.

g. Badminton

A team competed in the UNFICYP League despite the fact that there were NO facilities available for the playing of the game in the LEFKA District where the unit was stationed. The team performed most creditably winning three matches and drawing one out of six played and finished in third place in the League Table.

h. Golf

There were reasonably good golf facilities available in PENDAYIA Golf Club about two miles distance from the Gp HQ camp in XEROS. A number of the officers and NCOs joined as members of the Club. One of the Group reached the semi-final of the All-Island Golf Championship, whilst a team from the Group defeated RAF AKROTIRI in a challenge match at EPISKOP Golf Club on 4 Feb 70.

5. Welfare

- a. General. The Welfare Section of the Unit consisted of Capt G.A. Wright and CQMS E.M. Fitzsimons. They arrived in Nicosia Airport on 21 Dec 69 with the Advance Party. In addition to the serviceable welfare and sports equipment to be handed over by 13th Inf Gp, the Section brought such items as was necessary to complete the schedule, and canteen supplies of an Irish nature which were in short supply were also brought.
- b. Supplies. The pattern of operations on the Island was well established at this stage. By arrangements with UNFICYP and the Government of Cyprus, bulk purchases could be made through the Cypriot Government agency appointed for this purpose, goods such as tobaccos, spirits and beers, which bear a revenue duty, being supplied duty free. This agency, which was located in Nicosia placed a percentage on all items to cover administration charges. It transpired that it was only economically sound to buy duty free goods here, all other items being purchased from outside traders.
- c. Canteens & Messes. Canteens were operated in all companies by the companies themselves. A Group Officers Mess and NCOs Mess were established in HQrs, and supplies were drawn from the Welfare Stores daily or as required. A credit system was operated, and lodgments were made with the Welfare Officer every few days. All Company and Mess accounts were balanced and audited monthly. To facilitate accountancy, all transactions from April 1st, 1970 were in cash.
- d. Films. Films were shown three times weekly in all companies. These were supplied by the Army Cinema Corporation and collected by the Signals NCO on the SDS car to Nicosia. A charge of 450 Mils per month was levied on all ranks to defray the cost, the balance being made up from the Welfare Account.
- e. Credits. Grants from the Army Welfare Association and from the Army Canteen Board were made to the Group Welfare account. Expenditure from the account was authorised by the Commanding Officer. Monies were spent on medals, trophies, extras for the troops particularly on St. Patrick's Day and Easter, bus tours, cigarettes for hospital patients, and other minor items.

6. Redeployment

HQ Coy, Gp HQ and the Armd Car Gp moved to their new location at ZYYI during the period 27 Feb - 1 Mar 70. The Camp here was a vast improvement on XEROS, more spacious, better living accommodation and stores. In fact from an administrative point of view it was probably one of the best locations on the island.

UNIT HISTORY - 13 INFANTRY GROUPOPS A & B1. General

The 13 Inf Group assumed command of the LEFKA District on 26 Sep 69. This we expected was to be our area of responsibility for our complete tour of duty. However during Feb/Mar 70 the UN Force on the island was redeployed for the first time in five years and IRCON moved from the LEFKA District to the new LARNACA District. Thus the 13 Inf Gp was responsible for

- a. LEFKA District - 26 Sep 69/1 Mar 70.
- b. LARNACA District - 8 Mar 70/8 Apr 70.

2. LEFKA District

- a. Previous unit histories deal adequately with the general background information on the District. However certain highlights bear repeating. The District contains the two Turk Cypriot enclaves of KOKKINA and LIMNITIS together with the comparatively wealthy TURK communities at GHAZIVERAN and LEFKA. There was bitter fighting in some of these areas in 1963/64, where the intervention of the TURK (National) Air Force was necessary to prevent the TURK Cypriots from being overrun. There are still large numbers of refugees in KOKKINA, especially, who have recently been housed in prefabricated buildings.
- b. Operational Order No 1 issued at HQ 13 Inf Gp Xeros Camp 26 Sep 69 laid down the guidelines for all operational activities by 13 Inf Gp in the LEFKA District, viz:

(1) Mission

"13 Irish Infantry Group will carry out the aims of UNFICYP in the LEFKA District from 261000 Sep 69".

Briefly these tasks were as follows:

- (a) Prevent a recurrence of fighting.
- (b) Contribute to restoration and maintenance of law and order.
- (c) Contribute to the return of normal conditions.

(2) Execution

"The Gp will carry out its mission by manning OPs and by active patrolling, employing A Coy in the LEFKA area and B Coy in the LIMNITIS-KOKKINA area and the Armd Car Group throughout the entire LEFKA District".

(3) Location. The Group was located as follows during its tour of duty in the LEFKA District

- | | |
|---------------------------------------|----------------|
| (a) Gp HQrs and HQ Coy (incl Mor, Tp) | XEROS Camp |
| (b) Armoured Car Gp | XEROS Camp |
| (c) A Coy | LEFKA Camp |
| (d) B Coy | LIMNITIS Camp. |

A Coy and B Coy rotated on 14 Jan 70.

- c. The general situation during our tour of duty in the district was quiet. Situations of serious discontent, but short of military tension did arise at GHAZIVERAN and to a certain extent at AMBELIKOU. These found their origin in economic rather than political or military factors but they were used by both sides (Turk and Greek Cyps) to press political and military claims. The 13 Inf Gp had the delicate task of containing the growing impatience of both sides during the protracted negotiations which went on at all levels (up to Govt level in the case of the GHAZIVERAN dispute). The culmination of the negotiations was the signing of a written local arrangement for the sowing of crops at GHAZIVERAN.

Overall there were encouraging signs of return to normality in the LEFKS District during our tour of duty there. However there are still some major problems requiring solution:

- (1) Opening of the KOKKINA and LIMNITIS Roads.
- (2) Return of Turk Cypriot refugees to their villages.

It is unlikely however that these problems will be solved in isolation from the main political and military problems in the island.

3. Redeployment

On the 30 Jan 70, the Force Commander - Maj Gen D. Prem Chand announced at a Conference of Contingent Commanders, details of a proposed redeployment of UNFICYP. IRCON was to move from the LEFKA District to LARNACA Civil District and LOUROUJINA.

Redeployment UNFICYP commenced on 12 Feb. A Coy 13 Inf Gp moved from LIMNITIS on 21/22 Feb and Dancon Coy assumed operational duties for LIMNITIS/KOKKINA at 221730 Feb 70.

Gp HQ, HQ Coy and Armed Car Gp mov from Xeros on 28 Feb/1 Mar and Dancon assumed Command LEFKA District at 011730 Mar 70.

B Coy moved from LEFKA 7/8 Mar and Dancon Coy assumed operational duties for LEFKA at 081730 Mar.

4. New LARNACA District

a. General

- (1) A Coy moved to Grenadier Camp and to Camp at LOUROUJINA on 21/22 Feb. They assumed operational duties for LARNACA Town area and LOUROUJINA from Swedcon and Cancon respectively at 221730 Feb 70.
- (2) Gp HQ, HQ Coy and Armd C Gp moved to ZYYI on 28 Feb/1 Mar and IRCON assumed command LARNACA District less KOPHINOUE at 011730 Mar 70.
- (3) B Coy moved to KOPHINOUE on 7/8 Mar and assumed operational duties from BRITCON for KOPHINOUE area at 081730 Mar 70.
- (4) IRCON assumed command new LARNACA District complete 081730 Mar 70.

b. Area of Operations

The UN military District of LARNACA was constituted at 081730 Mar 70 by the integration of the following three distinct areas to form a newly created area of responsibility for IRCON:

- (1) The NE portion of LARNACA Civil District which formerly was a separate district within FAMAGUSTA Zone and controlled by one Coy from SWEDCON.
- (2) The SW portion of LARNACA Civil District which formerly was a separate district within LIMASSOL Zone and controlled by one Coy from BRITCON.

- (3) The Turkish Cypriot town of LOUROUJINA and its environs which formerly was within NICOSIA WEST District and controlled by one Pl of DANCON.

For operational purposes 13 Inf Gp divided its new district into two distinct areas of responsibility

- (1) LARNACA Area: The former area of responsibility of the SWEDCON Coy and DANCON Pl.
- (2) KOPHINO Area: The former area of responsibility of the BRITCON Coy.

Thus deployment of 13 Inf Gp as as 081730 Mar 70 was as follows

GP HQ, HQ Coy and Armd C Gp	-	ZYYI
A Coy (-)	-	LARNACA Town
Pl A Coy	-	LOUROUJINA
B Coy	-	KOPHINO

OO No 3 issued by HQ 13 Inf Gp at 091000 Mar 70 laid down the guidelines for all operational activities by 13 Inf Gp in the new LARNACA District.

The redeployment of IRCON from LEFKA to LARNACA District, coming as it did within one month of our return to IRELAND, placed a great burden upon 13 Inf Gp. However the challenge was gladly accepted and all ranks rose to the occasion magnificiently. There was much work to be done and little time to do it. Preparations had to be made for the handover to DANCON and simultaneously there was the taking over from BRITCON, SWEDCON and DANCON. There was the problem of quickly settling into the new area and becoming at once operationally efficient. Finally there was the preparation for and handover to our replacement unit - 18 Irish Inf Gp.

It was a hectic month, including as it did the celebration on St. Patrick's Day and the arrival of the Recce Party 18 Inf Gp on 30 Mar 70. "The handover was excellent in every respect" reported the 18 Inf Gp and this was a unit achievement, all ranks of 13 Inf Gp making that extra-special effort to make it all possible.

18 Inf Gp assumed command of LARNACA District at 091000 April 70.

UNIT HISTORY - 13 INFANTRY GROUP'A' MATTERS1. Morale

A high standard of morale prevailed within the Group throughout its tour of duty in Cyprus.

2. Ceremonial and Visits

The 13 Inf Gp was involved in various ceremonial occasions both in LEFKA and LARNACA Districts. Well turned out Guards of Honour featured prominently on all of these ceremonial occasions. The following list gives some indication of the number of times the Group turned from the more prosaic work to being host to celebrated individuals.

- a. 10 Oct 69: Visit of Mr. D. POPPER - American Ambassador to Cyprus. (See ANNEX 'A'.)
- b. 11 Oct 69: Visit of Mr. G. COLLEY - Minister for Industry and Commerce. (See ANNEX 'B' and 'C'.)
- c. 21 Nov 69: Inspection by UNFICYP Chief of Staff - Brig Gen E.M.D. LESLIE.
- d. 25 Nov 69: Farewell dinner for Force Commander - Gen MARTOLA.
- e. 13 Dec 69: Farewell visit by Force Comdr - Gen MARTOLA.
- f. 24 Dec 69: Inspection by new Force Comdr - Gen D. PREM CHAND. (See ANNEX 'D'.)
- g. 26 Jan 70: Visit by Mgr O'BRIEN, Head Chaplain R.A.F.
- h. 30 Jan 70: Ceremonial presentation of UN medals by Force Comdr - Gen D. PREM CHAND. (See ANNEX 'E'.)
- j. 7/11 Feb 70: Visit of QMG - Col DONAGH.
- k. 19 Mar 70: Visit of Force Comdr - Gen D. PREM CHAND to new Group HQ at ZYYI.

In addition to these ceremonial occasions 13 Inf Gp were proud to welcome

- a. Mr. R. RYAN, T.D. who visited IRCON in mid-Jan 70. (See ANNEX 'G'.)

- b. Prof CHARLES C. MOSKOS, Ph. D., Dept of Sociology, Northwestern University, Evanston, Ill., U.S.A. (recognised authority on Military Sociology.) (See ANNEX 'H'.)
- c. Mr. TIM PHILLIPS - Irish entrant in the LONDON-MELBOURNE Air Race. (See ANNEX 'J').

3. Defence Platoon HQ UNFICYP

It was SOP that each contingent provide, in turn, a defensive platoon to HQ UNFICYP. Duty extended from 1100 hrs on a Monday until 1100 hrs on the following Monday. The Group Pipe Band participated in the guard mounting ceremony. During one of these tours of duty the Defence Platoon had the honour of acting as 'Quarter Guard' on the occasion of the arrival at HQ UNFICYP of the new Force Comdr - Maj Gen D. PREM CHAND.

The Group supplied a Defence Platoon for duties at HQ UNFICYP on the following dates:

- a. 6 Oct 69.
- b. 3 Nov 69.
- c. 15 Dec 69.
- d. 26 Jan 70.
- e. 14 Mar 70.

4. Leave Centre

A Leave Centre for the Group was established and organised at FAMAGUSTA during the month of Feb. It was a worthwhile project as it provided a welcome change from routine life, and particularly so from the more austere existence of those on OP duty.

5. Holy Land Tours

Both tours to the Holy Land were accompanied by the Chaplains - Rev Fr. Killian with the 1st tour and Rev Fr Swan with the 2nd tour. Prior to departure the Chaplains covered the background to the Holy Land and the salient features of the tour itself.

6. Group Choir

The Group Choir participated in an Interdenominational Church Service at St. George's Church DKHELIA on the eve of Christmas 1969. The Band and Drums of the 3rd Bn, The Royal Anglican Regiment played during the Service. It was a most impressive ceremony throughout.

The Choir also participated at Midnight Mass in Paphos Gate Church Nisosia and Christmas Morning Mass in St. Barbara's Church, Xeros.

7. Weddings

Three members of the Group will always remember with nostalgia St. Barbara's Church Zeros, as it was here, they changed their status from single to matted men, viz. Capt D. Travers; Lt Noel O'Brien and Cpl A. McHugh - all of A Coy. The receptions were held in Xeros Camp and proved highly successful.

8. Unit Appointments

See Annex

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UNIT HISTORY - 13 INFANTRY GROUP"Q" MATTERSAccountancy

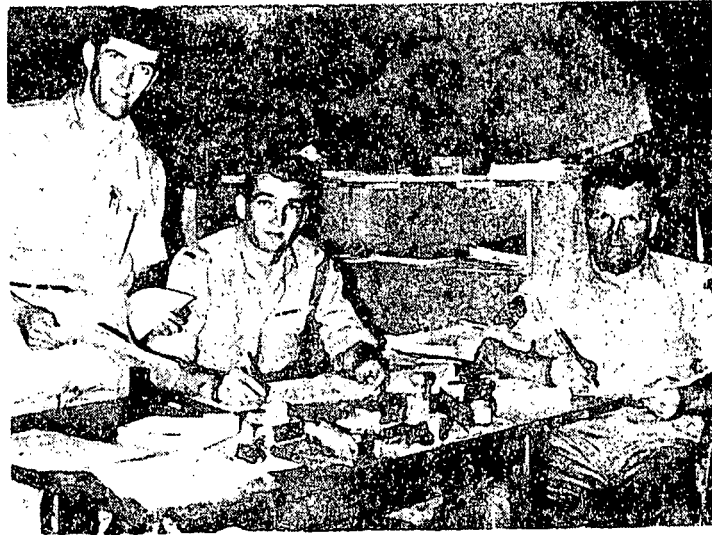
1. a. National Accounts - Nat Ord - Nat Bk Service - Nat Clothing were operated in accordance with Instr issued by QMG, separate Ledgers were operated by Tech Officers for items of Engrs, Sigs, Tpt and Med, Handover/Takeover operated similar to home. Ledgers no longer are taken back to IRELAND with each Group, only copy of AF 96 together with Vouchers.
- b. Separate Ledgers were kept for U.N. Brit Hire, and M.P.B.W. stores. These were operated in accordance with SOPs issued by HQ UNFICYP.
- c. Replacement of Stores varied, in the case of National Stores particularly Bk Services. Items were only replaced on rotation this gave rise to a grave shortage of Delph and other essential items. Cups and Saucers had to be purchased on two occasions from Group Fund. Survey of Stores was held monthly and with the exception of National Items all other items were replaced on demand from Brit and UN Services, only in the case of UN owned. Difficulty arose in particular items being replaced. Items on Brit Hire Schedule were replaced on a one for one basis.

2. Contracts

There were contracts for the following needs, Tailoring, Shoe-repairs, Gas, Laundry, Fuel/Sauna Wood, Conservancy and Donkey Man. Accounts were submitted monthly by contractors and when checked were submitted to Logistics Branch HQ UNFICYP for payment.

3. Rations and Ration Scale

- a. Ration scale was that of British Forces in CYPRUS, with a few modifications i.e. Butter, Rabbit, Duck, Margarine. This scale operated throughout period but a separate Irish Scale was initiated on 4th April 70. The Group Catering Officer together with a Board of Officers appointed by HQ UNFICYP reviewed scale and issued a separate Irish Scale. Also items 26 -42 of the scale were deleted and a cash allowance allowed in lieu.



Q BRANCH IRCON

The 'Q' Branch is a hive of activities these days preparing for redeployment and also the group rotation which is coming up next month. However, with such a wealth of overseas experience between them Corporal Tim Durney (left) Battery Quartermaster Sergeant John Barnes (centre) and Company Quartermaster Sergeant Gerry Fogarty are making light of the work involved. (Picture above).

UN VETERANS

The 'A' Staff at Headquarters IRCON, Xeros Camp, has a wealth of overseas experience. Sergeant Michael Kleity, (right) served with 32, 35, and 37 Battalions in the Congo and was on the staff of Headquarters UNFICYP in 1987.

- b. Rations were drawn from Bulk Breaking Pt (BBP), Camp Maple Leaf, Nicosia, whilst Group operated in LEFKA District. They were drawn direct from DHEKELIA when Group moved to LARNACA District. Fresh rations were drawn as follows:

Mon for Tue.
 Tue for Wed/Thu.
 Wed bread only.
 Thu for Fri/Sat.
 Fri for Sun/Mon.

Dry Rations were Weekly and Four Weekly Messing Cash allowance (MCA) were only supplied on Tue, Thu, Sat. Demands for these were submitted to Supplies Sub Depot, Dhekelia 4 days in advance.

- c. Company breakdown of Rations was done at Group HQrs and taken to Coy locs by Coy Tpt where a further O.P. breakdown took place.
- d. A 2 day Emergency Pack Ration was held at Group HQ for the complete Group.
- e. The Commutation system operated throughout the Group at the full 33 $\frac{1}{3}$ %. This enabled each Coy to submit its demands as required and also enabled them to vary Daily Menu's. Food at each Coy Loc was very good and a choice for all meals operated.
- f. NO difficulty was experienced in keeping food fresh in storage. Each location had adequate supply of refrigerators including OPs.

4. Cooking

- a. All cooking was done on domestic Gas Cookers, domestic electric cookers and one Oil Burning Cooker, all were ver satisfactory. Cooking on OPs was on a small 3 Ring Breakfast Cookers. As a result of the good quality Cooking facilities Cooks were able to use quite a considerable amount of flour and dried fruit. Baking Cakes and Scones, etc.
- b. When the change to LARNACA District took place, the Coy operating in LARNACA encountered difficulty at first trying to provide cooks for LOURIGINA and Camp Wolfe Tone (3 Kitchens) however it resolved itself after 3 weeks when strength at LOURIGINA was reduced.

5. Accommodation

- a. LEFKA District - 95% of Group was accommodated under canvas, 5 men to Mug Modified Tents. Winterization began early when tentage was changed and issue of Paraffin Heaters and an extra Blanket issued (from 4 to 5). Group HQ and HQ Coy Offrs were accommodated in Bungalows loaned from Cyprus Mines Corp, Huttet Building and UN Rented Bungalow. At Coy level Officers were accommodated under canvas.
- b. ZYYI - All troops at HQrs were accommodated in permanent building. The same applied in Coy Area at LARNACA, and KOPHINO. The Coy located here was accommodated under canvas, but Officers were in permanent buildings.

6. Electricity and Water

All Camps were supplied by Local Authority with the exception of the Coy located at LIMNITIS this had its Electric Light supplied by Generator. This was quite satisfactory.

7. Combat Clothing

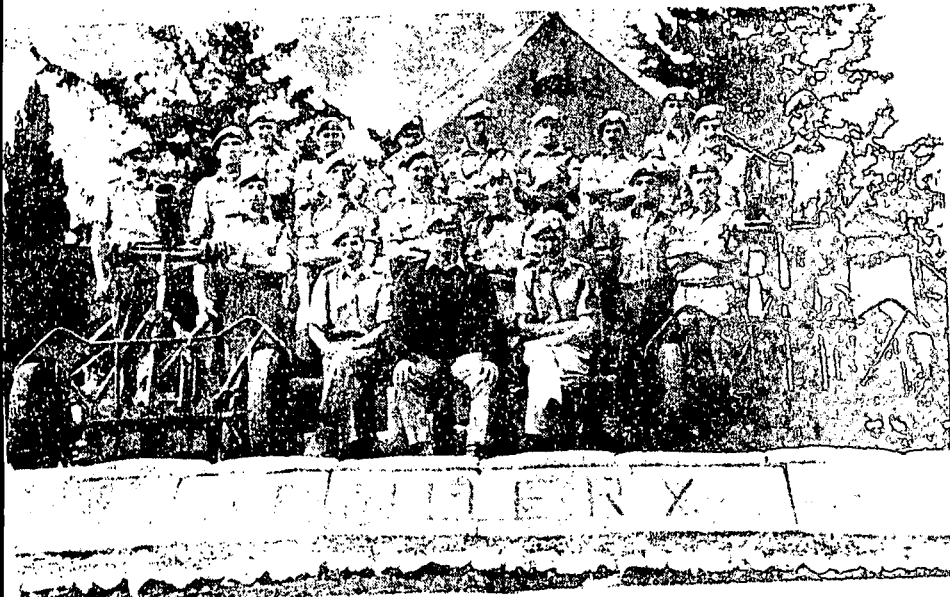
The issue of Combat Clothing greatly helped in overcoming difficulty encountered by previous Groups during Winter Period.

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THE HEAVY MORTAR TROOP

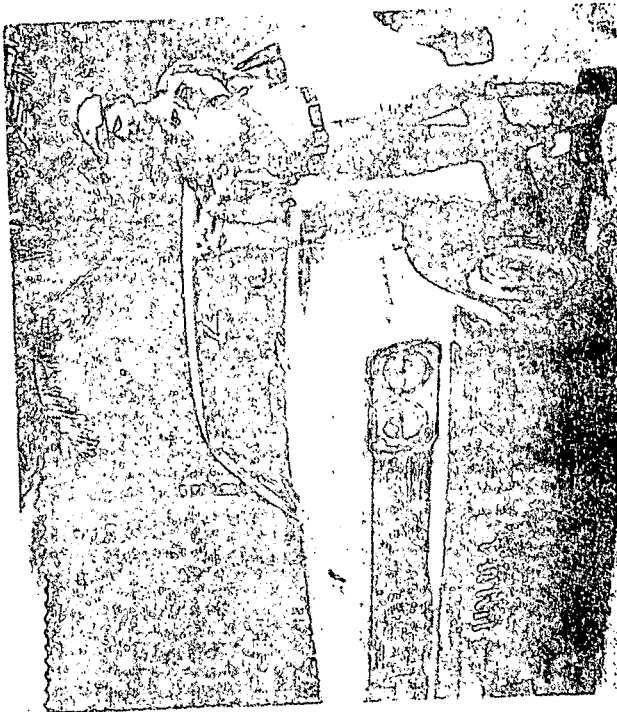
The Heavy Mortar Troop, 13 Infantry Group, is stationed with Unit Headquarters at Xeros Camp. Equipped with the 120mm French Brandt Heavy Mortar, it is a most experienced unit with many of its personnel having served overseas on a number of previous occasions. Probably its best known character is Sergeant Georgie Hunt who is on his fifth tour of duty with United Nations. The troop is commanded by Captain Niall Sheridan, 2 Field Artillery Regiment, McKee Barracks, Dublin.

The Heavy Mortar Troop at Xeros Camp: Front Row (Left to Right) Lieutenant Brian Wickham, Captain Niall Sheridan, Troop Commander and Troop Sergeant Frank McGuire.



A BUSY ORDNANCE SECTION

A busy group during our tour of duty has been the 13th Infantry Group Ordnance Section. From left front row: Sergeant Keenan, Captain I. O. Sullivan, Officer-in-Charge of the section, and Sergeant McGuire. From left, back row, Sergeants Daly, Dowler, Corporal Clarke and Sergeant Foley.



COMMANDING OFFICER'S DRIVER

Probably the best known NCO of 13th Infantry Group is Corporal Brendan Conway, driver to Lieutenant Colonel Carrol. He is an expert whose quiet efficiency and happy disposition was an example to us all. Corporal Conway's record for safe driving during our full six months tour of duty was second to none and a tribute to his care and skill (Picture right)

UNIT HISTORY - 13 INFANTRY GROUPHEAVY MORTAR TROOP

1. Organisation: The troop under the command of Capt N. Sheridan consisted of

<u>Officers</u>	<u>NCOs</u>	<u>Gnrs</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
2	8	11	21

2. Training

The troop was exercised in firing practices in Glen Imaal prior to their departure for Cyprus. During their tour of duty on the island, they trained daily during the months Nov-Feb inclusive. Coy OPs were visited and familiarisation of Coy areas was carried out. Inf/Arty co-operation was practiced and as part of the Group Reserve the troop carried out joint exercises with Arm'd Car Gp.

3. Duties

The main task of the Heavy Mortar Troop was part of the Group Reserve. However as part of HQ Coy located in Xeros Camp and later at ZYVI the troop performed many administrative tasks. Chief among these were as staff for Officers and NCOs Messes, Assistant to Welfare Officer, Ration Stores and as additional pool of drivers to MT Officer.

4. Social and Sports

The troop naturally played with HQ Coy in all sports and consistently contributed to the various teams fielded by HQ Coy. The troop Commander - Capt N. Sheridan was a great competitor and took part in all sports ranging from Darts to Volleyball. In fact you named the game and he played it. That sort of example was infectious and before long the whole troop got involved in one sport or another.

The social side was not forgotten either, highlights of which were St. Barbaras Day and the troop function which marked the end of their tour in Cyprus.

UNIT HISTORY - 13 INFANTRY GROUPENGINEER SECTION1. Personnel

The section consisted of a total of ten all ranks which was reduced to nine in early January by the repatriation of one acting Sergeant on compassionate grounds. The strength was as follows:

1 Captain	-	Engineer Officer
1 Coy Sgt	-	Fitter
2 Acting Sergeants	-	Carpenters
4 Acting Corporals	-	Carpenter, Fitter and 2 Electricians
<u>2 Privates</u>	-	Fitter and Plumber.
10		

Strength was further reduced on 10 Mar 70 as a result of an injury suffered by the Acting Corporal Fitter.

2. Tasks

The prolonged fine weather for most of the tour reduced the problem greatly since there was little storm or weather damage. It was also of great benefit because of the lack of any covered workshop at Xeros. Due to resultant reduction in maintenance, considerable time was able to be devoted to improvements in the facilities, and general comfort of Camps and outposts. The major works were as follows:

- a. Repair, redecoration and winterisation of all OPs.
- b. Renewal of tent floors in timber and concrete.
- c. Rewiring of all tents on replacement.
- d. Improvements to electrical services in all Camps both interior and exterior.
- e. Extension of Canteen buildings in Limnitis and Lefka.

3. Morale and General Behaviour

The section at all times worked in a most satisfactory manner. Morale remained high as there was always enough work to be done. All personnel worked after duty hours as required without any form of coercion and always showed a keenness to get on with the job in hand as quickly and efficiently as possible. The standard of workmanship remained excellent under all conditions.

Section members were also prominent in the social life of the camp contributing artistes to concerts etc and participating in sporting activities when not required on works.

4. Redeployment

The redeployment of UNFICYP resulted in the Engineer Section being located in ZYYI Camp. Here a fine building was taken over as Engineer Office, Stores and Workshops. The area of responsibility was considerably increased but the services of civilian staff of Cyprus Govt Dept of Public Works were availed of to ease the work load.

CHAPLAINCY

General

1. The Chaplains assigned to the 13th Infantry Group were the Rev Denis Killian C.F. of Custume Bks., Athlone and the Rev Colum Swan C.F. of the Curragh Training Camp. Fr. Killian departed for Cyprus with the Adm Party on Sunday 21st September 1969. Fr. Swan departed on Saturday 27th September.

Function

2. The Manual of Staff Duties in the Field details the functions of the Chaplain as follows:

- "a. Advises the commander on all religious matters.
- b. Makes arrangements for religious services and promotes the spiritual welfare.
- c. Assists in the arrangements for temporal welfare and recreation."

Spiritual Welfare

3. The territorial areas assigned to each Chaplain were as in the 12th Inf Group: one was stationed at Group HQ in Xeros, with responsibility for personnel both at HQ and a company camp in Lefka. The other was stationed at Limnitis with responsibility for personnel both at Limnitis and at the platoon camp in Kokkina. About half-way through the mission, the Chaplains interchanged. When the unit transferred to the Larnaca district, Fr. Swan was stationed at Zyyi, with responsibility for the personnel at Kophinou, and Fr. Killian was stationed at Larnaca with responsibility for personnel at Lourougina.

4. One Chaplain was available within the district at all times. Mass was offered daily at each company camp. The deployment of personnel was such as to render it necessary that each Chaplain offer three Masses on Sundays.

Patients from the unit in hospital were visited once weekly or more frequently.

A monthly supply of magazines was made available by the Adjutant at UNFICYP HQ Nicosia. These were distributed by the Chaplains to personnel on OP duty.

There were two pilgrimages to the Holy Land, each accompanied by a Chaplain. In preparation for the pilgrimages, a series of instructions on Biblical History and Geography was given by each Chaplain to his group.

On transferring to the Larnaca District, it was found that the Garrison Church at Zyyi required considerable reconstruction. Personnel of each unit in camp "lent a hand" in this reconstruction, the engineers being over-extended as things were. The operation was supervised by Comdt J.R. Delaney and Capt Roger McCorley with professional expertise.

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UNIT HISTORY - 13 INFANTRY GROUPSIGNALS

The Signal Platoon 13 Inf Gp is justly proud of the manner in which it accomplished its many and varied tasks.

1. Equipment

- a. Wireless. HF Sets C 12 and C 11 required quite an amount of workshop maintenance during our tour of duty. WS A 41 proved quite adequate but many sets were showing signs of deterioration.
- b. Line. There was an adequate supply of Tele J at all times.
- c. Misc. One projector (16 mm) was recommended for 'board', otherwise film equipment was satisfactory as was the supply of films.

2. Personnel

- a. W.T. Only three of the WT operators were inexperienced but they learned to operate with confidence in a very short space of time.
- b. Line. One NCO and one sgmn was all we had available to maintain almost 90 miles of D 10 cable over rugged countryside. That communication by this means was available throughout our tour of duty is indeed a tribute to the work of this section.
- c. Radio mechanics

With little proper workshop equipment and no experience or data on cavalry WT equipment the section was at a great disadvantage. However all equipment was kept in working order.

3. Sports

Signal personnel took part in all sports, winning the group Volleyball Competition and contributing to Shooting, Soccer and Athletic teams.

4. Social

The frequent conventions and organised visits to other contingents proved invaluable to all ranks. A close working relationship was formed with 644 Sig Troop at HQ UNFICYP.

5. Redeployment

Redeployment to Larnaca District stretched the manpower capability of the pl to its limit.

HF equipment proved almost useless in the new district HQ because of the proximity of Eastern Mediterranean Relay Station (BBC) and very mountainous terrain. Point to point communications were established by borrowing five (5) complete WS C 42's from CANCON. The telex which we had at Group HQ at XEROS was withdrawn by HQ UNFICYP when we moved to ZYYI.

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UNIT HISTORY - 13 INFANTRY GROUPORDNANCE1. General

The Ordnance Section was commanded by Capt J. O'Sullivan and consisted of 6 NCOs - Sgt J. Maguire (Arm examiner), Sgt B. Daly (artificer), Sgt J. Dowler (tentage) and Sgt T. Foley; Cpl T. Keenan and Cpl P. Clarke (armourer).

Due to the excellent handover given by 12 Inf Gp the section was fully effective from the very beginning. The fact that four of the NCOs were on their second and even third tour of duty in some cases was of great benefit to the others whose first tour it was.

2. Tasks

The following major jobs were undertaken by the section:

a. Weapons and Armament

All the weapons and armament were inspected and repaired where necessary. The bulk of the job fell to Sgt Foley and his two assistants, Cpl Keenan and Cpl Clarke. In this context the services of Cpl Keenan, who acted as armourer to the Unit Shooting Team (winner of inter-contingent falling plates competition), were much appreciated.

b. Tentage

All the tentage in the group was condemned on a detailed examination carried out by the Force Ordnance Officer and Staff and as a result it all had to be struck and replaced by new canvas.

c. Ammunition

All the Group's ammunition both in LEFKA District and ASD DHEKELIA was inspected and proved where necessary. Sgt Maguire assisted at various times by other members of the section, did an excellent job of preparing the surplus ammunition in ASD DHEKELIA for shipment to Ireland.

d. Optical and Fire Control Instruments

All the Group's optical and fire control instruments were inspected and calibrated as required.

e. Miscellaneous

The workshops under Sgt Daly's supervision was kept busy for the tour inspecting and repairing oil heaters and tilly lamps as well as doing all the usual welding, brazing and soldering jobs which every Ord W/Shop seems to attract in a never-ending stream. This section rose from the ordinary level of just fixing things to the heights of creative metalwork when Comdt J. Delaney, OC Armd Car Group became temporarily attached to it while he was making wrought-iron gates and fitments for the Officers Mess.

3. Administration

- a. Short Courses were held for selected Coy NCOs in the operation and maintenance of lamps, HPP and oil stoves and in the erection of tentage.
- b. In addition to normal duties Capt O'Sullivan and Sgt Maguire filled the positions of Group Fire Officer and NCO respectively.
- c. Cpl Keenan was promoted to the rank of Sgt midway through the tour.

The success of this tour from the Ordnance point of view was due to the excellent co-operation between this section and all sub-units of the Group.

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UNIT HISTORY - 13 INFANTRY GROUPTRANSPORT SECTION1. Organisationa. Personnel

Offrs	NCO's MT	NCO's W/Shops	Ptes MT	Ptes W/Shops
1	5	3	11	1

b. Vehicles

L/Rovers	Trucks	Saloons	Minibus	Pickup
40	13	2	2	1

c. Plant

Generators	Servicing Trailers	Water Carrier	Trailers GS
2	1	1	3

General Comment: Vehicles and plant were adequate. The real weakness in the organisation was the small workshop section which was not capable, on its own, of carrying out its functions.

2. Function

The section had an adm and ops function:

a. Adm

- (1) Three ledgers were operated side by side. At first glance this appeared clumsy but in fact was necessary and worked well. Items which were replenished only when the contingent rotated were held on a national or Irish ledger. Items in constant demand for servicing and repair of British owned vehicles together with these vehicles were accounted for on a separate ledger and items owned by UN were on yet

another. The systems were quickly learned by the NCO responsible and presented no difficulty.

- (2) All POL and heating oil used by the Group, was accounted for by the section.

b. Operational

- (1) A small pool of drivers was provided by the section. Over 100 UN permits to drive were issued and all key sections e.g. Laundry rations, MPs, Medics, Sigs, did not call on the pool. Only in this way could the section work. It is interesting that $\frac{1}{3}$ of the group were previously qualified drivers at home.
- (2) All vehicles on charge were serviced monthly and all 1st line repairs were carried out by the section. This entailed long hours of extra work for the staff in spite of the fact that two fitters extra, who were serving as riflemen were made available to the section. This function placed an unfair burden on the workshops staff.
- (3) As the section was responsible for driving standards in the Group, familiarisation training with left hand drive vehicles and on city driving particularly relating to right of way on roundabouts had to be undertaken. A safe driving scheme was also operated.
- (4) 2nd line duties: The section was available to the Force MTO for 2nd line duties as he required it. During its early settling in stage it was called on to assist in the rotation of the Turkish National Contingent and our drivers as part of an international convoy earned praise for their courtesy and efficiency. Again just before our own rotation the section saw the same Turkish Contingent off the island.

3. Conclusion: The staff quickly learned and mastered the adm and accountancy systems required.

Drivers covered half a million miles during the tour.

Morale remained at all times high. In short, the section efficiently carried out the duties assigned to it.

UNIT HISTORY - 13 INFANTRY GROUPMEDICAL PLATOON1. General

The Medical Platoon consisted of 12 all ranks including two officers - Comdt H. O'Shea and Capt M. McNulty. The handover from 12 Inf Gp was most satisfactory. Duties during our tour of duty were routine.

2. Operational Procedure

One MO was available within the district at all times. In addition one medical orderly was on duty at each Coy location at all times.

a. Hospital

Hospitals were available as follows:

- (1) Austrian Field Hospital (Routine General Services).
- (2) B.M.H. DHEKELIA (Transfer or Emergency).
- (3) R.A.F. AKROTIRI (Transfer or Emergency).
- (4) C.M.C. PENDAYIA (by agreement - for emergencies only).

b. Specialist Services

- (1) By arrangement with B.M.H. DHEKELIA.
- (2) By arrangement with R.A.F. AKROTIRI.

Services utilised - Ophthalmic only.

c. Dental

Emergency extractions and conservation at Austria Field Hospital. Mechanical work by Cypriot Technical through D.O. Austrian Field Hospital. A few people went direct to civilian dentists.

d. Emergencies:

Equipment kept ready packed to proceed without delay on any emergency.

e. Courses

- (1) Courses of instruction in First Aid, Hygiene and Sanitation conducted for non-medical personnel of the Unit up to Xmas 69. Instruction given by M.O.s and Med NCOs.
- (2) Two members of the platoon completed Field Hygiene Course run by R.A.F. at AKROTIRI. Non-medical personnel of 13 Inf Group also attended.

3. Handover

Estimates for supplies required for 18 Inf Group were made out and indent sent to IRELAND early in Feb 70. The handover to 18 Inf Group medical platoon went smoothly and our return home to Ireland was in small groups in the various chinks.

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UNIT HISTORY - 13 INFANTRY GROUPMILITARY POLICE SECTION1. Organisation

The Military Police Section was organised as follows:

1 Capt	I/C
1 Coy/Sgt	2 I/C and proof reader
2 Sgts	Patrols
3 Cpls	Patrols

All personnel of the MP Sec were drawn from the Military Police Corps and had served in Cyprus on previous occasions.

In addition to providing MP personnel for service with 13 Inf Gp the Military Police Corps also provided 4 NCOs for service with UNFICYP MP Coy in the following appointments:

1 Sgt	Investigator:	Vice Control NCO.
1 Sgt		Patrol duties.
2 Cpls		Patrol duties.

2. Role:

Whilst the MP Sec was an integral part of the 13 Inf Gp, its primary role was as UNFICYP Military Police with responsibility for the LEFKA District. In this capacity the MP Sec therefore came under the control of the Force Provost Marshal in relation to detailed military police technical instructions and directions. Accordingly, all reports, records and aspects of military police work were forwarded through the Force Provost Marshal. Officially the MP Sec was designated as XEROS MP DET "in direct support" of UNFICYP MP Coy.

3. Duties:

MP Duties were organised as follows:

- a. 1 Sgt + 1 Cpl acted as the basic MP Patrol team operating on a "24 hr on - 24 hr off" basis.
- b. Such patrols dealt with the normal routine incidents, accidents, etc. plus any "follow up" action required.
- c. In addition 1 Cpl was provided daily for security duties at XEROS Camp from 0730 to 1300 hours.

4. Responsibilities

The MP Sec was responsible for the following police functions within LEFKA District.

- a. Traffic Control: enforcement of traffic regulations and investigating and reporting of traffic accidents.
- b. Discipline: MP disciplinary patrols, investigation and reporting of offences by UNFICYP personnel.
- c. In addition the MP Sec could call upon the services of the Special Investigation Section of UNFICYP MP Coy for assistance in serious offences, i.e. offences which would normally be contrary to the criminal law, e.g. drunk or impaired driving, serious assaults, etc.

5. Traffic Control:

The MP Sec during its tour of duty investigated and reported on 17 accidents. These accidents involved drivers from the following contingents: AUSTRALIAN, BRITISH, DANISH and IRISH.

6. Redeployment

The redeployment of UNFICYP on 8 Mar 70 and the consequent move of the Irish Contingent to LARNACA District necessitated the establishment of a military police detachment at LARNACA to provide military police coverage in the district.

This new MP Det was designated LARNACA MP DET UNFICYP MP COY and consisted of the following personnel:

- a. One Coy/Sgt plus 3 MPs from IRCON military police.
- b. One Swedish and one British military policeman under command.

IRCON military police at LARNACA MP Det remained under command IRCON, but were in direct support UNFICYP MP Company. As such they came under the direction of the Force Provost Marshal.

IRCON military police who remained with HQ IRCON were considered as Contingent MPs with no jurisdiction outside camps occupied by IRCON. Their jurisdiction was confined to minor offences and incidents.

UNIT HISTORY - 13th INFANTRY GROUPCHAPTER 5ARMOURED CAR GROUPFORMATION AND MOVE TO CYPRUS

1. The Armd Car Gp was formed and assembled in Cathal Brugha Bks, Dublin on the 15th of Sept 69.
2. An advance party consisting of Comdt J.R. Delaney, Armd Car Gp Comd., Lt K.T. Kelly Technical Officer, S.QMM.S. N. Lambert and A/Sgt S. O'Sullivan, Fitter departed from Dublin Airport on Sunday 21st Sept 69 and commenced to take over from Armd Car Gp, 12th Inf Group, in Xeros Camp, Lefka District. The remainder of the Group arrived with the main body on 26th & 27th Sept.
3. Xeros Camp, the "home" of the Armd Car Gp since Sept 1967, is located beside the Cyprus Mines Corporation complex and the Group shared this Camp with Gp HQ, HQ Coy and the Hy Mor Tp. Comdt Tom Gleeson was Camp Commandant. Pers accommodated under Canvas.

TRAINING

4. Comdt Delaney, at his first conference, stressed the great need for drivers and commanders to be familiar with the road network, terrain and "going" over which the Armd Car Gp must operate in the Lefka District. He urged all personnel, and especially the Tp Commanders, Lt J. Moriarty and Lt F. O'Connor, to "get to know Cyprus". No second bidding was needed and soon the maps were being proved wrong and Sgt "60" Byrne was hard put to keep up with all the typing involved in the going and patrol reports being submitted. This activity continued up to the end of December when it was decided to ground all Armd Cars due to lack of essential spares reaching the Group.

a. Inf - Cav co-op

It was decided to exercise as much as possible with Inf Pls from 'A' and 'B' Coys, and a start was made during this period with two Tp/Pls exercises held. On 22nd Nov 69 Lt O'Connor exercised in Petra area with a Pl from 'B' Coy. On 29th Nov 69 Lt Moriarty exercised with a Pl from 'A' Coy in the Elea area. In both these exercises the situations given were very realistic, and it was felt that everyone benefited. On 29th Nov an American correspondent, Prof Charles Moskos, accompanied the exercising force. He was spending a period in Cyprus on an assignment covering the activities of UNFICYP.

b. Patrols

Apart from the normal patrol activities of the Armd Car Gp within the 13th Inf Gp area, many recce and familiarisation patrols were carried out by each Troop, to such places as Ktima, Polis, Famagusta, the "Panhandle", Kyrenia, Paphos, Larnaca and Dhekelia S.B.A. All personnel benefitted very much from these activities.

c. MG 60 mm Mortar & Wrls

Training on the wpns and wrls eqpt on the cars was continuous. It had been hoped to fire the practice bombs from the 60 mm Mortar but due to other commitments prior to Christmas this could not be done. Training continued in Jan 1970, and in February the practice bombs were fired by all crews.

d. Liaison with BRITCON Cav

On arrival Armd Car Group, Queens Own Hussars were stationed in Zyyi and equipped with Ferret Scout Cars. Contact was made on 30th Oct 1969 one troop (-) visited Xeros and were taken on joint patrol of Xeros-Morphou-Elea area. They returned to Zyyi on 31st Oct 1969. No further contact of this nature was possible as the Hussars returned to England in the first week of Dec 69. Their replacements, the Royal Scots Greys, were operational from 18th Dec 69. On this date Lt K. Kelly met the Scots Greys O/C Major Simon Cox, this officer visited Xeros the following day and met 2 i/c Armd Car Group. Arrangements made for visit of Troop Scots Greys to Xeros in early Jan 1970, the first joint exercise being held on Jan 12th, followed by another troop of the Scots Greys on Jan 30th. The two remaining troops of the Greys arrived on Feb 10th and 12th and exercised with A and B troops, Armd Car Gp. These exercises proved very beneficial to both Cavalry units.

e. T.E.W.Ts

On 28th Jan Lt K. Kelly conducted a Cavalry TEWT in the MARATHASSA DAM area for personnel of all Coys and sub-units. The purpose of the TEWT was to illustrate the limitations imposed on Cavalry operations in mountainous terrain and to this end one troop of Armd Cars was used in the exercise. The attendance of over thirty all ranks benefitted greatly from this exercise.

DEPLOYMENT OF ARMD CAR GROUP

5. From the date of arrival in Cyprus the Armd Car Group was based in Xeros Camp, Lefka District, Towards the end of February certain Contingents rotated, IRCON moved to the Larnaca District and the Armd Car Group moved to its new base, ZYYI Camp, on Feb 28th 1970.

EMPLOYMENT OF ARMD CAR GROUP

6. Armd Car Gp constituted the 13th Inf Gp reserve with Inf elements of HQ Coy, and was part of the UNFICYP Force Reserve.
7. Each Troop alternated on "Stand-To" duty every week. One section of the "Stand-To" Troop was on 30 mins notice to move while the second "Stand-To" Section was on a 4 hr notice.
8. The 13th Inf Gp reserve embodied the "Stand-To" Troop and in rehearsals this Tp turned out well within the 30 mins allotted for the formation and "ready to move" state of the reserve.
9. Normal patrol activities.
10. Going maps of area maintained.
11. "Going" reports furnished on previously uncovered terrain.
12. Six Panhards on UNFICYP Farewell parade for Gen A.E. Martola Dec 18th 69.
13. From 8th Mar 70 to 1st Apr 70 one troop was attached to 'A' Coy in Wolfe Tone Camp, Larnaca for duty there. This troop alternated every week.

RANGE PRACTICES

14. Range practices commenced on 24th Nov 69 with 'B' Tp (Lt O' Connor) going to Dhekelia ranges followed on 25th Nov 69 by 'A' Tp. Shooting was of a very high standard. 60 mm Mortars not fired. All MGs were Zeroed prior to range practices.

a. Hereunder consolidated results of range practices (MGs only).

(1) Number Exercised - 33

(2) Results

(a)	Marksman	(50 & over)	-	15	(HPS 78)
(b)	1st Class Shot	(40 & over)	-	5	
(c)	Qualified	(30 & over)	-	13	

DISCIPLINE AND MORALE

15. a. The standards of discipline and morale in the Armd Car Gp were maintained at a very high level throughout the tour.

- b. A great morale booster during the tour was the retention by the Irish Contingent of the "Falling Plates" UNFICYP Championship. Two members of the victorious IRCON team of six were Sgt Tommy O'Brien and Tpr Jim Carey.
- c. On Camp inspections the Gp Comdr praised the excellent standard of the Armd Car Gp lines and experienced the greatest difficulty in deciding which tent should be awarded the "Best Tent Plaque". He was spared this task when the Group moved to Zyvi where all personnel were accommodated in permanent buildings.

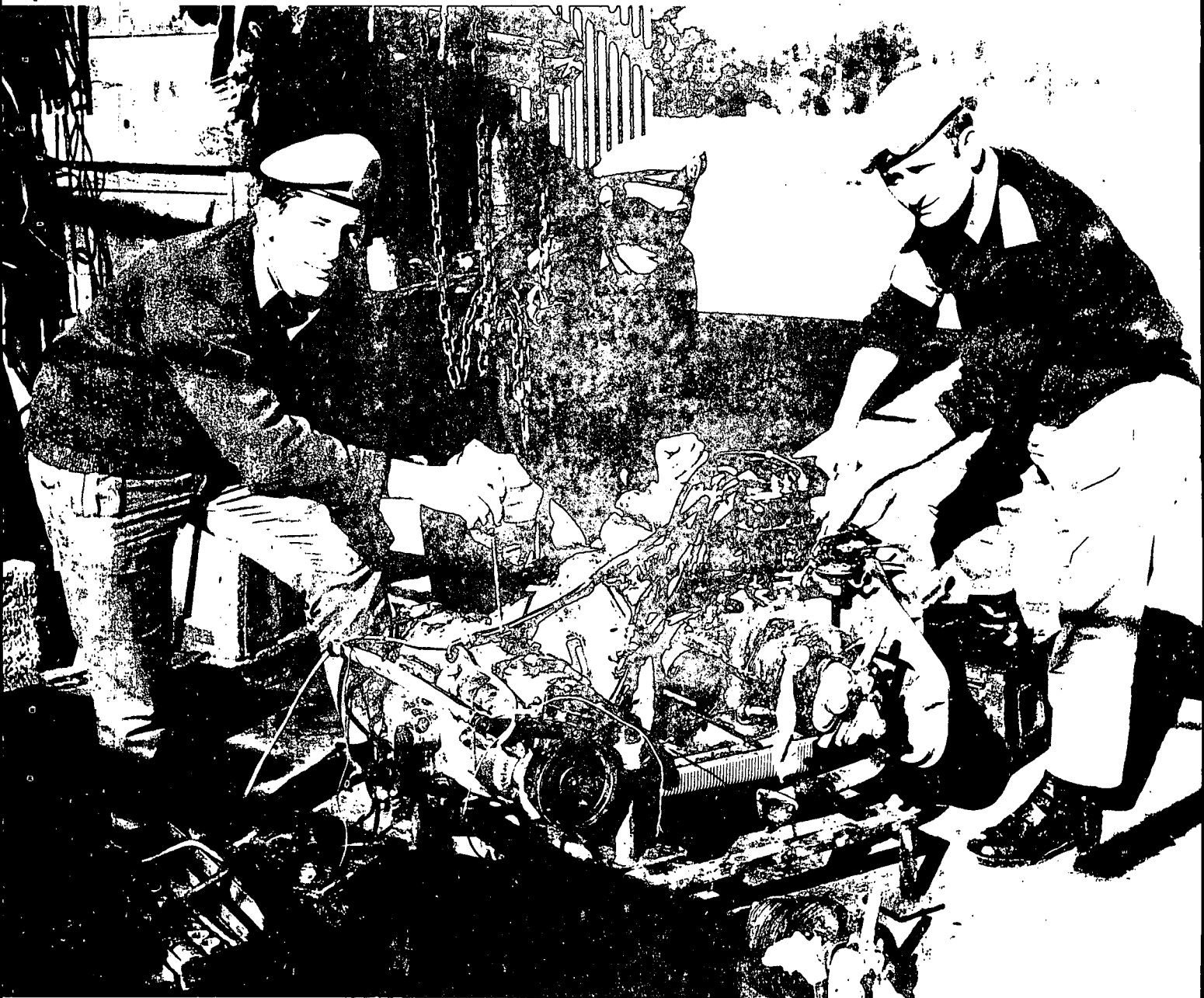
SPORTS, ATHLETICS AND RECREATION

16. Armd Car Group participation in group activities was considerable during the period. On the athletic front Sgt Sean O'Sullivan running brilliantly to take two gold medals in cross-country competitions, the "Happy Valley Hill Climb" and the "All Island Major Units and UN team" championship. In the latter Sgt O'Sullivan broke the existing record for the course and set a new record of 48.04 mins. He led the Irish Contingent team to third place overall and 1st UN team, the Ircon Cross-Country team thus becoming UNFICYP champions. For the annual Famagusta Town Relay Race much preparation and training was done by the IRCON team. It paid off because although the SWEDCON team won, few expected IRCON to finish in 2nd place. A very credible performance indeed and a silver medal for Sgt O'Sullivan, other Cavalrymen to win "Silver" were Cpl Jim Cooper, Lieut John Moriarty and Tpr John Malone, Armd Car Gp personnel started and nourished the Cross-Country participation of the Irish Contingent team and all credit to them for their great interest and dedication. It brought credit to themselves, the Armd Car Group and the Irish Contingent.

17. In 13th Inf Gp activities, while not being to the fore, the Armd Car Gp made sure they were a force to be reckoned with. Not having sufficient soccer talent available within the Gp we were paired with the Transport Platoon for the Group League. In spite of great efforts by the team the opposition was always too strong and the Armd Car Gp/Tp Pln team finished up bottom of the league table. For the knock-out championship the team was augmented by the pick from the balance of HQ Coy, not required for their team panel and the Medical Pl. This team was christened "The Ramblers" and so they did battle but again to no avail. The opposition were lucky, let's say.

18. Volleyball of course held great interest. C/S Des Nolan and his "young veterans" made themselves into the original "Stonewall Jacksons" and they issued many challenges. In the Volleyball League the Armd Car Gp did very well and finished runners up to the Signal Platoon.

19. The Armd Car Gp were well to the fore also in organising a total of six concerts, and their own singing group "The Cavaliers" established



"ALWAYS ON THE JOB"

Fitters from left:

Sgt Tommy O'BRIEN

Cpl Seán (Bunny) LAMBE

Cpl Seán (Gussie) Watts.

quite a good reputation. C/S Des Nolan was M/C on these occasions and with his harmonium playing at weddings he should be assured of a job with R.T.E. on his return home. For Christmas and Church Unity week Cav Gp pers took part in the Interdenominational Services associated with same.

HEALTH

20. During the tour the Armd Car Gp had only 16 incidents of illness:

- 9 Influenza.
- 2 Sports Injuries.
- 1 Constipation.
- 1 Mild Concussion.
- 1 Eye Infection.
- 1 Fractured Great Toe.
- 1 Cut over an Eye requiring stitching.

PRESENTATION OF PENNANT

21. Due to the lack of time between activation and the Gp move to Cyprus it was not possible to get a pennant for the Armd Car Gp. This situation however was remedied during the Groups tour. On Thursday April 2nd, 1970 the Armd Car Gp paraded in Zyyi Camp for the presentation of their pennant by the Officer Commanding 13th Inf Gp, Lt Col P.J. Carroll. After the blessing of the pennant by Rev Fr C. Swan CF, it was handed over to Comdt J.R. Delaney. The Group then marched past, Lt Col Carroll taking the salute.

22. The pennant itself measures 22"/17" and is of black cloth overall with gold edging. It shows in the middle the Cypriot flag, with the UNITED NATIONS badge above it and the unit designation in Roman numerals below. On both sides of these are the national insignia of all UNFICYP Contingents,

REPATRIATION

23. A two weeks extension to the Groups tour of duty meant that the Contingent rotation did not take place until the period April 5th/11th 1970. The handover from Armd Car Gp 13th Inf Gp to their replacements of the 18th Inf Gp was completed by April 11th, on which date the last of the Group left for home, with many happy memories and the satisfied feeling of a job well done.

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EMBASSY OF THE
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

Nicosia, Cyprus

October 17, 1969

Lt. Colonel P. J. Carroll
Commander
IRCON
Xeros

Dear Colonel Carroll:

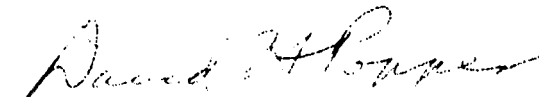
Mrs. Popper and I were simply delighted to receive the splendid Waterford glasses you were kind enough to send us after my visit on October 10.

We shall cherish them as a pleasant reminder of our association with the Irish Contingent. We hope in the near future to have an opportunity to see you again to express our thanks more directly.

Once again let me say how much I enjoyed my visit to your Contingent and the lunch.

Warm regards.

Sincerely yours,


David H. Popper
Ambassador



OIFIG AN AIRE TIONSAIL AGUS TRACHTALA
(OFFICE OF THE MINISTER FOR INDUSTRY AND COMMERCE)
BAILE ATHA CLIATH 2.
(DUBLIN 2)

24 Deireadh Fómhair, 1969.

A Choirnéil Uasail,

On my return from my trade tour in the Middle East I would like to tell you how much I enjoyed my all too brief visit to the Irish troops serving with the U.N. Forces at Xeros. I was very pleased to have the opportunity of meeting the Officers, the N.C.O's and the men and I was most impressed by the appearance and conduct of all ranks. I was particularly interested in the special briefing which you arranged for me and I admired the competent grasp of the situation by the Officers, who were themselves not very long in Cyprus.

I regard my visit to the Irish troops as one of the high-lights of my entire tour and I shall treasure greatly as a memento of that occasion the attractive plaque which you were kind enough to present to me.

Guidhim sonas ort féin, ar do chuid oifigeach agus do chuid fear agus tá súil agam go mbeidh toradh fóna ar an obair atá idir lámha agaibh i gceantar Xeros.

Le gach deá-mhéin,

Seoirse Ó Colla

Seoirse Ó Colla,
Aire Tionscail agus Tráchtála.

An Lt. Cor. P. Ó Cearbhaill,
13th Infantry Group,
UNFICYP,
Cyprus.

ROINN TIONSCAIL AGUS TRÁCHTÁLA
(Department of Industry and Commerce)
BAILE ÁTHA CLIATH 2
(Dublin 2)

28 Deireadh Fómhair, 1969

A choirnéil, a chara,

Thank you very much indeed for your letter of 16th October, 1969, and the photographs of the visit to Xeros.

I felt very honoured to have had the opportunity of accompanying the Minister on this visit and as an Irishman I was most proud of the fine body of troops under your command.

Go raibh rath Dé oraibh go léir agus ar an obair atá ar siúl agaibh ar mhaithe le Siochán.

Le gach deághuf,

P. Ó Slatarra
P. Ó Slatarra

Lt Cor P. O Cearbhaill,
13th Infantry Group,
UNFICYP,
Cyprus.

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FORCE IN CYPRUS

24 December, 1969

Dear *Colonel,*

Just a few lines to express my gratitude to you, your officers, and your fine men of the Irish Contingent for a most interesting and enjoyable visit to your area of responsibility and for your extremely kind hospitality. I have come away with a very clear picture of the tasks with which you are confronted in the Lefka sector, and your plans for carrying them out.

May I take this opportunity of congratulating the Guard of Honour which was very smart and extremely well turned out. I was very happy to see and to meet so many of my good friends from the Congo.

Many thanks again and wishing you all A Merry Christmas and A very Happy New Year.

Yours sincerely,

D. Prem Chand

(D. Prem Chand)
Major-General
Commander
United Nations Force in Cyprus

Lieutenant-Colonel *P.J.* Carroll,
Commander,
Lefka District,
United Nations Forces in Cyprus.

HQ UNFICYP.

31 January 1970.

Dear Colonel Carroll,

I enjoyed greatly the day I was able to spend with you on 30 January, and am writing to express my gratitude to you and all ranks of the Irish Contingent for having very kindly invited me to your Medal Parade. It was a pleasure indeed to have had the opportunity of presenting the UNFICYP medals to the very fine men of your Contingent, who have carried out their duties and responsibilities so efficiently and well in the service of peace.

I would also like to take this opportunity of complimenting the Guard of Honour on their very high standards of turnout, smartness and steadiness, and it was good to find so many of my old friends from the Congo in the Guard.

It was exceedingly kind of you to have given me so many lovely gifts, and I would like you to know that I shall treasure them greatly, especially the autographed photograph of President De Valera.

Many thanks also for an excellent lunch, and a most enjoyable afternoon on the golf course.

Yours sincerely,

D. Prem Chand
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United Nations Force in Cyprus

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HQ UNFICYP.

ANNEX 'F'

5 March 1970

Dear Colonel Carroll,

As the Irish Contingent have recently handed over their responsibilities in Lefka District to DANCON, I am writing on behalf of all of us at Headquarters UNFICYP to express our appreciation and gratitude to you, your officers and men, for the most efficient and capable manner in which you have carried out your duties and responsibilities all along.

It was a pleasure indeed to have another opportunity of meeting some of your officers and other ranks during my recent visits to the new posts you have taken over in Larnaca, and it was good to see them in the best of spirits and enjoying their new role.

I am sure that IRCON will continue to maintain the highest standards of efficiency in all aspects of their duties in your new district, and I send you all my very best wishes for a happy, enjoyable and interesting tenure of duty there.

Yours sincerely,

Prem Chand
(D. Prem Chand)

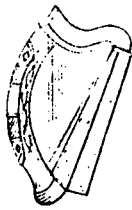
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Commander,
Irish Contingent,
United Nations Force in Cyprus.

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(Dublin. 2).

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Lt. Col. Patrick Carroll.

Dear Col. Carroll,

Please accept my most grateful
thanks and convey to all officers, V.C.O.s and
men my sincere gratitude for their hospitality
and for all the attention which they gave me
on my recent visit to Cyprus.

I will long value the warmth
of the reception and will be the wiser of
the excellent manner in which all were
discharging a difficult mission.

Very sincerely,
Richie Ryan

December 1, 1969

Captain Kevin Duffy
IRCON, Xeros
Cyprus

Dear Kevin:

Just a short note to thank you personally and all the officers and men of IRCON for the fantastic display of hospitality. Both from a professional and personal standpoint my brief stay with you was a memorable experience.

I found the men of IRCON to be doing an impressive job in a situation which would tax the abilities of the most astute diplomat. You have good reason to be proud of the manner in which IRCON is carrying out its important mission.

I do hope you and the others I got to know will visit me and my family when you are in Nicosia.

Sincerely,

Charlie

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Sina Str., Nicosia

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TDP/MK

5th February, 1970.

Colonel Pat Carroll,
The Irish Army,
Ircon,
Nicosia,
Cyprus.

Dear *Colonel Carroll*,

I know that Susan has already written to you to thank you most sincerely for the simply magnificent welcome which you organised for us, on our arrival at Nicosia, and for the magnificent hospitality which you gave us when we came out to visit you all at the camp. However, I really must write to you myself to thank you personally for the great kindness displayed to us by all the officers of the Irish Contingent.

By the time we had reached Nicosia we were pretty tired for the journey back had been long and hard. It was lovely to be able to get a breath of home again, and it really revived us all for the hard flight back to London.

You might be interested in the details of both our flight out and the return journey. As you can see, after leaving Nicosia we eventually made Rome non-stop after a fairly tiring 8½ hours, and we stayed there about 2 hours while we had an Italian spaghetti type lunch! When we got back to London we had the unfortunate experience of fog closing in rapidly all over Britain. Our approach and landing at Heathrow was the most difficult of the whole trip, and we eventually touched down in complete fog.

When you do eventually get back to Ireland, I hope you will not hesitate to let us know, for both Susan and I look forward to repaying your immense hospitality, and seeing you down here at Ballyfree.

Please pass on our warm wishes to all members of the Mess and, of course, in particular to Ned Kiely, Henry O'Shea, and Fr. Swann.

I look forward to seeing you again soon.

Kind regards to you and your wife.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Tim Philips'. The signature is written in a cursive style with a long horizontal stroke above the first letter 'T'.

Tim Philips.

UNIT HISTORY - 13 INFANTRY GROUP

GROUP HEADQUARTERS AND HQ COMPANY

GROUP HQ

APPOINTMENT	NO	RANK	NAME	UNIT
OC	0.5134	Lt Col	CARROLL, P.J.	HQ 5 Bde
2 I/C	0.6852	Comdt	CRAWFORD, V.	A. HQrs.
Ops Offr	0.7502	Capt	RIORDAN, A.	12 Bn
Adjutant	0.7498	Capt	HARRINGTON, M.	3 H/Coy AMC
QM	0.7425	Capt	O'CONNOR, L.G.	14 Bn
Int Offr	0.7548	Capt	DUFFY, K.F.	Mil Col
Welfare Offr	0.7842	Capt	WRIGHT, G.A.	EQ School
Legal Offr	0.6967	Comdt	BRADLEY, M.K.	HQ W/Comd
BSM	78524	BSM	COUSINS, J.	4 Fd Coy Sigs
Chaplains(2)		Rev Fr	KILLIAN, D.	C.F.
		Rev Fr	SWAN, C.	C.F.

COY HQ

HEADQUARTERS COMPANY

Coy Comdr	0.6876	Comdt	GLEESON, T.	6 Bn
MP Offr	0.7812	Capt	O'BRIEN, P.J.	2 Fd Coy MPC
Ord Offr	0.8114	Capt	O'SULLIVAN, J.	1 G/Coy AOC
Engr Offr	0.7918	Capt	RIORDAN, P.J.	2 Fd Coy ACE
Tech Stores Officer	0.7851	Capt	O'BYRNE, M.J.	2 Mot Sqn
Coy Sgt	91848	C/S	FLAVIN, T.	1 AA Regt
CQMS	75739	CQMS	CAROLAN, T.	18 Bn
Clerk(Telep)	811348	Cpl	DARBY, J.	Depot Arty
Storeman/Dvr	813961	Cpl	CONWAY, B.	5 Fd Coy S&T

'A' PLATOON

APPOINTMENT	NO	RANK	NAME	UNIT
Asst Adjt & Pln Comdr	0.8192	Lieut	KIELY, E.J.	2 Bn
CS (MP)	86898	C/S	MINAHANE, J.	2 G/Coy MPC
Band (& Mess Duties)	437919	Sgt	O'HARA, P.	2 Bn
Sgt Clerk (Ord Room)	806088	Sgt	KIELTY, M.	McKee Bks Coy
Sgt Clerk (Ops)	98109	Sgt	BYRNE, P.	McKee Bks Coy
Sgt Clerk (Telep Op)	811483	Sgt	SLATTERY, B.	Depot Sigs
Sgt (MP)	92420	Sgt	LANDERS, T.	Depot MPC
Sgt (MP)	91803	Sgt	GIBNEY, E.	4 G/Coy MPC
Sgt Offrs Mess	434187	Sgt	STAFFORD, J.	Depot Arty
Sgt (Post)	804823	Sgt	EGAN, P.	McKee Bks Coy
Band (& Mess Duties)	816673	Cpl	MORGAN, A.	2 Bn
Band (& Mess Duties)	816030	Cpl	KENNY, J.	2 Bn
Cpl Clerk (Telep)	801582	Sgt	PORTER, J.	24 Bn
Cpl (MP)	811367	Cpl	KELLY, P.	2 G/Coy MPC
Cpl (MP)	816829	Cpl	GEOGHEGAN, M.	4 G/Coy MPC
Cpl (MP)	813768	Cpl	MULCAHY, J.F.	3 G/Coy MPC
Cpl (photographer)	813659	Cpl	PRENDERGAST, P.	Air Corps, Baldonnell
Band (Ord & Mess Duties)	818729	Pte	CLEARY, T.	2 Bn
"	818616	Pte	O'ROURKE, C.	2 Bn
"	818849	Pte	STAUNTON, E.	2 Bn
"	818778	Pte	SMITH, A.	2 Bn
"	815302	Pte	FAY, C.	5 Bn
"	99560	Cpl	WALSH, O.	2 Bn

'Q' PLATOON

APPOINTMENT	NO	RANK	NAME	UNIT
Asst QM & Pln Comd (also catering offr)	0.8002	Lieut	KIELY, J.	4 Fd Coy Sigs
BQMS	801579	CQMS	BARNES, J.	5 Bn
CQMS	88096	CQMS	FCGARTY, G.	12 Bn
CQMS (Welfare)	83541	CQMS	FITZSIMONS, E.	7 Bn
Ammo Exam	90328	Sgt	McGUIRE, J.	1 G/Coy AOC
Arm Art	807428	Sgt	DALY, B.	4 G/Coy AOC
Armourer	807907	Sgt	FOLEY, T.	3 G/Coy AOC
Cook	85803	Sgt	POTTS, M.	GTD
Engr Tech	87230	C/S	McLOUGHLIN, K.	4 Fd Coy ACE
" "	811943	Cpl	McDERMOTT, D.	2 Fd Coy ACE
" "	809593	Cpl	MORRISSEY, D.	1 Fd Coy ACE
Storeman	424842	Sgt	O'REILLY, M.	Depot Sigs
Storeman/Dvr	84111	Sgt	DOLAN, M.	4 G/Coy S&T
Tent Repairer	815985	Cpl	DOWLER, J.	4 G/Coy AOC
Armourer	810924	Cpl	KEENAN, T.	1 G/Coy AOC
Armourer	809558	Cpl	CLARKE, P.	2 G/Coy AOC
Clerk (Telep Op)	814032	Cpl	DURNEY, T.	3 Bn
Cook	433903	Cpl	QUINN, J.	4 H/Coy AMC
Cook	81268	Cpl	KINSELLA, F.	Air Corps Baldonnell
Cook	806848	Cpl	COYNE, S.	Depot MPC
Engr Tech	813112	Cpl	HARTE, J.	4 Fd Coy ACE
" "	813126	Cpl	O'BRIEN, D.	1 Fd Coy ACE
" "	815249	Cpl	MOLONEY, T.	2 Fd Coy ACE
" "	813103	Cpl	CRONIN, W.	Depot Engrs
Storeman/Dvr	812287	Cpl	ANDERSON, M.	Depot S&T
Barber	809890	Pte	HICKEY, J.	CTD S/Comd
Cook	814481	Pte	CLARKE, A.	6 Bn
"	815206	Pte	HARTY, F.	4 Bn
"	804072	Pte	PURCELL, T.	Mil Col

APPOINTMENT	NO	RANK	NAME	UNIT
Engr Tech	818743	Pte	LAWLESS, J.	2 Fd Coy ACE
" "	813135	Pte	QUINLAN, P.	4 Fd Coy ACE
Tailor	814844	Pte	LAWLOR, J.	3 H/Coy AMC
Storeman/Dvr	816775	Pte	MANN, J.	Base Workshops S&T

HEAVY MORTAR TROOP

TROOP HQ

Troop Comd	O.7474	Capt	SHERIDAN, N.C.	2 FAR
Gun Posn Offr	O.8209	2/Lt	WICKHAM, B.D.	2 FAR
Troop Sgt	810389	CQMS	MAGUIRE, F.	2 FAR
Penciller OPA	812957	Cpl	HUNT, G.	2 FAR
Penciller GPOA	815628	Cpl	HOGAN, P.	2 FAR
Signaller	814280	Cpl	HOLOHAN, A.	2 FAR
Penciller	813543	Gnr	CONNOLLY, P.	2 FAR
Signaller	817915	Gnr	MAHER, D.	2 FAR
" "	814492	Gnr	COAKLEY, P.	2 FAR

NO 1 SECTION

'A' Sub-Section

Mortar No	97027	Sgt	LIVINGSTON, W.	2 FAR
Mortar No	818072	Gnr	DOWER, F.	2 FAR
Mortar No	817162	Gnr	MANIFOLD, J.	2 FAR

'B' Sub-Section

Mortar No	808412	Cpl	NOLAN, J.	2 FAR
Mortar No	815606	Gnr	PROUDFOOT, T.	2 FAR
Mortar No	815776	Gnr	O'BRIEN, E.	2 FAR

NO. 2 SECTION

'A' Sub-Section

APPOINTMENT	NO	RANK	NAME	UNIT
Mortar No	818351	A/Sgt	MURPHY, J.	2 FAR
Mortar No	818195	Gnr	MOORE, B.	2 FAR
Mortar No	814290	Gnr	LAWLOR, J.	2 FAR

'B' Sub-Section

Mortar No	811347	Sgt	RYAN, J.	Depot Arty
Mortar No	819011	Gnr	GILES, J.	2 FAR
Mortar No	816534	Gnr	FITZPATRICK, J.	2 FAR

SIGNAL PLATOON

Pln Comd	O.8094	Lieut	LYONS, E.I.S.	2 Fd Coy Sigs
Linesman	816006	Cpl	BRADSHAW, J.	1 Fd Coy Sigs
OP W & L	807531	Cpl	O'SULLIVAN, M.	Depot Sigs
OP W & L	806951	Cpl	GERAGHTY, D.	5 Fd Coy Sigs
OP W & L	812436	Cpl	DEASY, D.	1 Fd Coy Sigs
Radio Mech	814349	Cpl	MALONE, C.	Depot Sigs
OP W & L	813703	Cpl	O'LEARY, C.	Air Sqn Sigs
OP W & L	811910	Cpl	CAULFIELD, H.	1 Fd Sigs Coy
OP W & L	813155	Cpl	BYRNE, G.	Depot Sigs
Radio Mech	813106	Cpl	DAVEY, S.	4 Fd Coy Sigs
OP W & L	818410	Sgmn	FRAWLEY, J.	4 Fd Coy Sigs
OP W & L	813830	Sgmn	WYKES, W.	4 Fd Coy Sigs
OP W & L	814858	Sgmn	McGUIRKE, E.	Depot Sigs
OP W & L	818875	Sgmn	MORAN, J.	4 Fd Coy Sigs
OP W & L	818733	Sgmn	BONNER, P.	4 Fd Coy Sigs
Linesman	817441	Sgmn	MURPHY, T.	2 Fd Coy Sigs
Storeman/Dvr	817652	Sgmn	LAWLOR, P.	Depot Sigs

TRANSPORT PLATOON

Pln Comdr	O.7383	Capt	CONNOLLY, P.	Depot S&T
Driver MT	407262	C/S	PEEL, J.	2 Fd Coy S&T

APPOINTMENT	NO	RANK	NAME	UNIT
Fitter MT	95225	Cpl	WALSH, J.	2 Fd Coy S&T
Driver MT	809656	Cpl	HOLLAND, D.	3 G/Coy S&T
" "	98678	Cpl	NALLY, W.	HQ W/Comd
" "	811893	Cpl	FOGARTY, G.	Depot S&T
Fitter MT	805944	Cpl	MCCARTHY, A.	1 Fd Coy S&T
" "	811928	Cpl	GILSENAN, P.J.	3 G/Coy S&T
Storeman/Dvr	813872	Cpl	SHEERIN, F.	Depot S&T
Driver MT	818470	Pte	LINDSAY, R.	2 Fd Coy S&T
Driver MT	813536	Pte	RADFORD, C.	1 Fd Coy S&T
" "	818559	Pte	BERRY, P.	4 G/Coy S&T
" "	811622	Pte	DORAN, C.	4 Fd Coy S&T
" "	809316	Pte	HIGGINS, J.	Depot S&T
" "	803545	Pte	WALSH, J.	Depot S&T
" "	817959	Pte	O'NEILL, H.	2 Fd Coy S&T
" "	818532	Pte	FLEMING, M.	2 G/Coy S&T
" "	817045	Pte	WALSH, E.	2 G/Coy S&T
" "	817764	Pte	WILSON, M.	6 Bn
" "	814212	Pte	CARBERRY, P.J.	4 G/Coy S&T
Fitter MT	814626	Pte	KILDUFF, W.	2 Fd Coy S&T

MEDICAL PLATOON

Pln Comdr	O.6745	Comdt	O'SHEA, H,P.J.	Depot AMC
Pln Offr	O.8264	Capt	McNULTY, M.J.	No 1 Hosp Coy
Coy Sgt	93805	Sgt	EGAN, J.	No 1 Hosp Coy
Med Ord	810803	Cpl	FITZPATRICK, W.	No 1 Hosp Coy
" "	810313	Cpl	MULLINS, D.	No 1 Hosp Coy
" "	800034	Cpl	COLLINS, J.	No 3 Hosp Coy
" "	804839	Cpl	KENNEDY, P.	No 2 Hosp Coy
" "	817376	Pte	FENNELLY, N.	Depot AMC
" "	813909	Pte	LEONARD, J.	No 2 Hosp Coy
" "	815195	Pte	CONNOLLY, P.	No 2 Hosp Coy

APPOINTMENT	NO	RANK	NAME	UNIT
Med Ord	817526	Pte	MURPHY, J.	No 1 Hosp Coy
" "	813868	Pte	RYAN, P.J.	No 3 Hosp Coy

ARMoured CAV GROUP

GP HQ

Gp Comd	0.6877	Comdt	DELANEY, J.R.	4 Mot Sqn
2 I/C	0.7422	Capt	MCCORLEY, R.	1 Tk Sqn
Tech Offr	0.8038	Lieut	KELLY, K.T.	Depot Cav
CS	86525	C/S	NOLAN, D.	1 Armd C Sqn
SQMS	805055	SQMS	LAMBERT, N.	5 Mot Sqn
Fitter MT	805959	Cpl	O'SULLIVAN, S.	1 Tk Sqn
" "	813138	Cpl	O'BRIEN, T.	Depot Cav
Cook	93482	Cpl	BOYCE, M.	1 Mot Sqn
Fitter MT	807447	Cpl	LAMBE, J.	1 Tk Sqn
" "	811961	Cpl	WATTS, S.	Depot S&T
Driver APC	809706	Pte	RAFTER, J.	2 Mot Sqn
" "	805316	Cpl	McELROY, E.	11 Mot Sqn

NO 1 SECTION

Sec Comd	0.8235	2/Lt	MORIARTY, J.	2 Mot Sqn
Comd A/Car	94542	Sgt	O'KEEFFE, J.	1 Mot Sqn
Gunner/Op	909311	Cpl	POWER, P.	1 Mot Sqn
Dvr A/Car	806388	Tpr	SHEEDY, F.	1 Mot Sqn
" "	812367	Tpr	HARRIS, B.	2 Mot Sqn
Gunner/Op	807825	Tpr	CAREY, J.	1 Mot Sqn

NO 2 SECTION

Sec Comd	97060	Sgt	BYRNE, J.	1 Tk Sqn
Comd A/Car	93442	Cpl	CAHILL, T.	Depot Cav
Gunner/Op	809454	Cpl	DEEGAN, R.	1 Tk Sqn
Dvr A/Car	816425	Tpr	O'MEARA, F.	1 Tk Sqn

APPOINTMENT	NO	RANK	NAME	UNIT
Dvr A/Cav	814059	Tpr	KEENAN, E.	11 Mot Sqn
Gunner/Op	813169	Tpr	CANTWELL, P.	2 Mot Sqn

NO 3 SECTION

Sec Comd	0.8243	E/Lt	O'CONNOR, F.C.	1 Armd C Sqn
Comd A/Car	805278	Sgt	EVANS, D.	2 Mot Sqn
Gunner/Op	814730	Cpl	COOPER, J.	2 Mot Sqn
Dvr A/Car	812273	Tpr	DORAN, F.	2 Mot Sqn
Dvr A/Car	815775	Cpl	NOLAN, P.	4 Mot Sqn
Gunner/Op	817742	Tpr	MALONE, J.	1 Tk Sqn

NO 4 SECTION

Sec Comd	95997	Sgt	LYNCH, N.	Depot Cav
Comd A/Car	807146	Cpl	O'CONNOR, T.	1 Armd Sqn
Gunner/Op	815941	Cpl	O'NEILL, J.	1 Tk Sqn
Dvr A/Car	812863	Tpr	BREEN, D.	2 Mot Sqn
Dvr A/Car	816639	Tpr	DACRES, M.	2 Mot Sqn
Gunner/Op	818001	Tpr	FORRESTER, L.	1 Tk Sqn

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'A' COY
RIFLE COMPANY
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APPOINTMENT	NO	RANK	NAME	UNIT
Coy Comd	0.5139	Comdt	COYLE, J.	20 Bn
2 I/C Adm Offr	0.7959	Capt	TRAVERS, D.A.	C.T.C.
Coy Sgt	94700	A/C/S	BUTLER, M.	21 Bn
CQMS	92194	CQMS	BANNON, P.	2 Bn
Clerk	809982	Cpl	KEATING, J.	McKee Bks Coy
Cook	95716	Cpl	KAVANAGH, P.	2 RAM
Dvr MT	408057	Sgt	QUINN, T.	2 Bn
OP W & L	814986	Cpl	DURCAN, J.	2 Fd Sigs
Signaller	812566	Cpl	BRADY, B.	2 Fd Sigs
Storeman/Dvr	807159	Cpl	McCARTON, P.	2 Mot Sqn
Cook	805714	Pte	BURKE, M.	5 Bn
Cook	814155	Pte	HAWE, J.	5 Bn
Cook	811473	Pte	HYLAND, F.	EQ School
Cook	803616	Pte	HARTE, S.	ITCO
Dvr MI	815362	Pte	RYAN, K.	Base W/Shops S&T
Dvr MT	817806	Pte	READ, F.	2 Garr S&T
OP W & L	816214	Sgmn	BROWN, J.	2 Fd Sigs
OP W & L	817538	Sgmn	HOGAN, M.	2 Fd Sigs
OP W & L	818543	Sgmn	FLANAGAN, B.	4 Fd Sigs
Storeman/Dvr	813031	Pte	O'BRIEN, T.	6 Bde HQ

MORTAR PLATOON

PLATOON HQ

Pl Comd	0.8170	Lieut	O'BRIEN, P.N.	A.S.M.
Pl Sgt	90117	Sgt	RUSSELL, J.	6 Bde HQ
Signaller	818260	Sgmn	MACKESSY, S.	2 Fd Sigs

NO 1 SECTION

APPOINTMENT	NO	RANK	NAME	UNIT
Sec Comd	810126	Sgt	LENNON, J.	McKee Bks Coy
LMG No	810492	Cpl	PURCELL, J.	CC Ceann O
Rifleman	818364	Pte	SALTER, P	CC Ceann O
Rifleman	816148	Pte	GORMAN, D.	McKee Bks Coy
Rifleman	817808	Pte	STAUNTON, R.	McKee Bks Coy
Rifleman	818828	Pte	POWER, S.	2 Bde HQ
LMG No	818603	Pte	EGAN, R.	CC Ceann O
LMG No	804344	Pte	CONDRA, P.	2 Mot Squ
Rifleman/Dvr	814056	Pte	DIXON, P.	7 Bn
Rifleman/Dvr	815790	Pte	DOYLE, T.	2 Bn

NO 2 SECTION

Sec Comdr	814917	Cpl	DEEVEY, C.	20 Bn
LMG No	813850	Cpl	CARR, P.	5 Bn
Rifleman	818704	Pte	SHEEDY, M.	5 Cn
Rifleman	818629	Pte	DUNBAR, L.	EQ Sch
Rifleman	81313	Pte	COMERFORD, R.	6 Bde HQ
Rifleman	808486	Pte	MULHALL, M.	2 Fd Engrs
LMG No	818681	Pte	REDMOND, S.	5 Bn
LMG No	816232	Pte	HIGGINS, P.	5 Bn
Rifleman/Dvr	815198	Pte	CARROLL, J.	10 Bn
Rifleman/Dvr	818036	Pte	POWER, P.	2 Bn

NO 3 SECTION

Sec Comd	811146	Cpl	KEENAN, M.	8 Bn
LMG No	815962	Cpl	BUTLER, P.	2 Bn
Rifleman	818050	Pte	DOYLE, T.	Clancy Bks Coy
Rifleman	814659	Pte	McGEALY, M.	Air Corps
Rifleman	819003	Pte	GARGAN, P.	Air Corps
Rifleman	814662	Pte	BURKE, J.	Air Corps
LMG No	818719	Pte	DOHERTY, B.	ITCO

APPOINTMENT	NO	RANK	NAME	UNIT
LMG No	818626	Pte	DONNELLY, K.	9 Bn
Rifleman/Dvr	806929	Pte	LEECH, G.	20 Bn
Rifleman/Dvr	818314	Pte	CLOHESSY, C.	20 Bn

NO 2 PLATOON

Platoon Comd	O.8181	Lieut	NESTOR, M.	Mil Col
Platoon Sgt	93757	Sgt	MOORE, J.	CHQ CTC
Signaller	818774	Pte	CONROY, J.	Depot Sigs

NO 1 SECTION

Sec Comd	816109	Sgt	MURPHY, W.	CHQ CTC
LMG No	818660	Cpl	McHUGH, P.A.	3 Bn
Rifleman	809540	Pte	HARRIS, S.	GTD
Rifleman	816320	Pte	HARRINGTON, M.	GTD
Rifleman	810314	Pte	HYNES, J.	Depot Engrs
Rifleman	808026	Pte	LACKEY, M.	SPA
LMG No	818754	Pte	HILLARD, D.	3 Bn
LMG No	818422	Pte	KELLY, J.	3 Bn
Rifleman/Dvr	800019	Pte	SHERIDAN, A.	3 Bn
Rifleman/Dvr	813002	Pte	HALLIGAN, M.	3 Bn

NO 2 SECTION

Sec Comd	813004	Cpl	SHERIDAN, J.	3 Bn
LMG No	818092	Cpl	ENRIGHT, E.	Mil Col
Rifleman	817996	Pte	LACEY, T.	Mil Col
Rifleman	817473	Pte	CULLEN, A.	Depot S&T
Rifleman	818353	Pte	FOLEY, W.	3 Bn
Rifleman	99070	Pte	RAFTER, J.	3 Bn
LMG No	803541	Pte	DINGLEY, M.	3 Bn
LMG No	813006	Pte	KEENAN, M.	SPA
Rifleman/Dvr	815079	Pte	CARROLL, E.	Depot S&T
Rifleman/Dvr	813561	Pte	BROE, T.	Depot S&T

NO 3 SECTION

APPOINTMENT	NO	RANK	NAME	UNIT
Sec Comd	806169	Cpl	MORRISSEY, F.	GTD
LMG No	817953	Cpl	GORMAN, G.	1 AA Regt
Rifleman	817948	Pte	VAUGHAN, P.	Mil Col
Rifleman	817154	Pte	HOWARD, E.	Depot S&T
Rifleman	812534	Pte	HIGGINS, C.	HQ CTC
Rifleman	814681	Pte	DOYLE, T.	3 Bn
LMG No	818396	Pte	STOKES, E.	3 Bn
LMG No	818285	Pte	MAHER, J.	GTD
Rifleman/Dvr	817783	Pte	BIRD, P.	Depot S&T
Rifleman/Dvr	817941	Pte	McCORMACK, W.	Depot S&T

SUPPORT PLATOON

PLATOON HQ

Pl Comd	8146	Lieut	HALLIGAN, T.F.	6 Bde HQ
Pl Sgt	804202	Sgt	GRAYLEY, P.	5 Bn
Signaller	818658	Sgmn	COSGRAVE, J.	2 Fd Sigs

MMG SECTION

MMG No	94685	Cpl	EGERTON, W.	9 Bn
MMG No	818458	Pte	CULLEN, M.	2 Bn
MMG No	818502	Pte	DOYLE, P.	2 Bn
MMG No	818479	Pte	WILLIAMS, J.	2 Bn
MMG No	810422	Pte	LAWLOR, J.	2 Bn
MMG No	812874	Pte	DUGGAN, A.	ASM

84 mm A/Tk SECTION

A/Tk No	816055	Cpl	BRADLEY, J.	7 Bn
A/Tk No	809621	Cpl	BRENNAN, E.	9 Bn
A/Tk No	817814	Pte	DOYLE, R.	2 Bn
A/Tk No	817632	Pte	MOONEY, J.	2 Bn
A/Tk No	815529	Pte	CROWLEY, J.	2 Bn
A/Tk No	817771	Pte	O'NEILL, N.	2 Bn

'B' COY
RIFLE COMPANY
COMPANY HEADQUARTERS

APPOINTMENT	NO	RANK	NAME	UNIT
Coy Comd	0.5.45	Comdt	DINNEEN, E.	1 Bde HQ
2 IC/Adm Offr	0.7476	Capt	McGREAL, J.U.	5 Bde HQ
Coy Sgt	204762	Sgt	COY, J.	12 Bn
CQMS	82323	CQMS	BUCKLEY, T.F.	1 FA Regt
Clerk	99858	Sgt	O'DONNELL, P.	1 Bde HQ
Cook	93185	Pte	RYAN, P.	1 Fd S&T
Driver MT	811870	Pte	MOONEY, S.	1 Fd S&T
OP W & L	813603	Cpl	KULMARTIN, B.	1 Fd Sigs
Signaller	813474	Sgmn	DENNEHY, R.	1 Fd Sigs
Storeman/Dvr	802819	Pte	CLARKE, J.	1 Fd S&T
Cook	816254	Gnr	HARRINGTON, P.O.	C.D.A. S/C
Cook	813941	Gnr	HEALY, R.	1 FA Regt
Cook	811611	Pte	O'FLYNN, P.	4 Bn
Cook	818661	Pte	CORCORAN, M.	4 Bn
Driver MT	802769	Pte	MULRYAN, W.	1 Fd S&T
Driver MT	816979	Pte	MALLARD, N.	12 Bn
OP W & L	817194	Sgmn	GARRAHY, D.	1 Fd Sigs
OP W & L	817122	Sgmn	MULLALLY, J.	1 Fd Sigs
OP W & L	815539	Sgmn	HAMILL, M.	Depot Sigs
Storeman/Dvr	814118	Pte	WALSH, D.	12 Bn

NO 1 RIFLE PLATOON
PLATOON HQ

Platoon Comd	0.8220	Lieut	GOULDING, B.	12 Bn
Platoon Sgt	802457	Sgt	GRAY, P.	C.T. Depot S/C
Signaller	817530	Pte	WALSH, J.	4 Bn

NO 1 SECTION

Sec Comd	809515	Cpl	FOLEY, J.	4 Bn
LMG No	815835	Cpl	O'KEEFFE, D.	4 Bn

81 mm MORTAR SECTION

APPOINTMENT	NO	RANK	NAME	UNIT
Sec Sgt	808720	Sgt	GREGAN, V.	5 Bn
Mor No	809430	Cpl	MAHON, J.	10 Bn
Mor No	98709	Cpl	McNALLY, C.	10 Bn
Mor No	817649	Pte	KAVANAGH, L.	2 Bn
Mor No	815778	Pte	ROCHE, J.	2 Bn
Mor No	815966	Pte	O'ROURKE, J.	2 Bn
Mor No	812074	Pte	FORAN, C.	5 Bn
Mor No	816209	Tpr	DUNDON, J.	2 Mot Sqn
Mor No	819399	Pte	DOWNEY, R.	5 Bn
Mor No	815902	Pte	VALENTINE, T.	5 Bn
Mor No/Sig	817982	Pte	CLARKE, M.	5 Bn

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NO 2 RIFLE PLATOONPLATOON HQ

APPOINTMENT	NO	RANK	NAME	UNIT
Platoon Comd	0.8106	Lieut	McEVOY, R.	16 Bn
Platoon Sgt	84863	Sgt	Ó BAINN, M.	1 Bn
Signaller	811570	Pte	DOYLE, W.	4 Fd Sigs

NO 1 SECTION

Sec Comd	815071	Cpl	WALLACE, J.	6 Bn
LMG No	810434	Cpl	Ó DOHARTAIGH, C.	1 Bn
Rifleman	814299	Pte	McCORMACK, E.	6 Bn
Rifleman	817969	Pte	BERRIGAN, J.	6 Bn
Rifleman	818068	Pte	QUIGLEY, J.J.	6 Bn
Rifleman	810073	Pte	MULHALL, E.	1 Bn
LMG No	817584	Pte	GAFFEY, P.	6 Bn
LMG No	817624	Pte	DOWLING, W.	6 Bn
Rifleman/Dvr	817635	Pte	BRACKEN, E.	4 Fd S&T
Rifleman/Dvr	818894	Pte	GALVIN, M.	4 Fd Coy COE

NO 2 SECTION

Sec Comd	806704	Cpl	O'SULLIVAN	6 Bn
LMG No	816140	Cpl	SMYTH, J.J.	16 Bn
Rifleman	818317	Pte	McCREANOR, C.	6 Bn
Rifleman	818998	Pte	Mac CARTAIGH, P.	1 Bn
Rifleman	819008	Pte	O'CONNELL, T.	6 Bn
Rifleman	818730	Pte	O'FATHAIGH, J.	1 Bn
LMG No	818718	Pte	O'LAOGOGH, S.	1 Bn
LMG No	818868	Pte	DISCIN, D.	1 Bn
Rifleman/Dvr	813027	Gnr	LYNCH, P.	4 FA Regt
Rifleman/Dvr	815275	Pte	MURPHY, P.	5 Fd Coy MPC

NO 3 SECTION

Sec Comd	90314	Sgt	HARRINGTON, P.	Depot W/C
LMG No	814308	Cpl	McKENNA, E.	17 Bn

APPOINTMENT	NO	RANK	NAME	UNIT
Rifleman	818817	Pte	BYRNES, J.	4 Bn
Rifleman	819071	Pte	DEANE, M.	4 Bn
Rifleman	818407	Pte	McGRATH, J.	4 Bn
Rifleman	819198	Pte	DONOVAN, P.	4 Bn
LMG No	818047	Pte	BROWNE, J.	4 Bn
LMG No	819093	Pte	ANGLIM, J.	4 Bn
Rifleman/Dvr	812837	Pte	HARRIS, P.	3 Garr S&T
Rifleman/Dvr	815453	Pte	O'GRADY, P.	4 Bn

NO 2 SECTION

Sec Comd	811696	Cpl	O'SULLIVAN, F.	4 Bn
LMG No	813754	Cpl	SCOTT, E.	1 Fd Coy COE
Rifleman	818421	Pte	NASH, P.	4 Bn
Rifleman	819223	Pte	O'SULLIVAN, J.	4 Bn
Rifleman	818371	Pte	RYAN, J.	4 Bn
Rifleman	818492	Pte	WATERS, M.	4 Bn
LMG No	818499	Pte	BARRETT, D.	4 Bn
LMG No	818299	Pte	SCOTT, W.	4 Bn
Rifleman/Dvr	809035	Pte	McSWEENEY, T.	4 Bn
Rifleman/Dvr	815809	Tpr	HEAPHY, P.	1 Mot Sqn

NO 3 SECTION

Sec Comd	94557	Sgt	O'SULLIVAN, W.	4 Inf Bn
LMG No	813407	Cpl	SHEEHAN, J.	3 Garr AOC
Rifleman	814900	Pte	CASEY, J.	3 Garr AOC
Rifleman	817820	Pte	KELLEHER, J.	CT Depot S/C
Rifleman	817816	Pte	O'CONNELL, D.	HQ S/C
Rifleman	815831	Pte	WALSH, P.J.	HQ S/C
LMG No	815577	Pte	LORDAN, M.	McKee Bks Coy
LMG No	812149	Pte	FITZGERALD, G.	3 Garr AOC
Rifleman/Dvr	815478	Pte	WARREN, J.	3 Garr S&T
Rifleman/Dvr	805019	Pte	BUCKLEY, E.	3 Garr S&T

81 mm MORTAR SECTION

APPOINTMENT	NO	RANK	NAME	UNIT
Sec Sgt	87448	Sgt	SKEHAN, P.	3 FA Regt
Mortar No	90070	Cpl	SHANNON, J.	12 Bn
Mortar No	800128	Cpl	BARNES, E.	12 Bn
Mortar No	819014	Pte	CONRAN, A.	12 Bn
Mortar No	818891	Pte	MORONEY, T.	12 Bn
Mortar No	819324	Pte	MCCARTHY, D.	12 Bn
Mortar No	818880	Pte	SPILLANE, J.	12 Bn
Mortar No	818884	Pte	WHYTE, T.	12 Bn
Mortar No	818762	Pte	CREGAN, P.	12 Bn
Mortar No	819219	Pte	MOLLOY, J.	12 Bn
Mortar NO/Sig	819220	Pte	ROCHE, J.	12 Bn

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APPOINTMENT	NO	RANK	NAME	UNIT
Rifleman	811977	Pte	McLOUGHLIN, P.	4 Garr AOC
Rifleman	818198	Pte	DOOLAN, A.	6 Bn
Rifleman	810995	Pte	COLEMAN, J.	HQ W/C
Rifleman	815983	Pte	DOYLE, J.	18 Inf Bn
LMG No	818711	Pte	McGRANAGHAN, P.	4 Fd Coy COE
LMG No	810005	Pte	LAMBERT, M.	5 Bde HQ
Rifleman/Dvr	816967	Pte	DOHERTY, M.	17 Bn
Rifleman/Dvr	817871	Pte	BRACKEN, P.	4 Fd Coy S&T

SUPPORT PLATOON

PLATOON HQ

Pln Comd	C.8207	2/Lt	O'DWYER, M.	4 Inf Bn
Pln Sgt	91296	Sgt	HUNT, I.	12 Bn
Signaller	808991	Pte	O'MALLEY, J.	12 Bn

MMG SECTION

MMG No	817954	Cpl	KELLY, P.	1 AA Regt
MMG No	97238	Pte	DUNDON, M.	3 Bde HQ
MMG No	819111	Pte	MOLLOY, J.	12 Bn
MMG No	818769	Pte	HOULIHAN, P.	12 Bn
MMG No	818792	Pte	HALL, J.	12 Bn
MMG No	819210	Pte	SHANAHAN, P.	12 Bn

84 mm ANTI-TANK SECTION

A/Tk No	815566	Cpl	DUNNE, G.	12 Bn
A/Tk No	815053	Cpl	MOLONEY, M.	4 Bn
A/Tk No	819185	Pte	O'BRIEN, M.	12 Bn
A/Tk No	819194	Pte	LYONS, T.	12 Bn
A/Tk No	819325	Pte	RYAN, M.	12 Bn
A/Tk No	816841	Pte	O'BRIEN, J.	12 Bn