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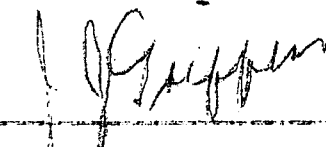
FOREWORD.

When I was nominated OC 20 INF GP, I felt that it was more than likely that many members of the unit, as was my own personal case, would have had previous UNFICYP experience. Others would probably have served in the Congo and this would be a helpful factor in knitting together a complete and functioning Unit. All I asked from all ranks was their willing co-operation and total dedication to our mission with UNFICYP

I am happy to be able to record that my wishes and expectations were fully met, and for this I am deeply grateful to all the officers, NCO's and Men of 20 Inf Gp. I also include our comrades who served on the staff of HQ. UNFICYP and the detachments of UNCIVPOL. Australian and Swedish who served in LARNACA District.

The 20 Inf Gp. is no more, but I hope that those who served in it will always retain happy memories of their tour of duty in Cyprus and the satisfaction of a job well done. I wish each and every one of them happiness and success in their professional and private lives, and will always be happy to renew acquaintance with them on any occasion.

Beirim buiochas ó'n chroí do cách as ucht a seirbhís dílis i rith na leith bhliana a caitheadar san Cipir. Rath Dé oraibh uilig.



Lt Col.

(J. J. Griffin

O.C. 20 INF GP IRCON COMD  
LARNACA DISTRICT . APR-OCT 1971.


## INTRODUCTION

In compiling this Unit History, three main objectives were kept continuously in mind, They were (a) to record, in the form of a readable narrative, the events, incidents and occasions that occurred during 20 Inf Gp's tour of duty with UNFICYP; (b) to provide for the guidance of possible successors in Larnaca District, a realistic account, of what service there entailed; and (c) to leave a definitive record of an UNFICYP tour of duty which might of value to some future historian of Irish overseas service.

How far we have succeeded, we can only leave to the reader of these pages. Certainly, if there are defects, they are not due to lack of effort, My task was to edit and supervise the production of this document, and without the cooperation of chronicles from the various sub - units which made up the Group, this could not have been accomplished.

The bulk of the real, slogging work fall to those who had to type these pages in days and nights of sweltering Cyprus heat. My thanks to all who helped in this laborious task, and if Sergeants Houlihan and Coughlan are singled out by name, it will be appreciated that theirs was the greatest portion of labour and fatigue.

To all concerned, and particularly to those two, a very sincere  
" Go raibh maith agaibh".

  
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( Martin D. Bates )

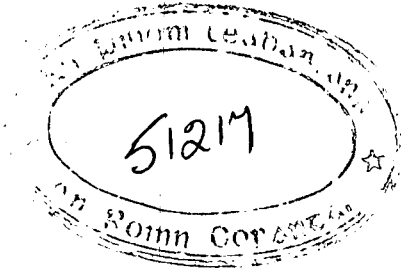
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Chapter 1



Concentration and Activation

Operation Order No 1/1971, dated 9ú Feabhra, stated " The Govt has Auth the preparation of a replacement Unit for 19th Inf Gp ", The MIBSICN paragraph succinctly ordered that " A-Pil Unit of similar strength and organisation to 19th Inf Gp be ready for dispatch to Cyprus in April 1971 ". The 20th Inf Gp had come into existence.

The Gp consisted of two (2) Rifle Companies and a HQ Coy, Ceann C and C.P.C. provided the platoons for 'A' Coy, those of 'B' Coy comin coming from Ceann D and Ceann I. The Gp also included the normal support and logistics elements with an Armour Car Gp and Heavy Porta Mortar Troop.

The (Officers') appointments were announced in early March. Comdt (Acting Lt-Col) J.J. Griffin was C.C. with Comdt Dermot Byrne 2 i/c. This practice inaugrated with the 19th Inf Gp of promoting Captains to acting rank as Coy Commanders was repeated, Frank Fleming, 'A', Terry Higgins, 'B', Bertie Kelly and Ray White Armour Car Gp took over their respective Units.

The 20th Inf Gp had a remarkable number of UN service veterans in its ranks. A total of 416 all ranks 309 wore some type of UN service ribbon. There were 208 holders of the UNICYF medal, 97 wearing the CNUC medal, with representatives of, UNIFOP, (1) UNTSO, (2) and UNTSEA 1 missions. Indeed a UNIGCL representative would have made the Group completely representatives of all UN missions which the Irish Defence Forces have participated.

Assembly

The first entry into the Unit Journal is dated March 16th, when a Conference was held in Collins Bks Dublin, at 1400 Hrs. Present were the Gp Commander, Adjutant, Quartermaster and Operations Officer and the four (4) Coy Commanders. A programme for Assembly, Concentration and move to Cyprus was drawn up, and 20th Inf Gp were in business.

Ten (10) days later, Advance Group HQ assembled at Collins Bks, Dublin, and by April 1st, practically every member of the Group had reported. There were the inevitable last-minute defections and changes, but things went quiet smoothly, and indeed the unit was quiet ready to leave for Cyprus in the first few days of April, but there was still the commitment of the Easter Parade.

The 20th Inf Gp, wearing their blue UN barets marched as an entity in the Easter Parade on April 11th. Less than 48 hrs later the Recce Party consisting of Lt-Col Griffin, his three (3) Coy Cox Commanders and the Welfare Officer, Capt Paddy Nowlan, took off from Dublin Airport for Nicosia. The following Friday April 16th they were waiting on the tarmac at Nicosia International Airport to welcome the first Chalk, carrying 126 all ranks which arrived at 2040 hrs local time after a pleasant and uneventful flight in an Aer Lingus Boeing 707. Also on hand to welcome the new arrivals were Lt Col Tommy Tracey and some of the staff of the 19th Inf Gp.

#### Move In

Arrangements for conveying the new arrivals to their particular destinations worked quiet smoothly, and in little more than an hour after arrival the newcomers were taking a first look at their homes for the next six(6) months. Comdt Frank Fleming and the advance party of 'A' Coy did not have to spend much time inspecting their new locale - you could walk the perimeter of Kophinou Camp in a matter of minutes. 'B' Company had apparently the better billet in Larnaca where Comdt Terry Higgins took over from Comdt Mick O'Shea, but any joy derived from this attractive camp with its sabibrious location was more than tempered by the reflection that after three (3) months there would be a rotation and the hotter half of the tour would have to be endured in Kophinou.

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Then too, you can often have the situation of an NCO taking over from a close friend or even relative. This particularly applies in the smaller Corps. 20 Inf Gp had a couple of instances of men who had taken over Zyyi Camp early in 1970 coming back to the same location. Their natural instinct was to cast a critical eye over the situation see whether things had improved or otherwise since their previous visit. The vast majority of the Two-Hundred-odd UNFICYP veterans had no previous experience of Larnaca District as such, but they did know Cyprus and the general problems one tends to meet there. As a result this handover was like most of those involving Irish Contingents, good-humoured, quietly, competent, and the whole thing concluded with efficiency and despatch.

So it was with the 19th and 20th Groups. The overlapping days swiftly passed, and we watched the last planeload take off from Nicosia Airport with mixed feelings of relief and apprehension. The apprehension was caused by the hundred and one unanswered questions that sprang to mind as the last sight of the plane faded from view, and the feeling of relief was a direct product of the realisation that from now on "it was all ours", to be handled as well or as badly as we could, of course there were mistakes and slipups, naturally we sometimes found ourselves at sea in those first few weeks, but gradually we got the hang of things and settled down as a functional,

integrated military unit. We were confident that the wealth of experience accumulated among our UN veterans would help the neophytes to peacekeeping operations to find their feet and pull their weight with any of us. That confidence was not misplaced, as subsequent weeks and months were to show.



## CHAPTER 11

ZYYI CAMP.

Zyyi Camp derives its name from the Greek word meaning "scales", a reference to the fact that the nearby village was one of the chief fishing centres on the Southern coast of Cyprus. The village itself is Turkish, and is a most unprepossessing place, but it does have a reasonably fine pier, used by the locals to land their daily catches, and by U N personnel as an excellent and convenient swimming location, albeit limited to "experts only". The camp itself, like many other U N encampments in Cyprus is a former British base dating back to pre - EOKA days. Across the road on the eastern boundary there are the remains of buildings abandoned during "the Troubles", whilst the rusty barbed wire fence which surrounds the perimeter is another relic of days that are gone.

Located about 500 yards from the fishing village of Xyyi, the camp is easily the best location so far inhabited by Irish troops with UNFICYP. It was positively luxurious compared to previous locations, and even boasted a cinema, tennis courts, a church and sauna bath! There was none of the claustrophobic feeling so common in other U N camps on the island, whilst the billets were spacious and roomy. It was laid out in permanent buildings with excellent access roads and pathways to them, and separate locations for Orderly Rooms, Stores, Workshops, and sub - unit locations, all comfortably removed from each other.

TASKS

As Group Headquarters, Zyyi was a hive of activity for most of the day and part of the night. The ancillary sub - units were concentrated here, and from here Transport, Signals, Ordnance and Engineers not to mention Operations, 'A' and 'Q' and Welfare ministered to the needs of outlying sub - units as and when requested. For this reason there always seemed to be things happening in Zyyi Camp. Once a week there was a CO's conference at which complaints and suggestions were aired and discussed. Administrative matters, such as pay, allowances, kit and equipment all had to come to HQ for resolution. The layout of the camp showed its value in this connection, since there was always a sense of definite purpose about going to a particular location within its bounds. At the same time the various services provided were free to get on with their own tasks with a minimum of interference.

Naturally enough, it was in Zyyi that the main social events took place. Here again, we were blessed with excellent messing facilities and officers, NCOs and Men played on many occasions to convivial gatherings of friends, either civilian or from other U N contingents. It is no more than traditional that outlying units should have a "them and us" attitude to Zyyi and the view was often expressed that "them fellas up in that place couldn't care less about us poor swaddies down here in the front line", but this was never meant or taken seriously and the companies would probably be the first to defend the HQ against any detractors, other than themselves.

The officers of Zyyi Camp had a great - deal for which to be thankful. The Officers' Mess was a very pleasant building and shortly after our take-over work began on new sleeping accomodation which was duly occupied in July. The facetiously name "Zyyi Hilton " was vacated with relief, and the Group Commander got the bonus of a lovely detached villa all to himself.

#### HQ COMPANY

The Camp Commandant was Comdt G.M. (Bertie) Kelly. Straighaway on takeover - over he made his mark on the station, and the high standard which had prevailed under his predecessor was maintained and even surpassed. The superb amenities of Zyyi had the debit side in that the very size of the camp made it an essential that maintaince work was kept to a maximum all the time, or else you found yourself living in a very unsalubrious environment.

The men of HQ Coy, carried out their multifanous duties with neither drama nor complaint. Cooks, barber, tailor, lines orderlies, medical sanitation supervisors and each and every man did their own jobs with a minium of fuss. A good BSM is a great asset in this situation and Sergeant Major Kane, quite and undramatic, set the key for the whole six months operation.

#### OPERATIONS

Ever by Zyyi standards, the Ops Room was luxurious! Spacious, airy and well equipped, it provided an ideal base for the Operations Staff who provided as always, the principal link with UNFICYP HQ. Capt Frank Colclough was Ops 'A' and his "sidekick" was Capt (later Comdt ) Martin Bates. Sergeants Houlihan and Coughlan with Pte Mooney as Runner, completed the official Ops team. These were augmented for Duty officers and Duty NCO requirements by selected officers and NCOs from Group HQ. This lightened the duty load and gave us a well - informed and experienced team of Officers in all sorts of appointments who were quite familiar with the trouble spots, actual and potential, in Larraca District, and also well-versed in the procedures to report them to UNFICYP HQ or handling them at local level. A good idea of the nature and scope of the Operations functions can be got from Annex 'C' where their activities over the whole tour of duty are summerised.

#### 'A' MATTERS

The one branch of any U N unit which finds things much as they are at home is the Adjutant's team. Paper work is still paper work; men have to be paid; records must be kept up to date, and the thousand and one 'A' matters that crop up at home, do so in Cyprus also. Captain Eamonn Moriarty had Lt Maurice Kealy as Assistant and Sgt B. Kavanagh i/c Orderly Room. Once again, the actual accomodation facilities were excellent, with seperate offices for all the various branches. Lt Kealy dealt with pay and also had the onerous task of looking after the Commander's social diary. This was, as always, a vital part of U N service. Lt Col Griffin not alone assiduously attended most of the functions to which he was invited, but he also ensured that an equitable distribution of surplus invitations was maintained. Close liason was maintained with the Personnel Branch at UNFICYP HQ, and also with Dhekelia and Akrotiri Hospitals to which Irish patients were admitted. The only bereavement to befall the Group was the death after an operation in Akrotiri of Pte Cummins of HQ Coy.

The arrangements for repatriation of the remains to Ireland were carried out without a hitch, and the turn - out for the funeral from UNFICYP HQ to Nicosia Airport was most impressive.

CHAPTER 3KOPHINOY COMPANY

The Kophinou Coy area is the South Western Sector of the Larnaca District. It's Western boundary is the Limassol-Larnaca District Line. Similarly its boundary to the North is the Nicosia-Larnaca District Line, whilst to the South is the coast-line. The Eastern boundary is a line drawn from the Northern District boundary, close to Psvedhas, and running to the coast some two and a half miles West of Mazotos.

The area consists of two hundred square miles in which there are thirty five villages. Twenty three of them are GK/CYP, six are TK CYP, and six are mixed. The GK CYP population in the area amounts to approx 11,500 whilst the TK CYP population is about 4,500.

Two features of great importance running through the area the Nicosia-Limassol and the Larnaca-Limassol roads which form a junction outside the UN Camp in Kophinou. The Larnaca-Limassol road roughly divides the area into two communities. The majority of the villages North of the line are GK CYP and those South of it Turkish whilst the mixed villages are more or less spread out parallel to the line of the road itself.

Kophinou Company area comes under the Larnaca Civil Administration. The Coy therefore had to maintain close liaison with both the GK CYP and TK CYP Leadership in Larnaca. This was achieved by attendance at both the District Officer's meetings (GK CYP) and the conferences held by the TK CYP Leadership.

Kophinou Compound, renamed Aherlow Camp, is easily the most compact of all UN Coy Camps on the island. Its total area of 90X90 yards enclose a group of buildings, temporary structures and tents which serves as home to 111 men for half of their tour with UNFICYP. Add to this the fact that Kophinou is on the main Nicosia-Limassol road, with an original "Suicide Corner" outside the gate (there have been a number of collisions at that spot in the past few months) and the extreme sensitivity of the local Turkish Cypriot population, and you begin to feel that this is a sort of "Military Purgatory" from which the soldier eventually is elevated to the lush pastures of Larnaca.

### LIVELIHOOD

The livelihood of the people is mainly dependant on agriculture. Both tillage and fruit farming are carried out extensively in the area. One of the main Citrus fruit growing areas is the valley between Ayios Theodoros and Skarinou which produces the finest of oranges and lemons during the season. Large crops of barley and wheat are raised in most areas South of the Larnaca-Limassol road and in the Northern areas around Layia and Ora. Likewise extensive corn crops are raised in the region of Pyrga and Mosphiloti. Other crops which are harvested throughout the area are, Carobs and Olives whist vines are cultivated extensively around Alaminos and further South towards the coast.

In the more hilly regions such as Lefkara the industry tends to revolve around handcrafts such as the production of the famous Lefkara lace and silver both jewellry and tableware. From these same areas many people travel daily, by bus, to the towns of Limassol, Larnaca and Nicosia to work in the factories and offices.

### PLACES OF HISTORICAL INTEREST.

1. Stavrovouni Monastery : is perched precariously atop the most outstanding physical landmark in the Coy area, a hill-top some 2,300 feet high. It is situated some seven miles from Kophinou beside the Nicosia road. Stavrovouni summit has been a place of worship for many centuries past, formerly for the worship of Jupiter when it was named Olympus, and now for Christian worship under the name Stavrovouni, meaning Mountain of the Cross, so-called because in the year 327 A.D. the Monastery was founded by St.Helen and it still contains a piece of the true Cross which she brought with her.
2. Khirokitia: Some three miles from Kophinou on the Limassol road there is a secondary road on the right hand side which leads to Khirokitia and to one of the most ancient sites so far excavated in Cyprus. It lies on a hillside about half a mile from the main road. The settlement of Khirokitia dates from about 5,800 B.C. (Neolithic Age). It was founded by a community of primitive farmers whose origin is uncertain.

The people lived in "Bee-hive" or "Igloo" shaped structures with foundations laid in stone and depended for their livelihood on the raising of livestock and hunting. The settlement was discovered in 1934 and excavations lasting ten years commenced in 1936. Many primitive, agricultural implements, domestic utensils and weapons were found at the site and these can be seen in the Cyprus Museum.

#### CAMP LAYOUT.

The Company occupies the old TK CYP Police Element Compound which measures some 90 yards square. Inside the Compound are six Constables quarters and a Police Inspectors house none of which can be used by UN. However, the former police offices are used as an Officers Mess. With the exception of the Cookhouse/Canteen, NCO's Mess, Tpt Section/Medical Hut all other accommodation is in tents. Four OP's are in Nissen hut accommodation and one, OP Blackbridge is in a house. The rear area of the Camp has been dug and re-dug to supply DTLs, Urinals and sullage pits. It is in constant danger of subsiding which it has already done in some spots.

#### AMENITIES.

The greatest problem here is, as can be seen from the dimensions of the Compound, is space. It is not possible to extend any installation or erect another tent. The only outdoor game that can be played is volleyball and even this is limited by the hazard of overhead wires. The local soccer pitch can be used by courtesy of the local TK/POL and by arrangement with them. Soccer matches are played against local GK/CYP and TK/CYP villages and against teams of local TK/CYP Fighters. The nearest beach (Governors) is twelve miles from Kophinou and though a tiring journey is availed of by as many as possible each day subject to security limitations and work programmes. Bus tours are undertaken as often as possible and in no small way help to relieve the monotony and boost morale. Pictures are shown three times a week and Bingo is played each Wednesday. Inter-Contingent and civilian teams are frequently played in Darts and Volleyball.

IMPROVEMENTS DURING OCCUPATION.

The major tasks on taking over Kōphinou Compound were that of improving the lot of the occupants, this task will obviously continue for as long as the Compound is held, because many of the drains and channels were overground and they had to be piped and covered. Sumps and Urinals had to be dug or re-sited and fly meshing erected in the Compound and OP's. The electrical wiring system all over Camp was in a dangerous condition but is slowly being improved. Canteen and messes were shabbily furnished and needed painting. Furniture is now being privately hired by the Coy, walls painted and curtains erected. A water cooler has been installed, this item is an essential in a Compound like this where little or no breeze exists and the temperature is progressively rising. Practically all the money personnel are paid, goes on minerals, the coolett may control this expenditure a little. The water system of the Camp is, however, somewhat uncertain because it is controlled from civilian sources and is constantly being used for irrigation. There remains the priority of either getting permission to occupy the empty Turkish Police buildings or erection of Nissen huts before the rains come again. The provision of wash basins in both the Medical Hut and DTL should be considered. The Officers Mess needs complete re-decoration and overhaul and the provision of roof fans.

TRAINING.

During May, June and July training was constant, both military and recreational programmes being carried out. 'A' Coy reached a high peak of physical fitness due mainly to early morning cross-country and PTs combined, swimming and constant volleyball. The Company supplied the first three teams and first six individual placings in the Group Obstacle Course Competition due mainly to the efforts of trainer Lt.D.O'Leary. Each day basic lessons for non-swimmers and coaching lessons for swimmers was given. 18 non-swimmers were taught to swim as a result of this effort. Groups and individuals attended courses and trained in fire fighting, Hygiene, wireless and helicopter operations at various centres on the island. Orienteering training commenced seriously on the 26 July '71. in preparation for the Group and inter-contingent competitions. Teams from 'A' Coy were selected and competed in all Group competitions.

SOCIAL FUNCTIONS.

A number of Dart Tournaments were held during the period involving both civilian and military personnel. Canadian, British, Australian and civilian teams participated. An introductory party was held in the open on 10 April '71. This was very enjoyable and many musical talents were disclosed. Guitarist Lt O'Leary. Ptes Hughes, Brien, Murphy and Hoccy; Banjoist C/S King, Tin Whistle Pte Rooney and singers of various quality. On the 12 June the NCO'S held a successful function in the Canteen, on loan for the night, and it is hoped it will be the fore runner of many such get-togethers.

A representative Group from RCT Camp UNFICYP was entertained at Kophinou on the 15th June '71 which after games of Volleyball and Darts terminated with a sing-song.

A further function for Ptes was held on the 23rd July '71 again in the open, and was voted by all as highly successful.

A farewell party in the Officer's Mess on the 25th July '71 was a heavily skippy flavoured night and any sadness at leaving KOPHINOU was suitably alleviated by the obviously genuine regard and respect that we had engendered in those with whom we had dealings during our time there.

VISITS & VIPs.

The following VIPs visited KOPHINOU during 'A' Company's period of occupation:-

- 28th April '71 - Mr. Robert Guyer, UN Under Secretary for Special Affairs.
- 7th May '71 - Force Commander.
- 29th May '71 - Mr. R. Ryan, T.D.
- 4th June '71 - Mr. Popper, American Ambassador to Cyprus.
- 27th July '71 - Presentation of UNFICYP Medals to 20th INF GROUP by Force Commander at ZYYI. 74 members of 'A' Company received medals on this occasion.



COMPANY'S MISSION AND TASKS.

The mission of the Kophinou Coy was to carry out the aims of UNFICYP in the Kophinou area of the U.N. Military District of Larnaca. Specific tasks in this regard were:-

- a. To man five OP's.
- b. To patrol the villages in our area at least once a month.
- c. To maintain a Rifle Section, at 30 mins. notice, as part of the District Reserve and also to maintain, at 3 hours notice a Rifle Pln as part of the UNFICYP Reserve.

The strength of each OP was one NCO and three men and personnel were rotated on a regular fortnightly basis. These OP's with the exception of Blackbridge consist of two or more Nissen huts which are comfortable and spacious for the number living in them. Each OP has a hut set aside as a kitchen and dining area. These are equipped with a cooker and fridge, both gas operated. The ration Landrover visits each of the OP's daily bringing both food and news. There is no problem servicing these OP's during the summer but it is a different story when the tracks are wet and churned up during the winter months. The OP's are also visited daily by the water truck as a large supply of water is consumed in washing, cooking, showers and drinking. Life in the OP's seems to have been enjoyed by the majority of people who went out to them. The fact that a large number of the Company stated that they would have preferred to stay out for a period longer than the normal fortnight is fair proof of this. Out on the OP's the men felt that they were doing the job for which they had come to this island. Indeed a high standard of observation and reporting was achieved by the "men on the spot".

LOCATION OF OP's.

1. O.P. Bunker: Grid Ref WD 363541 is situated on a hill overlooking the Turkish village of Kophinou. This is no more than a few hundred yards from the HQ Camp and is easily serviced both in winter and summer. This O.P. was established on the 15th November 1967 immediately following the 'Battle of Kophinou' in order to observe the village.

Other tasks involved were:-

- a. To ensure that the Tk/Cyps in KOPHINOUE did not cut the LARNACA Road.

- b. To observe the activity in the Tk/Cyp Ftr training Camp on Forbidden Hill and in KOPHINOÛ village itself.
  - c. To report any Nat/Gd or Cypol trying to enter KOPHINOÛ. Bunker is a vital O.P. and the only one with a commanding view of KOPHINOÛ. For this reason, and because of the sensitivity of the area, it is not deemed advisable to unman it as yet.
2. O.P. Cliff: Grid Ref WD 351531 is situated on a hill close to SKARINOÛ BRIDGE. It overlooks the Access Road to Ayios Theodoros and the valley across to Nat/Gd Hill. It also overlooks part of the Western slopes of Forbidden Hill. This O.P. was established on the 12th December 1964 and was then situated 600 Metres South of FORBIDDEN HILL but was moved to its present position in August 1968. It was established as a result of a number of incidents which took place in this area in 1964 around the village of AYIOS THEODHOROS: However since the 'Battle of Kophinou' the post achieved new significance due to its current tasks which are:
- a. To observe NAT/GD HILL and FORBIDDEN HILL and to report any improvements to fortifications or unusual activity.
  - b. To watch for irregular movement of Tk/Cyp Ftrs in KOPHINOÛ
  - c. To observe the Access and Nicosia-Limassol Roads and to report any breaches of the arrangements concerning the Access Road or the setting up of roadblocks.
3. O.P. Skarinou: Grid Ref WD 344536 is situated on a hill on the Northern side of the NICOSIA-LIMASSOL Road at the BRIDGE of SKARINOÛ STATION. O.P. SKARINOÛ was established on the 17th April 1967 to observe the deployment of NAT/GD Bn at SKARINOÛ under the command of GENERAL GRIVAS. It was also charged with watching the Northern entrance to the Access Road which leads to AYIOS THEODHOROS when this became a sensitive area. The original reasons for the establishment of the O.P. still stand. There is a NAT/GD fort at SKARINOÛ STATION. and the U.N. presence ensures that access to the main road and freedom of movement on it is not hampered. Since the 'Battle of Kophinou', U.N. at SKARINOÛ have the added responsibility of watching for movement on the Access Road contrary to local arrangements. The post is also able to observe NAT/GD Hill and report any unusual movement.

4. O.P Blackbridge: Grid Ref WD 351511 is situated in the mixed village of AYIOS THEODHOROS at the South Western corner of the bridge. This O.P., unlike the others, is located in a building which formerly housed a Coffee Shop and Bakery. It is a solid structure and relatively comfortable to live in. It has the usual fridge and gas cooker. The supply of water provided some problems at first but the re-location of a tap settled this difficulty. It was also the only OP without the facilities of a shower, but this matter was also put to rights. Drinking water is the only problem for this OP, as the local water is considered, unfit for consumption without being boiled. With the assistance of the Australian Police Element stationed nearby in the village, this problem was overcome.

The OP was established on 27 March 1964 at the beginnings of the troubles in the area. Since it was set up, with the task of preventing inter-communal strife, in 1964 the post at BLACKBRIDGE has been given increased significance. The KOPHINOU incident resulted in the formulation of several understandings which the post has to ensure are honoured by both sides. It is the only UN military post in the village and its continued presence is fully justified. Its current tasks are :-

- a. To maintain arrangements concerning the movement of CYPOL, NAT GD and TK CYP FTRS in the village and on the Access Road. (including the bridge) and tracks.
- b. To report any unusual movement of TK CYP FTRS and NAT GD in the village and surrounding area.

5. OP's MARI & CROWNHILL.: MARI which was once a manned OP but is now only the Base Camp for OP CROWNHILL, is situated at the entrance to MARI village from the main NICOSIA/LIMASSOL Road GR WD 270450. OP CROWNHILL is situated some 300 yds from MARI in the LIMASSOL direction and is on an encarpment about 250ft high. It completely dominates a stretch of the main road. This OP is manned from 0600 hrs to 1800 by one man rotated periodically throughout the day.

5. The OP was established in April 1967 after the NAT GD had fired on the village of MARI and tried to move onto the escarpment. This action of the GK CYPS was in retaliation for the alledged ambushing by TK CYP FTRS of a NAT GD convoy. It now seems unlikely that the GK CYPS will interfere with MARI village, however, the original task of denying the use of the escarpment to the TK CYPS is still a valid one as these fighters could easily threaten the road if they wished to do so. CROWN HILL OP is a visible demonstration of a UN presence on a major road, and its specific tasks are:-
- a. To ensure that the TK CYPS do not dominate the MARI heights and therefore the main road. In accordance with the local arrangement, no more than six (6) TK CYP FTRS are to be on the hill at any one time.
  - b. To ensure that TK CYPS do not improve fortifications and also to ensure that GK CYPS do not deny access to MARI village.

#### 6. Patrols

1. 'A' Coy provided a daily patrol of one (I)NCO and one (I) driver to patrol the TK CYP village of MENOYIA, the mixed village of ALAMINES, and the GK CYP village of MAZOTOS. This patrol operated from 0600hrs to 1800hrs daily. Its major tasks was to observe the village of ALAMINOS and see that arrangements concerning the blocked street through the GK CYP Sector were honoured. This patrol operated without incident beyond reporting the occasional traffic accident or fire in the locality served very little purpose.
2. The villages were patrolled regularly and at least once a month. Close liasion was maintained with both the Australian UNCIVPOL element and the Contingent Economics Officer who also visited the villages on a regular basis.
3. The other patrol of importance was one which was carried out on foot around FORBIDDEN HILL from OP CLIFF on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays of each week. The main object of this patrol was to ensure that the TK CYP FTRS were not fortifying the top or the Western slopes of the hill. It also ensured that the Ftrs did not train on the Western slopes where they are forbidden to do so.

7. Rotation.

All these operational duties and tasks were carried out by 'A' Coy during the initial settling in period. Inevitably there were slip-ups and mistakes, but all ranks tackled their various jobs with zeal and enthusiasm and quickly "got the hang of things". Just when they were really on top of the job, it was Company Rotation time. On July 29 'A' Coy took a last look at KOPHINO, Bunker, Cliff and Skarinou and headed for LARNACA. Ironically enough, there was more than a tinge of sadness and nostalgia in that glance. KOPHINO had its drawbacks, but there were advantages about it too. Within a day or two, 'B' Coy were completely in situ, and within a few days they were dealing with the KOPHINO area problems as if they had been there from the very beginning of the tour.

LARNACA COMPANY AREA.Description of Company Area.

LARNACA Coy area is the E and NE portion of the Civil District of LARNACA and contains in addition portion of NICOSIA Civil District and around the TK CYP village of LOUROUJINA.

The area is approximately 300 sq. miles and consists of some 33 villages of which 19 are GK CYPS, 7 are TK CYP and 7 mixed. Apart from the LOUROUJINA Sector, the area comes under control from LARNACA which is the District Capital and where the D.C. is located.

Three axis roads run through the area- LARNACA, NICOSIA, FAMAGUSTA and LIMASSOL. The S.B.A. of DHEKELIA is located approx 11 miles NE of Coy HQ along the main LARNACA-FAMAGUSTA road.

Population: As outlined above the population is predominantly GK CYPS and in LARNACA the TK CYPS only number 5,000 of a total population of 20,000. The overall population of the Coy area is approx 50,000/60,000.

Villages : The villages of both communities are characteristic of typical Cypriot villages with most of the population being employed in the surrounding fields at tillage, fruit harvesting or sheep/goat herding.

National Livelihood of People :

The National livelihood of both communities is primarily agricultural with in some cases small garages, welding plants, grocery shops etc. LARNACA being a modern city has all the usual industries, banks, garages etc with in addition a small fishing fleet operating out of LARNACA Harbour. The standard of living can be considered reasonably high and a marked feature of the island in general is the almost complete absence of beggars so characteristic of other NE countries.

Places of Operational Interest/Historical Interest.

The whole area is of great historical interest and a visit to the local museum at LARNACA shows that a thriving community existed since 300/400 B.C.

Places of Operational Interest/Historical Interest. Contd.....

The area also has places of interest connected with the early Hellenistic and Roman occupations, principally the aqueduct outside LARNACA and some interesting ruins near the SBA of DHENKELIA. From the operational point of interest the countryside presented an interesting contrast especially the positions occupied by the opposing parties. The old adage of taking "to the high ground" has been employed very expertly by both sides. The most important spot in the Coy area both from the operational and historical point of view is undoubtedly The TEKKE MOSQUE, outside LARNACA and beside the interesting Salt Lake. TEKKE MOSQUE is considered the fourth most important place of worship in the world for the followers of Mohammed. The Grand mother of the latter is reputed to be buried in the Mosque. TK CYP pilgrims are permitted to visit the holy place but are inhibited by the warly presence of NAT GD Contingents and also to the employing of a GK CYP as caretaker of the holy place.

SITUATION OF CAMP AND OTHER INSTALLATIONS.

WOLFE TONE CAMP Straddles the LARNACA by-pass road and situated as it is on sloping ground it generally catches a cool breeze blowing in from the sea. The Camp is a pleasant one and this despite the fact that it was once a successfully run chicken farm. Improvements over the years have been many and varied and living conditions are quite good. The fact that the Officers Mess and the NCO's Mess are situated on the opposite side of the road also helps to give an impression of space and freedom.

AMENITIES: The amenities are those common to the majority of Camps on the island and include films three nights weekly. Bingo on occasional nights, darts/rings competitions, volleyball and the inevitable games of amusement arcade type football on the machines in the canteen.

RECREATIONAL FACILITIES. Besides a volleyball court in the Camp, a soccer pitch adjoins but it is unsuitable for competitive games because of the stony nature of the ground.

RECREATIONAL ACTIVITIES CONTD.....

Extensive use was made of football pitches in LARNACA Town including the use of the Stadium, American Academy pitch and a field at SCALA School. All those responsible for administration of football in the town were most generous in giving of pitches. Basketball courts are also available on request at various schools. The military authorities at the SBA DHEKELIA also gave the use of the Base Swimming Pool on request.

IMPROVEMENTS DURING UNIT OCCUPATION.

Many and varied were the improvements carried out in the Coy locations during the tour, the work being mostly done by a small Engr section under Sgt. O'Carroll who also supervised personnel of the Coy in various jobs. Improvements included renovations to billets, wiring of quarters, screening of windows, repairs to buildings, OP showers, cookhouses etc. Suffice to say that the Coy was endeavouring at all times to improve Camp facilities in every way and of course this also applied to improvements to all Coy OP's.

IMPROVEMENTS STILL REQUIRED.

The centralisation of four of the OP's on ARTEMIS ROAD to OP CUSTOM HOUSE was completed at the end of August and the newly erected buildings with improved facilities has made this location much more homely and welcome to the enlarged gathering assembled there. Many other improvements await to be carried out, but are generally of a minor nature.

POLITICAL, ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL ASPECTS OF AREA.

The political, economic and social aspects of the Coy area are inter-woven and reflect the many problems facing the two communities on the island. Despite the inter-communal talks which continue intermittently, few positive results can be seen and the two communities appear to lead separate ways of life.

COMPANY MISSION & TASKS.

(I) Company mission was as outlined under the three main UN objectives with :



COMPANY MISSION & TASKS. Contd.....

- (2) Problems arising in the Coy area followed a pattern of an "incident" or a provocative action on one side immediately followed by another incident on the opposing side. These "incidents" were often of an apparently minor nature, but were of the order of, flag flying, intentional or unintentional "Green Line" crossing, wearing of uniform in prohibited areas, abusive language, threatening gestures etc., etc. Progress was generally satisfactory in the solving of these matters and the Coy awaited the next and inevitable follow up "incident" with interest. However, a number of "incidents" have remained unsolved i.e. sentry on the Church at KELLIA, sentry at GOSHI and the walking across the "Green Line" by TK CYP Policemen at OP CASTLE.
- (3) Many frustrating difficulties were encountered in the solving of incidents and the Coy Comd and Ops Officer were invariably on the road to the GK CYP and TK CYP HQ's. Patience, fortitude and a willingness to listen to the opposing views helped considerably in the negotiations and common sense generally prevailed at the end in reaching a solution acceptable to both sides.

OP's, PATROLS, CHECK POINTS AND OUTPOSTS.

1. Five OP's were manned by the Coy on the ARTEMIS ROAD, OP SCALA, OP ARTEMIS ROAD, OP SALT LAKE, OP CUSTOM HOUSE and OP SEA FRONT. In addition an outpost at LOUROUJINA was manned by 2 NCO's and 7 men. The five OP's along the ARTEMIS ROAD separated the two armed communities facing each other across the roadway. The confrontation at these points was very close and the sides were within shouting distance of each other.
2. The general lay-out of four of the OP's followed a pattern of sentry box, cooking hut, sleeping hut, toilets, showers etc. and a "resting off" hut in most cases. OP SCALA being located in a vacant school was of a far more solid construction and was very comfortable and airy.

OP's, PATROLS, CHECK POINTS AND OUTPOSTS. Contd.....

3. Their function was to report all incidents, crossing of "Green Line" by either side, reporting of troop movements, trg etc. All such reports were logged by the Ops Officer and generally included in hid daily SITREP.
4. OP LIFE.: Life at each OP followed a very regular pattern of sentry duty, resting off, cooking, dining, catching up on mail to home, reading etc. Despite its apparent monotonous pattern this way of life was very popular and all personnel welcomed the two weeks stay on the OP's. In the case of LOUROUJINA, local patrols to sensitive areas and villages helped to break the monotony and the spaciousness of the latter made it a most attractive spot for all.
5. Strengths: The strength of each OP on the ARTEMIS ROAD was 1 NCO and 3 men. At LOUROUJINA at time of rotation it was 2 NCO's and 7 men including a driver, 2 Signal personnel and a medical orderly.
6. Rotation : Each OP was rotated fortnightly and the change-over occurred every second Sunday.
7. System of Supply. ; Rations were delivered daily to all OP's and all requirements were generally met. Special care was given to the delivery of mail and a little "extra" was always added to each OP box by the NCO I/C Rations.
8. Unmanning and/or withdrawal.: Contingency plans were drawn up for the unmanning and/or withdrawal of personnel in case of serious trouble or fighting occurring and where the maintaining of personnel on the OP's served no further useful purpose . However, such a withdrawal could only be carried out on the orders from an Officer from the Coy, the NCO I/C Post not having the final say in the evacuation.

RELATIONS WITH BOTH COMMUNITIES.

1. Personalities : The leading personalities of the communities were: GK CYP:- Lt-Col Demitrious, (Military) Mr. Vernides, District Officer LARNACA, and on the TK CYP side Mr. Turgot.

RELATIONS WITH BOTH COMMUNITIES. Contd.....

2. Recommended Approach: Tact, patience and a willing to smile at all problems big or small were the requirements of all personnel dealing with the daily problems which arose in the two communities. A willingness to see the other persons point of view no matter how trivial the problem, was a very necessary requisite and what might appear to be a small problem to UN personnel could in fact be the biggest problem of the day to either community.
3. Resolution of Difficulties. As aforesaid, a bland smile, common sense and tact generally brought an eventual solution and most difficulties encountered were solved by the use of the above traits and those left unsolved have remained so for quite a long time.

INCIDENTS OF NOTE.

The problem of the Church Sentry at KELLIA which has remained outstanding for some years gained much importance during a particularly "anxious" period in LARNACA. Remaining unresolved it will probably continue to cause many trying moments for local Commanders in the future. It is a typical example of a small but provocative action, provocative that is to one community escalating tension in a whole area. The stationing or housing of a sentry at GOSHI further illustrates the point already made that small incidents to the UN are quite clearly major issues at village level.

VISITS OF VIP's

The welcome visit of the Force Commander From Chand to the Coy area brought home quite forcefully the fact that those at HQ UNFICYP are by now quite clearly in the picture as regards Coy problems. Both his visits were pleasant ones and old friendships were renewed in a number of cases particularly relating to those days of glory in the Republic of the Congo. The flags may be laid up but the memories quite obviously linger on and international soldiering seems the better of those by-gone days. They were hardly the days of "wine and roses" in many cases but after a few cheerful drinks together those comrades of old seem to think of them as such. Of such days do historians and dreamers write, the first in a matter of fact language, the latter in poetic flavour.

VISITS OF VIP's Contd.....

A further visit of some importance was the visit of Mr. Richie Ryan T.D. Returning from a conference in Turkey he made an on the spot visit to all Coy locations on behalf of the Opposition back home, and what a worthy "Ambassador" he proved to be quick witted and fully appreciative of the soldiers role in this UN mission he quickly endeared himself to all, and his letter of thanks fully illustrates the fact that the Groups showing did impress one politician from back home.

PERSONALITIES AND CHARACTERS IN SUB-UNIT.

Fully believing in the maxim that IO7 men constitute a Coy and write its history as such, and not supporting the cult of the individual, and further believing that the placing of one individual above another does not foster Esprit-de-Corps, they accordingly desire to be simply known as the men from 'B' Coy.

SUB-UNIT ROTATION.

Rotation of the Coy took place on the 29/30/31 July, the Coy rotating to KOPHINOU without incident and without any occurrence of note.

TRAINING.

Training continued, where possible at Pl level, but the many demands made by Competitions, Guards, Patrols, NICOSIA Duties (Defence Pl), Fatigues etc. quite often curtailed otherwise interesting programmes.

## Chapter 5.

Ancillary Sub-Units.

The main infantry elements of the Gp was augmented by personnel from Cavalry, Artillery, Ordnance, Signal, Military Police Corps, Army Medical Corps and Supply and Transport Corps. These were mainly concentrated in Zyyi Camp, with elements in the other locations as the particular situation required.

ARMOURD CAR GROUP.

We concentrated in Collins Bks Dublin on Apr 1, and took part in the Easter Parade, except for some personnel of 2 Mot Sqn. and Depot Cav CEC., who were involved with their own Units in that same Parade. Preparatory training for the mission indicated a requirement for refresher training in Gunnery, Radio and Driving. We were greatly facilitated by 2 and 4 Mot Sqns, who each made a Panhard AC available for this training, as also for range practices in Glen of Imaal. A three week technical course run by Captain J.A. McCarty proved to be very beneficial to all.

The AC Gps advance party, which included the O.C. Comd H.R. Whyte, Capt McCarty, SQMS O'Keefe and Sgt Wilson, arrived in Zyyi camp on Apr 16. The handover from I9 Inf Gp proceeded with maximum efficiency, mainly due to the excellent condition of the ACs handed over, an obvious indication of our predecessors hard work and devotion.

MISSION AND TASKS.

The three main tasks of the AC Group were:-

- a. Patrols as required.
- b. Maintain at 60 mins notice a Tp of Panhards as district and Force Reserve.
- c. Prepare a "going map" of Larnaca District.

All these tasks were carried out expeditiously. On 25 May, a Force "BLUE ALERT" which rapidly developed to "ORANGE" saw the Cars put on immediate call, but they were not called out. In June we were required to augment the Force Reserve for three days. This involved "B" Tp in a move to Gloneagles Camp where they were guests of "A" Sqn Royal Hussars for three Days.

TRAINING.

All aspects of training began on arrival. First a refresher course for AFV drivers was run by Capt J.A. McCarthy and all drivers were tested and passed. A wireless operators course was organized by Lieut. J.P. Gallagher. This training was carried on through the whole period. Their subsequent capability was proven when combined exercises with the Force Reserve were initiated. Gunner training was also carried out.

In the inter Coy Falling Plate Competition the Arm'd Car Gp were placed second. The representative for the inter-contingent competition was Tpr Ryan O. Sgt. M. Evans was placed third in the inter Coy Falling Plate "Gustaf" competition.

VISITS FROM OTHER CONTINGENTS.

A demonstration of cross country and obstacle crossing was performed for SWEDCON on 1/6/71. SWEDCON were very impressed by the performance of the A/Cars under such adverse conditions. A demonstration was given for Comd Force Reserve, outgoing and incoming, Maj Merton and Maj Pinney.

TECHNICAL

The Panhard AFV's were taken over from 19 Inf Group in excellent condition. However, from the onset of the tour the technical staff were kept busy with routine maintenance and repairs. Major repairs included the rebuilding of two engines. Three of the four fitters held acting ranks and are attached from Cor S & I. This did not hinder the operation of the technical section in any way. In fact all fitters were highly efficient in their appointments and were qualified to drive Panhard AFV's during the tour.

GENERAL

Morale was very high during the tour. The personnel of the Gp have proven themselves to be a highly efficient and hard working Unit. It has been a crime free, trouble free period and this was an indication of the high quality of the men of the Unit.

SIGNAL PLATOON.

The Signal Platoon assumed responsibility for communications in LARNACA District at 1500 hrs on 23 April 1971. The problems involved were minimised by the fact that 12 members of the Platoon, including 6 senior NCO's had already served in CYPRUS and were familiar with the communication system in UNFICYP. The advantage of all this experience was quickly reaped as the platoon settled down rapidly to performing it's various tasks. Switchboards were manned around the clock, batteries charged, radios and lines repaired and personnel detailed for S.D.S.duty.

One of the very important tasks of the platoon was to select and show films within the Group. We like to think that a high standard of films was maintained throughout our tour. The Signal Officer and Senior NCO's attended their respective monthly UNFICYP signal conventions. We were hosts to the Senior NCO's Convention on Sept 10, and, happily, everything went smoothly. These conventions proved of value as signal problems were discussed and often solved between the various contingents at these meetings.

There was much rejoicing within the platoon when platoon Sgt. Bill Brennan was promoted to CQMS on 23 August 1971. We all felt that this was a promotion well earned and deserved.

RADIO.

Force radio commitments at Gp HQ consisted of manning the UNFICYP Command VHF link using a WS C42. This net was backed up by a WS C11 on the UNFICYP HF Guard Net. The Tactical HQ (or CO's Rover) was also equipped with a WS C42 and WS C11 for use on both these nets.

A replacement Motorola was fitted to the CO's staff car on rotation and the base Motorola was located in the Operations Room, ZYYI. A new system of two-monthly checks was instituted, and the sets were checked by a UN mechanic.

Group HQ also provided the control station for the Group VHF Command Net using WS C42. This net was backed up by the Group HF net using WS C12's.

In the month of May a Jontz mast was erected in LOUROUJINA by 644 Signal Troop. A cubicle quad antenna, built by Tech Sgt Mick English, was erected on this mast and worked very satisfactorily to Coy HQ in LARNACA using a WS C42.

LINE:-

A comprehensive line system serves the LARNACA District. Each Coy has line communication to Group HQ. All OP's, with the exception of those on the ARTEMIS Road, have line communication to their Coy HQ's. The line between the LARNACA Coy HQ and the ARTEMIS Road was discontinued some time ago because, due to it being cut and stolen by the native population, it proved impossible to maintain. However, all the OP's on the ARTEMIS Road are served by an omnibus telephone circuit and a WS A41 link back to Coy HQ. Operationally, this arrangement has been very satisfactory.

Group HQ in ZYYI has two direct lines to H) UNFICYP and three exchange lines. A comprehensive survey was carried out monthly on all lines. This survey including testing, maintenance and labelling, ensured a very low incidence of faults during our tour.

The Cyprus Telecommunication Authority (CYTA) is in the course of installing STD throughout the island. The first stage of the automation was completed during the months of August and September when the main towns and suburbs of NICOSIA, LIMASSOL, FAMAGUSTA, LARNACA, PAPHOS, KYRENIA and MORPHU became fully automatic. The change over was carried out with little inconvenience to users. The remainder of the island will become automatic at a later date yet to be announced.

All UNFICYP Signal Personnel were kept informed of all changes while automation was carried out in August/September and experienced only slight difficulty in routing calls.

SPORT:

The Signal Platoon took part in many different competitions but undoubtedly, the sporting highlight was reached in Volleyball. The Signal team had the distinction of winning the Force Signal Officers (F.S.O's) Cup in the Signal Inter-Contingent Volleyball Competition. This was only the second victory by an IRCON team since the competition commenced in 1966. Our team was undefeated throughout, losing only one (1) set in all its matches. The team Captain, Sgt Mick Brady, and the team were presented with the F.S.O's cup and inscribed medals by Mrs. J. Cathcart, the F.S.O's wife, in NICOSIA on 19 August 1971.



HEAVY MORTAR TROOP.

The Troop first concentrated for training on 22 Feb'71 in Ballincollig Co.Cork. Other than Capt.M.Shannon the Troop Comd (3AA Bty) Lt.E.Breslin (2AA Bty), Sgt.M.Kelly (CDA), Sgt.J.Molloy (2FAR) and Gnr.P.Williams (6 FAR), all the other members of the Troop came from the premier Regiment of the Corps, the 1st RA Regt.

Five weeks training in the wide open spaces of the landing field in Dún Uí Murcú and we were fit for any operational task. By 1 April'71 we were in residence in Collins Bks Dublin and a week later we were in action in Camera Cross, Glenmaal, firing our heavy mortar practices with skill and enthusiasm. "Empty guns, cease fire, prepare to move" was the next order and we were up, up and away for Aphrodite's Realm by 16 April '71.

Alas our precious dial sights, mortar directors, boards etc., were put away for four or five days of every week. The Troop was mostly engaged in ZYVI, administering the Officers Mess, NCO's Mess and Men's Club. Four of our Gunners, Tom Ryan, Pat Williams, Pat Kelloher and Dan Walsh were engaged in driving duties for six months. Sgt.Steve Geary was immersed in that most important of tasks, collecting and distributing the Group's laundry - "laundry and morale" are said to be closely related and our morale didn't suffer for the six months.!

Sport was our way of showing how high the gunners morale stood in the 20 Inf Group. Gnr. Paddy Kelloher was the only Irishman on the UNFICYP team V a representative Cypriot team. We won't forget his great second half goal in NICOSIA Stadium on that occasion, for a long time.

Our soccer team at the time of going to press is all set to take on the Armoured Car people in the ZYVI final. We demolished a strong team of Mortarmen from the Gordon Highlanders in their own "backyard" in NICOSIA in soccer.

The Troop put two Volleyball teams into the semi-finals of the ZYVI league. Our 'A' team were in fact runners up to Signals the Group champions. Sgt Hugh Cassidy was a member of the IRCON orienteering team that won out the Inter-Contingent Competition.

HEAVY MORTAR TROOP.

We contributed handsomely to the IRCON team in the UNFICYP endurance, battle course competition and Sgt Steve Geary did very well. There were numerous other sporting achievements too many to relate here.

The Officers Mess ZYYI very often projected the Irish image abroad, to the other nationalities. No praise is good enough for the ten " heavies " who man this establishment. Sgt Tom "Peeney" Walsh deserves most of the credit. Under the management of Capt Shannon, Sgt Tom laid on a service second to none on the island, for the Officers of the Mess, their guests and their many receptions. Sgt Walsh's handling of big functions for 200 guests and over, was a credit to the Hy Mor Tp, to himself and his Corps.

When we disband on 26 Oct'71 and when later when we look back on our tour in CYPRUS, if we do happen to think of the "Heavies" we must surely remember them for their exceptionally high morale, their excellent conduct and above all their great loyalty to the Group. The I FA Regt can justifiably be proud of them.

MILITARY POLICE SECTION

The Military Section of the 20 Inf Group, totalling seven all ranks, was commanded by Capt. Eddie Heskin. The section was split between two locations. The Officer and two policemen were located at ZYYI Camp, the other four commanded by the Coy Sgt formed the LARNACA MP Detachment.

The LARNACA MP Detachment is in direct support of the Force Provost Marshal and comes under his operational control while still remaining under command of COMIRCON. The Detachment was responsible for the policing of the whole LARNACA District, the provision of mobile and foot patrols in LARNACA town, the investigation of all UN traffic accidents in the District, operation of road traffic checks of UN vehicles and the operation of speed traps. For four months of the tour this Detachment was augmented by one Canadian MP Cpl from the UNFICYP MP Coy. This policeman was withdrawn in August which placed quite an additional work load on the remaining four Irish MP's. The two policemen in ZYYI Camp were considered Contingent police and as such had no jurisdiction outside of the Irish Camps. They performed gate duty and security duty in ZYYI Camp and Bank escort to the Group Cashier every Friday.

All the MP's of the Group assisted at various functions in car parking and traffic control duties in ZYYI Camp.

The MP Captain was responsible for the supervision of all MP duties in the LARNACA District. In addition to this he was Unit Civilian Labour Officer and Security Officer for ZYYI Camp. Discipline in the Group was generally good and there were very few incidents of more than a minor nature. In addition to the Group MP's, IRCON also provided four MP's to the UNFICYP MP Coy in NICOSIA.

ORDNANCE SECTION

The Ordnance Section, comprising of 6 NCO's combined its skill technical know-how and its industry to make their particular contribution to the success of the mission. Though small in number, each member knew his job and applied his knowledge and expertise to everyones satisfaction. These highly trained and highly qualified technicians gave continuously of their best and were always glad of the opportunity of tackling new and challenging work. The number of miscallaneous jobs undertaken by the Section amounted to 450 and while one considers that these range from repairing cookers and fridges under trying conditions, to the manufacture of a sophisticated wind-sock for the Helicopter pad, one gets some idea of the work done. Of course the primary function of the Section was to maintain the arms, armament, ammo, tentage and Camp equipment of the Group. This, they did well. The weapons were checked continuously the ammo also, including that held in DHEKELIA, and as regards tentage there was a constant demand on our tentage expert who performed his duty willingly and expeditiously.

In conclusion, it can be said that the Ordnance Section, the anonymous backroom boys, performed their duties during the six months, in the best tradition of the Ordnance Corps.

MEDICAL PLATOON.

The total strength of 20 Inf Gps Medical Platoon was 12 all ranks. The two Medical Officers, Capts Neil O'Brien and Tony Stewart, shared the unique distinction of being the only members of the 20 Inf Gp who had joined the Defence Forces for the duration of their UNFICYP tour.

Both are experienced medical men, but they would be first to admit that they faced the prospect of getting to know all the intricacies and niceties of military procedure, and protocol in a matter of a few weeks with no little trepidation. That they have done so has been largely due to their unmistakable devotion to the profession they serve, to the skill and knowledge they have been seen to possess, but most of all (and again, they'd be the first to endorse this) to the loyalty and reliability of that little band they command usually referred to as "The Medics".

A contingent medical platoon have much more to concern themselves with more than morning sick parades, minor injuries and the run-of-the-mill ailments. A medical orderly be he Private or NCO, may find himself on an OP confronted with a medical emergency which calls for a cool head and a sound knowledge of what precisely he can, and must, do until help arrives. There was the ever recurring problem of emergency calls in remote locales where there just isn't any other form of medical aid available. In emergencies the medics had to make quick decisions and render immediate aid, and for this they earned the respect and regard of not only their comrades in arms, but many of the local villagers as well.

There was a twenty four hour ambulance service, which had to be manned. Range practices and training exercises required the precautionary presence of a medical orderly. When the daily party of swimmers, headed off to Governors Beach, there was also a Beach Orderly with them.

There were no less than four medical installations permanently maintained in LARNACA District (ZYI, LARNACA, KOPHINO and LOUROJINA), it can readily be seen that the medics had very little free time. They were a singularly cheerful and uncomplaining bunch, and though representative of each of the Hospital Companies into which the Army Medical Corps is organised in the 20 Inf Group, they quickly blended into an effective and harmonious team.

A lot of the credit for this must go to Sergeants Durney and Egan in Zyyi, with the good work being well maintained in the other medical aid Posts by Cpls Lenihan, Sheehan and O'Connor. If good Medical Services are an essential part of high morale, it can be claimed that 20th Inf Gp had little to worry about on that particular score..

#### TRANSPORT PLATOON

As has been the case of almost every overseas unit, our Transport Pl was working flat out from the first day Capt Tony Bager and his men set up shop in Zyyi. The condition of the Landrovers and Bedfords available was not good, but careful maintainance, good driving and some marvels of ingenious extemporisation kept the wheels in motion.

In the earley days of our tour, when the news from other contingents was of crashes, injuries and wrecked vehicles, the 20th group maintained the high standards of driving set by previous Irish contingents.

The fruits of careful supervision and the general atmosphere of good relations and cooperation which existed between the Transport Platoon were reflected in the number of drivers who were awarded Safe Driving Certificates by the OC Gp, Lt-Col Griffin in the last week of our tour of duty with UNFICYP. Despite the strict conditions imposed ( a number of candidates were eliminated for what could only be described as very minor traffic incidents) 81 drivers were awarded certifiates. When it is borne in mind that the total milage clocked up by all our vehicles during the period was in the region of 600,000 miles, the record of our drivers is seen in its proper perspective.

As with so many of our sub-units, the Transport men took part in many of our Group's activities. Their Vollyball team was one of the best in the unit, and took on their opposite numbers from other contingents with considerable success.

To sum up, this chapter has detailed the activities and tasks which fell to the lot of the specialist ancillary sub-units of 20 Inf Gp. It would do them less than justice, however, to leave the impression that their contribution to the unit was confined to the exercise of the particular skills or qualifications they possessed. Not alone were those skills readily available to ANY venture in which the Group was concerned, but the personnel of these units were always willing and ready to play their part in any unit activity, whether Sporting, social or ceremonial.

The contribution of the specialists was readily seen in the improvements carried in locations such as the NCOs and Officers' Messes, where they built and maintained very decorative goldfish ponds. These are more functional than ornamental in Cyprus, since a well stocked fish pond is a major factor to keeping down insects, particularly, mosquito, infestation. Anything that could be brightened by a lick of paint, or a piece of ironwork found enthusiastic help from Ordnance or Engineers; The Signal men kept our temperamental film projectors in good working order, and the small MP Section took on a lot of after-duty work whenever a social function raised a problem of traffic control.

The men of these units also did their fair share of regimental duties, fatigues and other essential duties, and were part of Guards of Honour or Ceremonial Guards at HQ UNFICYP. Over and above all these, however, it is for their wholehearted determination to play their fullest part as members of the Group that their comrades in 20 Inf Gp will remember them with affection and respect.

## Chapter 6.

## Logistics and Welfare

No matter what the composition of a group; no matter how many UNFICYP veterans it has in its ranks, there will always be the particular and peculiar problems of "Q" Administration and practice. Men have to be housed, fed and clothed, If it is a Summer tour, as ours was, the climate of Cyprus, so attractive in so many ways, poses special problems for the "Q" staff. The hot Summer days mean extra headaches about maintaining bearable working conditions in places like cookhouses and dining halls. Food storage can be a nightmare - One slip can mean the loss of a whole ration stores.

No less important is Welfare, in all its many facets. The term "Kinky" has become part and parcel of the soldier's vocabulary, and there is nothing that can give rise to heated arguments and controversy quicker than an inadequate welfare shop, whether it is that the prices are too high, or the quality and range of goods are considered inadequate. Certainly the Welfare Officer and his staff are at work from the first day of their arrival, and Capt Paddy Nowlan and his men were no exception to this rule.

For an Irish Contingent, the Chaplain's have a special role to play. The tactful, considerate and diligent Padre, who does not intrude too much, but is always available for advice and sympathy is worth his weight in gold. Our two, Frs Matthews and Donnelly were universally respected and held in high regard.

Sport is the great unifying force in an UNFICYP mission, and not only did IRCON participate in almost every type of event and competition, but they achieved successes that surprised even ourselves, particularly in events where they would not have been expected to do particularly well.



'Q' MATTERS.MOBILISATION.

No major problems were encountered during mobilisation. Accommodation provided at Collins Bks Dublin for Gp HQ, HQ Coy and 'B' Coy and at Cathal Brugha Bks for 'A' Coy was adequate for transit locations. Tropical clothing with the exception of scarves was issued in DUBLIN prior to the Units departure for CYPRUS. All personnel were equipped with full kit, web equipment and respirators in their own unit prior to concentration of the Group. Deficiencies of Barrack Services arising from the Groups stay in Dublin were considered excessive.

TAKEOVER.

The handover from the 19 Inf Group was most satisfactory in all accounts.

ACCOUNTS.

The Logistic Branch under Capt A.J.Muldowney operated and controlled the following accounts:-

National Accounts

- (1) Ordnance.
- (2) Barrack Services.
- (3) Clothing.

UN Accounts.

- (1) UN Owned.
- (2) UN Hired
- (3) UN Clothing.

D.O.E. Accounts. (Dept of the Environment.)

British Hire Accounts.General Accounts.

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| (1). Rations.             | (5) Gas.              |
| (2) Laundry/Dry Cleaning. | (6) Fuel/Sauna Wood.  |
| (3) Boot & Shoe Repairs.  | (7) Conservancy       |
| (4) Tailoring.            | (8) Accommodation.    |
|                           | (9) Boards of Survey. |

CLOTHING.

Issues of UN Greens, field caps and scarves were made shortly after arrival in CYPRUS. After three months a further issue was made to cooks, drivers, mechanics and engineers.

ORDNANCE.

The QM in conjunction with the Ordnance Section was responsible for the issue and maintenance of all Ordnance within the Group. The issue of arms and equipment was as per 20 Inf Group Equipment Table,

Additional UN items such as fans, cookers, water heaters, water coolers were issued and maintained. Due to introduction of SIG competition it was found that the allotment of 3,300 rds of 9mm ammo for training was insufficient. Permission was granted from IRELAND to use second line holdings for this purpose. Recommendation was made to have the present allotment increased.

BARRACK SERVICES

Delph, cutlery and linen which were supplied from National Sources were generally satisfactory.

RATIONS.

Rations were drawn from Supply Sub Depot DHEKELIA S.B.A. They were drawn daily except on Sunday, and delivered direct to Coy locations on return journey to ZYYI. The ration scale was based on The British Ration Scale but had been modified to suit IRISH requirements. The Messing Commutation Account (MCA) gave great flexibilities to the ration scale. By using this account it was permitted to underdraw up to  $33\frac{1}{3}\%$  of the units entitlement on any one day. This  $33\frac{1}{3}\%$  could be converted in cash allowance which was used to purchase items which were not on the ration scale or purchase extra meat, tea, butter etc. At no stage could the  $33\frac{1}{3}\%$  be converted to actual cash. All rations were controlled by the Catering Officer at Unit level. A separate record of each Coys MCA was kept by the Ration NCO. This gave Coys flexibility in the use of their rations permitting them to save rations or draw rations saved through their own MCA. Mr. Shilton a British WO I Catering Advisor from The Army School of Catering, DHEKELIA gave considerable help and advice to the Catering Staff and Coys in the initial stages when they were not familiar with the intricacies of the system. Catering was of a very high standard throughout the tour.

WELFARE.STAFF.

On mobilisation Welfare Staff consisted of one Officer and one NCO. This was supplemented later by one Cpl and one Gnr (Storeman/Driver.)

SERVICES.

On 20/4/71 Welfare Officer 19 InfGroup handed over all Stocks, Cash etc. The new staff continued to provide the usual services and goods. COMS John Fogarty assisted first by Cpl Carr and later Cpl Davis worked extremely hard to ensure that all requests were satisfied.

Gnr D. Walsh had few free moments in his dual role as Welfare Storeman and Driver. In addition to supplying duty free goods etc the Welfare Staff organized tours to the Holy Land, provided advice on travel and holiday tours, assisted when required in arranging for dependants to travel from Ireland, provided a trophy for UNFICYP soccer competition by getting Rothmans to sponsor this event, planned and produced an excellent programme for the soccer competition which was later copied by other Contingents, distributed the free gifts received from Ireland, provided prizes for Shooting Competitions and all Contingent Sports Events.

Sports Equipment.

Adequate supplies were provided.

General.

Welfare fared as well as could be expected and true to their standards quite completely completed hand over to 21 Inf Gp on 23 Oct '71.

CHAPLAINS

Rev. Frs. Matthews and Dermody were the Chaplains appointed to 20 Inf. Gp. They divided duties between Gp HQ at Zyyi which also served Kophinon Camp, and Larnaca, where the outpost at Louroujina also had to be looked after. Masses were said in at least two of these locations every day with, of course, Sunday Masses in all four locations.

Some priests from Limassol came to hear confessions as also did chaplains from other UN contingents. Highlights of the tour from a religious and liturgical point of view were two tours to the Holy Land, one wedding at Four Mile Point Church and sadly, one Requiem service for the Group's only bereavement, Pte Cummins of "HQ" Coy. A special choir, with Comdt. Bates at the church organ, rendered appropriate music for this Mass. The final religious service was a Solemn Votive Mass of Thanksgiving celebrated at Zyyi Church on the day prior to the departure of the first homebound chack at which Holy Communion under both species was administered to the congregation. Both "padres" earned the respect and cooperation of everybody by their unobtrusive dedication to ministering to the spiritual needs of their flock.

SPORT

Like every other Irish contingent, 20th Inf Gp. participated to the full in UNFICYP sporting events. As already mentioned, the various sub-units competed against their opposite numbers from other contingents, the Sigs Pl achieving the most spectacular success in this regard when they won the Force Signals Officer's Cup.

Greater things were in store, 'B' Coy swept the boards in the Unit competitions, but all rivalry was forgotten when IRCON hosted the UNFICYP Football final at LARNACA and a 20 Gp team, representing all ranks and services, met the Gordon Highlanders in the Final. An early Irish goal proved to be decisive, but not before the Irish lads had to withstand sustained pressure for nearly 80 minutes. There were thrills galore and

hairsbreadth escapes but the final whistle saw IRCON triumphant and Sgt. Mahoney was the proud recipient of the Rothmans Cup from the Force Commander.

An even more remarkable achievement was the feat of the IRCON Orienteering team in the UNFICYP Championships held in the Troodos Mountains in September. Despite the fact that they had to take on the Scandinavian contingents, who have made this event practically their own at international level, and with an Irish team who were real novices at the sport (legend has it that one member of the Irish team was being briefed in the elementals of orienteering in the Land Rover en route to Troodos ) Capt. Dick Heaslip not alone won the Individual Championship, but the Team honours came to Ireland by a very comfortable margin. It was indeed a famous victory, and on what better note can we conclude this summary of our achievements in the sporting field.

ANNEX 'A' TO UNIT HISTORY.  
20TH INFANTRY GROUP.

NOMINAL ROLL - 20th INFANTRY GROUP.

GROUP HEADQUARTERS:

OC	0.5152.	Lt.Col	Griffin, J.J.
2 I/C	0.7102.	Comdt.	Byrne, D.
DEC	0.6880.	Comdt.	Timmons, S.V.
Adjnt.	0.7876.	Capt.	Moriarty, J.
Ops Offr 'A'	0.7879.	Capt.	Colclough, F.
Ops Offr 'B'	0.7323.	Comdt.	Bates, M.
QM	0.8052.	Capt.	Mullowney, A.
Welfare Officer.	0.7807.	Capt.	Nowlan, P.F.
Legal Officer.	0.8090.	Capt.	Nott, W.
 BSM	 87286.	 BSM.	 Kane, W.
Chaplain.		Rev Fr.	Matthews, C.
Chaplain.		Rev Fr.	Dermody, E.

HEADQUARTERS COMPANY:

Company Headquarters:

Coy Comdr.	0.7415.	Comdt.	Kelly, G.M.
Officer.	0.7966.	Capt.	Heskin, E.
Ord Officer.	0.7865.	Capt.	McGennis, H.
Engr Officer.	0.7346.	Comdt.	Doolan, S.
Coy Sgt.	816109.	CS.	Murphy, W.
COMS.	94978.	COMS.	Thompson, J.K.
Coy Clerk (Tel Op)	812066.	Cpl.	Devlin, J.F.
Storeman/Driver.	813519.	Cpl.	McDonald, J.
Tech Stores Offr.	0.8080.	Capt.	Heaslip, R.E.M.

'A' Platoon:

Asst Adjnt & Pln Comdr.	0.8213.	Lieut.	Kealy, M.
CS (MP)	98164.	CS.	Brennan, J.P.
Band (& Mess Duties)	816701.	Sgt.	Kiernan, A.
Sgt Clerk (Ord Room)	811512.	Sgt,	Kavanagh, B.
Sgt Clerk (Ops)	93513.	Sgt.	Coughlan, J.
Sgt Clerk (Tel Op)	815451.	Sgt.	Houlihan, P.J.
Sgt (MP)	810163.	Sgt.	Powell, C.
Sgt (Offr Mess)	436424.	Sgt.	Furlong, J.
Sgt. (MP)	800908.	Sgt.	Bradley, P.
Sgt (Post)	809356.	Sgt.	Kent, P.
Band (& Mess Duties)	813850.	Cpl.	Carr, P.
Band (& Mess Duties)	806704.	Cpl.	O'Sullivan, M.
Cpl Clerk (Tele Op)	818194.	Cpl.	White, W.
Cpl. (MP)	804286.	Cpl.	Guilfoyle, C.
Cpl. (MP)	821129.	Cpl.	Reaney, J.
Cpl. (MP)	817116.	Cpl.	Farragher, F.

Cpl. Photographer.	820457.	Cpl.	O'Neill, T.
Band (& Ord & Mess Duties)	821684.	Pte.	Butler, J.
Band (& Ord & Mess Duties)	820048.	Pte.	Egan, T.
Band (& Ord & Mess Duties)	819608.	Pte.	Doyle, G.
Band (& Ord & Mess Duties)	818694.	Pte.	Cummins, B.
Band (& Ord & Mess Duties)	819243.	Pte.	Kinsella, M.
Band (& Ord & Mess Duties)	819244.	Pte.	Mooney, P.
Band (& Ord & Cook Duties)	817789.	Pte.	Duffy, V.
Band (& Ord & Cook Duties)	821278.	Pte.	Porter, C.
Band (& Ord & Cook Duties)	814859.	Pte.	France, J.
Band (& Ord & Mess Duties)	820291.	Pte.	Rosney, K.

'Q' PLATOON:

Asst QM & Pln Comdr also

Catering Officer	0.8352.	Lieut.	Farry, P.
BQMS.	87909.	BQMS.	Scally, M.
CQMS.	809439.	CQMS.	Grace, P.
CQMS. (Welfare)	94185.	CQMS.	Fogarty, J.
Ammo Exam.	811223.	Sgt.	Guidera, J.
Arm Art.	813407.	Sgt.	Sheehan, J.
Armourer.	811619.	Sgt.	Dunne, J.
Cook (Sgt)	89828.	Sgt.	O'Rourke, K.
Engr. Tech.	95595.	Sgt.	Burke, J.
Engr. Tech.	804034.	Sgt.	Gibbons, J.
Engr. Tech.	99880.	Sgt.	O'Carroll.
Storeman.	807250.	Sgt.	Sharpe, D.
Storeman/Dvr.	409428.	Sgt.	Ryan, W.
Tent Repairer.	817931.	Sgt.	Byrne, D.
Armourer.	813131.	Cpl.	O'Grady, T.
Armourer.	813108.	Cpl.	Flanagan, J.
Clerk (Telep Op)	814406.	Cpl.	Kiernan, F.
Cook	817577.	Cpl.	Harvey, T.
Cook.	816433.	Cpl.	O'Brien, A.
Cook.	821533.	Cpl.	Meehan, A.
Engr. Tech.	813112.	Cpl.	Harte, J.
Engr. Tech.	816687.	Cpl.	Whelan, T.
Engr. Tech.	813742.	Cpl.	Ivory, J.
Engr. Tech.	815249.	Cpl.	Moloney, T.
Engr. Tech.	813118.	Cpl.	Kelly, M.
Engr. Tech.	814348.	Cpl.	Lennon, M.
Storeman/Dvr.	813562.	Cpl.	Davis, M.
Barber.	809890.	Pte.	Hickey, J.
Cook.	818850.	Pte.	Lally, M.

Cook.	818263.	Pte.	Wilson, G.
Cook.	811185.	Pte.	Lonican, P.
Engr. Tech.	815466.	Pte.	Stokes, P.
Engr. Tech.	815361.	Pte.	Russell, T.
Engr. Tech.	815246.	Pte.	Murphy, J.
Engr. Tech.	816423.	Pte.	Quinn, P.
Engr. Tech.	815469.	Pte.	Moloney, W.
Engr. Tech.	819135.	Pte.	Magnier, J.
Tailor.	812577.	Pte.	Flood, J.
Storeman/Dvr.	819198.	Pte.	Donovan, P.

HEAVY MORTAR TROOP:

Troop Comd.	0.7719.	Capt.	Shannon, M.
	0.8214.	Lieut.	Breslin, E.
Troop Sgt.	814852.	Sgt.	Walsh, T.
Penciller OPA.	806591.	Sgt.	Keating, W.
Penciller GPOA.	817482.	Cpl.	O'Keefe, T.
Signaller.	819321.	Cpl.	Kiely, J.
Penciller.	819300.	Gnr.	Kelleher, D.
Signaller.	819463.	Gnr.	Morey, R.
Signaller.	820842.	Gnr.	Sexton, C.

NO 1 SECTION

"A" Sub-Section:

Mortar No.	817055.	Sgt.	Molloy, J.
Mortar No.	821003.	Gnr.	Carroll, M.
Mortar No. (Dvr)	806994.	Gnr.	Williams, P.

"B" Sub-Section:

Mortar No.	811317.	Sgt.	Cassidy, H.
Mortar No.	818385.	Gnr.	Madden, M.
Mortar No. (Dvr)	818577.	Gnr.	Kelleher, P.

NO 2 SECTION

"A" Sub-Section:

Mortar No.	820349.	Sgt.	Geary, S.
Mortar No.	820188.	Gnr.	O'Callaghan, D.
Mortar No. (Dvr)	817464.	Gnr.	Ryan, T.

"B" Sub-Section:

Mortar No.	813059.	Sgt.	Kelly, M.
Mortar No.	819350.	Gnr.	O'Flynn, J.
Mortar No. (Dvr)	806469.	Gnr.	Walsh, D.

SIGNAL PLATOON:

Pln Comd.	0.8196.	Lieut.	Roche, J.
Linesman. (Sgt)	86955.	Sgt.	Brennan, W.
Op W & L.	805794.	Sgt.	Phelan, J.



Op W & L	813761.	Sgt.	Gilbert, W.
Op W & L	803854.	Sgt.	Clarcken, A.
Op W & L ( Cip Op)	815063.	Sgt.	Brady, M.
Radio Mech.	815240.	Sgt.	English, M.
Op W & L	815366.	Cpl.	Wykes, R.
Op W & L	816925.	Cpl.	Quinn, F.
Op W & L	814273.	Cpl.	Hamill, P.
Op W & L ( Cip Op )	811779.	Cpl.	Welsh, E.
Radio Mech.	817296.	Cpl.	Arundel, J.
Op W & L	819282.	Sgmn.	Heavey, P.
Op W & L	819523.	Sgmn.	Dempsey, T.
Op W & L	819926.	Sgmn.	Redican, T.
Op W & L	820369.	Sgmn.	Joyce, G.
Op W & L	821580.	Sgmn.	Fenlon, J.
Linesman.	816043.	Sgmn.	Roche, T.
Linesman.	811570.	Cpl.	Doyle, W.
Linesman.	820296.	Sgmn.	Rogers, C.
Storeman/Dvr.	818760.	Sgmn.	O'Connell, M.

TRANSPORT PLATOON.

Pln. Comdr.	0.8040.	Capt.	Egar, T.
Driver M.T.	96855.	Sgt.	Gannon, A.
Fitter MT.	93648.	Sgt.	Ryan, J.
Driver MT.	811893.	Cpl.	Fogarty, G.
Driver MT.	95910.	Cpl.	Martin, J.
Driver MT.	816299.	Cpl.	Reidy, C.
Fitter MT.	816773.	Cpl.	Kehoe, P.
Fitter MT.	816428.	Cpl.	Burns, J.
Storeman/Dvr.	809722.	Cpl.	Baldwin, J.
Driver MT.	802769.	Pte.	Mulryan, W.
Driver MT.	812773.	Pte.	Harty, P.
Driver MT.	821035.	Pte.	Hynes, K.
Driver MT.	816274.	Pte.	Sweeney, P.
Driver MT.	806862.	Pte,	Murphy, J.
Driver MT.	816370.	Pte.	Hanway, J.
Driver MT.	814810.	Pte.	Henderson. C.
Driver MT.	816146.	Pte.	Hogan. J.
Driver MT.	813456.	Pte.	Carroll, P.J.
Driver MT.	814494.	Pte.	Creevy, O.
Driver MT.	811111.	Pte.	Broderick, B.
Driver MT.	820143.	Pte.	McGuinness, T.
Driver MT.	820073.	Pte.	Harte, P.

Driver MT.	814541.	Pte.	O'Doherty, B.
Driver MT.	814019.	Pte.	Henneberry, J.
Fitter MT,	817301.	Pte.	O'Brien, J.

MEDICAL PLATOON:

Pln. Comdt (MO)	0.8373.	Capt.	O'Brien, C.
Pln Offr. (MO)	0.8374.	Capt.	Stewart, A.
Coy/Sgt.	99926.	C/S.	Durney, P.
Med Ord. (Sgt)	93805.	Sgt.	Egan, J.
Med Ord. (Cpl)	810829.	Cpl.	Sheehan, J.
Med Ord (Cpl)	809420.	Cpl.	Lenihan, J.
Med Ord (Cpl)	817830.	Cpl.	O'Connor, J.
Med Ord.	815723.	Pte.	Mooney, J.
Med Ord.	819268.	Pte.	Purcell, T.
Med Ord.	813792.	Pte.	Lawlor, P.
Med Ord.	820190.	Pte.	Cambridge, C.
Med Ord.	820414.	Pte.	Nolan, M.

"A" Coy.

Rifle Company

COMPANY HEADQUARTERS:

Coy. Comd.	0.7378.	Comdt.	Fleming, F.
2 IC/Adm Offr.	0.7494.	Capt.	McCarthy, A.
Coy Sgt.	88679.	C/S.	King, W.
CQMS.	811371.	CQMS:	Redmond, L.
Coy Clerk.	98555.	Sgt.	Reddin, J.
Cook (Cpl)	806018.	Cpl.	Tighe, W.
Driver MT.	818361.	Cpl.	Domican, V.
Op W & L	813830.	Cpl.	Wykes, W.
Signaller.	813494.	Cpl.	Roche, W.
Storeman/Dvr.	805316.	Cpl.	McElroy, E.
Cook.	814155.	Pte.	Hawe, J.
Cook.	816717.	Pte.	Hoey, J.
Cook.	812986.	Pte.	Metoalfe, A.
Cook.	811473.	Pte,	Hyland, F.
Driver MT.	815532.	Pte.	Dwyer, J.
Driver MT.	819306.	Tpr.	Casey, P.
Op W & L	819903.	Sgmn.	Lyster, N.
Op W& L.	819959.	Sgmn.	Gillen, J.
Op W & L	820584.	Sgmn.	Egan, J.
Storeman/Dvr.	815627.	Pte.	Rooney, M.
Fitter MT.	811927.	Pte.	Doran, J.

NO 1 RIFLE PLATOON - A COY -

Platoon Comd.	0.8237.	Lieut.	UaLaoghaire, D.
Platoon Sgt.	87589.	Sgt.	Byrne, J.
Signaller.	819141.	Sgmn.	Hughes, P.

No 1 Section:

Section Comd.	804907.	Sgt.	Robinson, C.
LMG No.	819444.	Cpl.	Murphy, A.
Rifleman.	820253.	Pte.	Hickey, P.
Rifleman.	819559.	Pte.	Gibney, J.
Rifleman.	819919.	Pte.	Fitzpatrick, J.
LMG No	819530.	Pte.	Shevlin, P.
LMG No.	811130.	Pte.	Clarke, A.
Rifleman/Dvr.	818838.	Pte.	Whearity, P.
Rifleman/Dvr.	820318.	Pte.	Reidy, D.

No 2 Section:

Section Comd.	815140.	Cpl.	McCrum, K.
LMG No.	818193.	Cpl.	Walshe, B.
Rifleman.	819867.	Pte.	Reddin, W.
Rifleman.	819871.	Pte.	Farrell, T.
Rifleman.	819878.	Pte.	McGrath, P.
LMG No.	820976.	Pte.	Lagan, D.
LMG No.	819422.	A/M.	Finn, T.
Rifleman/Dvr.	812468.	Pte.	Dunne, T.
Rifleman/Dvr.	820581.	Pte.	McDermott, J.

No 3 Section:

Section Comd.	815778.	Cpl.	Roche, J.
LMG No.	818965.	Cpl.	O'Hare, R.
Rifleman.	819288.	Pte.	Gahan, J.
Rifleman.	820005.	Pte.	Cahill, M.
Rifleman.	819928.	Pte.	Gargan, M.
LMG No.	820669.	Pte.	Codd, P.
LMG No.	820816.	Pte.	McCormack, T.
Rifleman/Dvr.	807801.	Pte.	Duffy, J.
Rifleman/Dvr.	820456.	Pte.	Larkin, J.

NO 2 RIFLE PLATOON: - A COY -

Platoon Comd.	0.8272.	Lieut.	Keating, T.
Platoon Sgt.	809444.	Sgt.	Mahon, K.
Signaller.	820150.	Sgmn.	Maher, N.

No 1 Section:

Section Comd.	97610.	Sgt.	Mahon, P.
LMG No.	811492.	Cpl.	Clancy, P.
Rifleman.	818348.	Pte.	Kinsella, M.
Rifleman.	820702.	Pte.	Smyth, T.
Rifleman.	818451.	Pte.	Landers, T.
LMG No.	818610.	Pte.	Geraghty, L.
LMG No.	819704.	Pte.	Fitzpatrick, P.
Rifleman/Dvr.	820421.	Pte.	Doyle, E.
Rifleman/Dfr.	819503.	Pte.	Kelly, E.

No 2 Section:

Section Comd.	812917.	Cpl.	McCabe, C.
LMG No.	810335.	Cpl.	Lawlor, P.
Rifleman.	818741.	Pte.	Millar, J.
Rifleman.	816440.	Pte.	McDonagh, C.
Rifleman.	820096.	Pte.	Murray, P.
LMG No.	819771.	Pte.	Vaughan, A.
LMG No.	817934.	Pte.	Dillon, E.
Rifleman/Dvr.	819539.	Pte.	Kinsella, C.
Rifleman/Dvr.	819450.	Pte.	Lawlor, M.

No 3 Section:

Section Comd.	813004.	Cpl.	Sheridan, J.
LMG No.	816107.	Cpl.	Fitzpatrick, J.
Rifleman.	818881.	Pte.	Ryan, A.
Rifleman.	820029.	Pte.	Murphy, M.
Rifleman.	807667.	Pte.	Elstone, O.
LMG No.	819688.	Pte.	Reddin, N.
LMG No.	819604.	Pte.	Wallace, A.G.
Rifleman/Dvr.	820371.	Pte.	Porter, D.
Rifleman/Dvr.	819606.	Pte.	O'Gorman, D.

SUPPORT PLATOON - A COY -

Platoon Comd.	0.8232.	Lieut.	Russell, E.
Platoon Sgt.	809295.	Sgt.	Redmond, P.
Signaller.	819149.	Sgmn.	Magarahan, J.

MMG Section:

MMG No.	811759.	Sgt.	Chester, P.
MMG No.	820389.	Pte.	Mythen, D.
MMG No.	820355.	Tpr.	Ireland, C.
MMG No.	819448.	Pte.	Hare, E.

MMG No.	815536.	Pte.	Walsh, E.
MMG No.	819013.	Pte.	Walsh, C.

84 MM Anti-Tank:

A/T No.	804782.	Cpl.	Fitzgerald, D.
A/T No.	816076.	Cpl.	Gettings, P.
A/T No.	820317.	Gnr.	Doyle, O.
A/T No.	819498.	Gnr.	Power, T.
A/T No.	820316.	Gnr.	Sludds, J.
A/T No.	820479.	Gnr.	Diskin, M.

81 MM Mortar Section:

Det Sgt.	801568.	Sgt.	Kealy, T.
Mortar No.	89835.	Cpl.	Mythen, J.
Mortar No.	805796.	Cpl.	Winters, J.
Mortar.No.	819420.	Pte.	Brien, P.
Mortar No.	819697.	Pte.	Dermody, M.
Mortar No.	820006.	Pte.	Maloney, K.
Mortar No.	821690.	Pte.	Donnelly, M.
Mortar No.	816131.	Pte.	McMahon, J.
Mortar No.	820003.	Pte.	Walsh, P.
Mortar No.	819687.	Pte.	McGannon, J.
Mortar No/Sig.	820926.	Tpr.	Brady, P.

"B" COY.

RIFLE COMPANY

COMPANY HEADQUARTERS:

Coy Comd.	0.7386.	Comdt.	Higgins, M.
2 IC/Adm Offr.	0.7765.	Capt.	Roche, R.
Coy Sgt.	86750.	C/S.	Ryan, M.
CQMS.	808104.	CQMS.	St John, P.
Coy Clerk.	813901.	Cpl.	Cullinana, P.
Cook.	811103.	Cpl.	O'Mahoney, J.
Driver MT.	800586.	Cpl.	Fennessy, P.
Op W & L.	814405.	Cpl.	Duggan, M.
Signaller.	813054.	Cpl.	Kenny, J.
Storeman/Dvr.	816374.	Cpl.	McCormack, J.
Cook.	815919.	Pte.	Sheehan, C.
Cook.	816071.	Pte.	Blake, J.
Cook.	815922.	Pte.	Morahan, T.

Cook.	821711.	Pte.	Gardiner, J.
Driver MT.	817947.	Pte.	Keating, W.
Driver MT.	813760.	Pte.	Lawless, M.
Op W & L.	819218.	Sgmn.	Deedigan, M.
Op W & L.	819259.	Sgmn.	O'Sullivan, P.
Op W & L.	820266.	Sgmn.	Clifford, T.
Storeman/Dvr.	817486.	Pte.	O'Sullivan, J.
Fitter MT.	820768.	Pte.	Hartnett, T.

NO 3 RIFLE PLATOON: - B COY -

Platoon Comd.	0.8245.	Lieut.	Brownen, P.
Platoon Sgt.	99729.	Sgt.	Doyle, P.
Signaller.	820127.	Pte.	Lynch, J.

No 1 Section:

Section Comd.	814163.	Cpl.	Walsh, P.
LMG No.	808955.	Cpl.	Thompson, G.
Rifleman.	820422.	Pte.	Balfe, W.
Rifleman.	816831.	Pte.	Bennis, P.
Rifleman.	819509.	Pte.	Fogarty, M.
LMG No.	820161.	Pte.	O'Brien, N.
LMG No.	820094.	Pte.	McGrath, T.
Rifleman/Dvr.	813611.	Pte.	O'Gorman, C.
Rifleman/Dvr.	815453.	Pte.	O'Grady, P.

No 2 Section:

Section Comd.	807957.	Cpl.	Fitzpatrick, J.
LMG No.	820647.	Cpl.	O'Callaghan, J.
Rifleman.	820126.	Pte.	Fogarty, E.
Rifleman.	819875.	Pte.	Boles, M.
Rifleman.	820008.	Pte.	O'Connor, W.
LMG No.	819976.	Pte.	Brannigan, M.
LMG No.	820078.	Pte.	O'Donnell, J.
Rifleman/Dvr.	813038.	Pte.	Butler, E.
Rifleman/Dvr.	818864.	Gnr.	Dennehy, W.

No 3 Section:

Section Comd.	807200.	Sgt.	Cassidy, H.
LMG No.	817655.	Cpl.	Neville, J.
Rifleman.	820083.	Pte.	Dawson, M.
Rifleman.	820093.	Pte.	McNamara, J.

Rifleman.	820091.	Pte.	Ryan, M.
• LMG No.	819453.	Pte.	McMahon, T.
• LMG No.	820137.	Pte.	Neenan, T.
• Rifleman/Dvr.	816617.	Pte.	O'Brien, M.
• Rifleman/Dvr.	810985.	Pte.	Ryan, D.

NO 4 RIFLE PLATOON: -- B COY --

Platoon Comd.	0.8139.	Lieut.	Crowe, T.
Platoon Sgt.	810145.	Sgt.	O'Mahoney, J.
Signaller.	818795.	Pte.	Cooley, P.

No 1 Section:

Section Comd.	815370.	Cpl.	Kelly, J.
LMG No.	812173.	Cpl.	Bojce, J.
Rifleman.	819276.	Pte.	Watters, H.
Rifleman.	819545.	Pte.	Downes, P.
Rifleman.	801359.	Pte.	Bennett, P.
LMG No.	819236.	Pte.	Baker, M.
• LMG No.	819908.	Pte.	Reilly, H.
• Rifleman/Dvr.	815495.	Pte.	Baker, J.
• Rifleman/Dvr,	94664.	Pte.	Clinton, J.

No 2 Section:

Section Comd.	816028.	Cpl.	Cleary, J.
LMG No.	815986.	Cpl.	Wallace, W.
Rifleman.	819961.	Pte.	Dunican, J.
Rifleman.	818848.	Pte.	Wykes, P.
Rifleman.	820000.	Pte.	McGuinness, M.
LMG No.	820347.	Pte.	Lennon, J.
LMG No.	818773.	Pte.	Thohey, J.
Rifleman/Dvr.	818443.	Pte.	Gorry, M.
Rifleman/Dvr.	820231.	Pte.	Flanagan, T.

No 3 Section:

Section Comd.	810792.	Cpl.	Bracken, J.
LMG No.	820116.	Cpl.	Ryan, P.
• Rifleman.	814984.	Pte.	Kendellen, E.
• Rifleman.	820102.	Pte.	Connell, M.
• Rifleman.	817574.	Pte.	Cooley, C.
LMG No.	817627.	Pte.	Merrigan, G.
LMG No.	820072.	Pte.	Logue, H.
Rifleman/Dvr.	818448.	Pte.	Mahon, M.
Rifleman/Dvr.	813348.	Pte.	Flanagan, T.

?SUPPORT PLATOON:- B COY -

Platoon Comd.	0.8244.	Lieut.	Timpson, D.
Platoon Sgt.	94546.	Sgt.	McDonald, R.
Signaller.	820378.	Pte.	Sylvester, J.

MMG Section:

MMG No.	806825.	Cpl.	Boland, D.
MMG No.	820741.	Pte.	Kerins, T.
MMG No.	818644.	Pte.	Kelly, J.
MMG No.	812554.	Pte.	Bourke, P.
MMG No.	809705.	Pte.	Cremán, P.
MMG No.	820237.	Pte.	O'Connor, J.

84mm ANTI/TANK:SECTION:

A/T No.	811696.	Cpl.	O'Sullivan, F.
A/T No.	818003.	Cpl.	Hassett, R.
A/T No.	820900.	Pte.	Shaw, E.
A/T No.	820377.	Pte.	Burke, R.
A/T No.	820592.	Pte.	Kelleher, G.
A/T No.	818817.	Pte.	Byrnes, J.

81 mm MORTAR SECTION:

Det Sgt.	802646.	Sgt.	Higgins, M.
Mortar No.	808061.	Cpl.	Buckley, T.
Mortar No.	801389.	Cpl.	Hayes, F.
Mortar No.	801694.	Pte.	Broe, T.
Mortar No.	820158.	Pte.	Barrett, T.
Mortar No.	819612.	Pte.	Pardy, T.
Mortar No.	819923.	Pte.	Heinhold, T.
Mortar No.	820265.	Pte.	Hayes, J.
Mortar No.	819273.	Pte.	Marshall, N.
Mortar No.	820307.	Pte.	Phelan, L.
Mortar No/Sig.	820602.	Pte.	Collins, C.

ARMoured CAR GROUP.

GROUP HQ

Group Comd.	0.7380.	Comdt.	Whyte, M.
2 I/C	0.7942.	Capt.	Freeman, P.
Tech Offr.	0.8078.	Capt.	McCarthy, J.
Sqn/Sgt.	86525.	Sqn/S.	Nolan, D.
Sqn.CQMS.	94542.	SQMS.	O'Keefe, J.
Fitter MT.	95225.	Sgt.	Walsh, J.



Fitter MT.	809580.	Sgt.	Wilson, M.
Cook Cpl.	815656.	Cpl.	O'Mahoney, A.
Fitter MT.	809576.	Cpl.	Ready, J.
Fitter MT.	817224.	Cpl.	Kirwan, M.
Driver APC.	806043.	Cpl.	Broe, N.
Driver APC.	807160.	Cpl.	Fetherson, F.

No 1 Section:

Troop Comd.	0.8316.	2/Lt.	Fingleton, P.
Comd A/Car.	94759.	Sgt.	Barry, R.
Gunner/Op.	805124.	Cpl.	Nolan, W.
Dvr A/Car.	820299.	Tpr.	Lenihan, D.
Dvr/A/Car.	815631.	Tpr.	Dolan, M.
Gunner/Op.	820229.	Tpr.	Clarke, A.

No 2 Section:

Section Comd.	806681.	Sgt.	O'Callaghan, C.
Comd A/Car.	814177.	Cpl.	Gleeson, T.
Gunner/Op.	807146.	Cpl.	O'Connor, T.
Dvr A/Car.	811059.	Tpr.	Keenan, E.
Dvr A/Car.	817525.	Tpr.	Doyle, T.
Gunner/Op.	820281.	Tpr.	Jones, J.

No 3 Section:

Troop Comd.	0.8333.	2/Lt.	Gallagher, J.
Comd A/Car.	808765.	Sgt.	Landy, J.
Gunner/Op.	819409.	Cpl.	Turner, J.
Dvr A/Car.	812288.	Tpr.	Roles, T.
Dvr A/Car.	819472.	Tpr.	Ryan, O.
Gunner/Op.	820506.	Tpr.	Dunne, J.

No 4 Section:

Section Comd.	812876.	Sgt.	Evans, M.
Comd A/Car.	820053.	Cpl.	Canning, M.
Gunner/Op.	817922.	Cpl.	Walker, J.
Dvr A/Car.	819683.	Tpr.	Berry, W.
Dvr A/Car.	806867.	Tpr.	Kenny, T.
Gunner/Op.	819517.	Tpr.	Keegan, M.

ANNEX 'B' TO UNIT HISTORY

20TH INFANTRY GROUP.

ALPHABETICAL NOMINAL ROLL BY RANKS

LIEUT-COLONELS.

Griffin, J.J. HQ 5 Bde

COMMANDANTS.

Byrne, D. I Bn.  
Bates, M.D. 3 Bn.  
Doolan, S. S.P.A.  
Fleming, A. Dep A.O.C.  
Higgins, M.T. 4 Bn.  
Kelly, G.M. S.Comd HQRS.  
Timmons, S.V. Mil Col.  
Whyte, R.M. 4 Mot Sqn.

CAPTAINS.

Colclough, F. P.I.T. C.T.C.  
Egar, T.A. 1st Fd Coy S&T.  
Freeman, P. 5 Mot Sqn.  
Heskin, E. Dep M.P.C.  
Heaslip, R. I Mot Sqn  
Moriarty, S. I2 Bn.  
Mullowney, A.J. Iosta Cori.  
McGennis, H.G. Dep A.O.C.  
McCarthy, A. P.I.T. C.T.C.  
Nott, W.A. A.H.Q. Staff.  
Nowlan, P.F. A.H.Q. Staff.  
O'Brien, C.N. A.M.C.  
Roche, R.L. HQ W/Comd.  
Shannon, M.D. 3 AA Bty-I AA Regt  
Stewart, A.F. A.M.C.

LIEUTENANTS

Breslin, E. I A.A. Regt  
Brownen, P. I2 Bn.  
Crowe, T. 24 Bn (FCA)  
Farry, P. 4 Bn.  
Fingleton, P. I Mot Sqn,  
Gallagher, J. I Mot Sqn.  
Kealy, M.A. 8 Bn.  
Keating, T.P. S.P.A. Naas.  
McCarthy, J.A. I Tk Sqn.

LIEUTENANTS.

O'Laoire,	D.P.	2 Inf Bn.
Russell,	E.	2 Inf Bn.
Roche,	J.	Iosta Cori.
Timpson,	B.	4 Bn.

CHAPLAINS:.

Dermody,	E.	I Bn.
Mathews,	C.	Aer Chor.

B.S.N.

Kane,	W.	I2 Bn
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BQMS.

Scally,	M.	C.M.D. W/Comd
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JOY SGTS.

Brennan,	J.P.	Dep M.P.C.
Durney,	P.	I Hosp Coy.
King,	W.	5 Inf Bn.
Murphy,	W. N.	C.HQRS. CTC.
Nolan,	D.	I Armd Car Sqn.
Ryan,	M.	I2 Bn.

CQMS.

Fogarty,	J.	P.I.T. CTC.
Grace,	P.	IO Bn.
O'Keeffe,	J.	I Mot Sqn.
Redmond,	L.	2 F.A. Regt.
St. John,	P.	I3 Bn.
Thompson,	J.	I6 Bn.

SERGEANTS

Brady,	M.	2 Fd Signals.
Byrne,	T.	6 Bde HQRS.
Barry,	R.	I Mot Sqn.
Bradley,	P.	2 Grn Coy MPC.
Byrne,	D.	2 Gnr Coy A.O.C.
Brennan,	W.	Iosta Cori.
Burke,	J.	5 Fd Engr Coy
Chester,	P.J.	Claney Bks Coy.

SERGEANTS.

Cassidy,	H.P.	I. F.A. Regt.
Cassidy,	H.	C.T.D. S/Comd.
Clarkin,	A.	II Fd Sigs.
Coughlin,	J.	Depot S&T.
Dunne,	J.	2 Grn A.O.C.
Doyle,	P.A.	I.A.A. Regt.
Evans,	Ml.	2 Mot Sqn.
English,	M.J.	Iosta Cori.
Egan,	J.	I Hosp Coy.
Furlong,	J.J.	Dep Arty.
Guidera,	J.J.	I Grn A.O.C.
Gilbert,	W.	2 Fd Sigs Coy.
Gibbons,	J.	2 Fd Coy C.O.E.
Geary,	S.R.	I F.A. Regt.
Gannon,	A.	2 Grn Coy S&T.
Houlihan,	P.J.	E/Comd HQRS.
Higgins,	M.	4 Bn.
Kavanagh,	B.	Iosta Cori.
Kelly,	Ml.	CDA Spike Island.
Keating,	W.	I F.A. Regt.
Kiernan,	A.A.	66Bn.
Kent,	P.	Records S/Comd.
Kealy,	T.	ITC (O).
Landy,	J.	II Mot Sqn.
Molloy,	J.	2 F.A. Regt.
Mahon,	P.	PIT CTC.
Mahon,	K.	PIT CTC.
McCabe,	C.	3 Bn.
McDonald,	R.	4 Bn.
O'Callaghan,	C.	Dep Cav.
O'Carroll,	Ed.	I Fd C.O.E.
O'Mahony,	J.	I Bn.
O'Rourke,	K.	Mil Col.CTC.
Powell,	C.	4 Grn M.P.C.
Phelan,	J.	Iosta Cori.
Robinson,	C.	McKee Bks Coy.
Redmond,	P.	5 Bn.
Reddin,	J.	McKee Bks Coy.
Ready,	J.	2 Fd Coy S&T.
Ryan,	W.	4 Grn Coy S&T.
Ryan,	J.	Depot S&T.
Sharpe,	D.	C.T.Depot S/Comd.
Sheehan,	J.	3 Grn ORD.
Wilson,	M.	Base W/Shops S&T.
Walsh,	T.	I.F.A. Regt.

CORPORALS.

Arundel,	J.	Iosta Cori.
Boland,	D.	4 Bn.
Boyce,	J.	4 Fd Arty Regt.
Bracken,	J.D.	6 Bn.
Broe,	N.W.	4 Mot Sqn.
Buckley,	T.	4 Bn.
Baldwin,	J.	Iosta S&I.
Canning,	ML.	2 Mot Sqn.
Carr,	Ptk.	McKee Bks.Coy.
Clancy,	P.	£.I.T. CTC.
Cleary,	J.P.	6 Bn.
Cullinane,	J.	3 Grn S&TC,
Devlin,	J.	I7 Bn (FCA)
Duggan,	ML.	I Fd Sigs,
Doyle,	Wl.	4 Fd Sigs.
Davis,	M.	Bep S&I.
Domican,	V.	2 Fd Coy S&I.
Farragher,	F.	Dep M.P.C.
Fennessy,	P.	I2 Bn.
Fetherston,	F.	4 Mot Sqn.
Fitzgerald,	E.	7 Bn.
Fitzpatrick,	J.	I2 Bn.
Fitzpatrick,	Jos.	3 Bn.
Fogarty,	G.	Iosta S&I.
Flanagan,	J.	2 Garr Coy A.O.C,
Guilfoyle,	C.	2 Grn M.P.C.
Gleeson,	T.	I Tank Sqn.
Gethings,	Ptk.	2 Inf Bn.
Harvey,	T.J.	McKee Bks,Coy.
Hayes,	F.	4 Bn.
Harte,	J.M.	4 Fd Engr Coy.
Hassett,	R.J.	I3 Bn.

SORPORALS:

Hayes,	J.	4 Bn.
Hamill,	Ptk.	Iosta Cori.
Ivory,	J.	2 Fd Engrs.
Kehoe,	Ptk.	Base W/Shops S&I.
Kelly,	J.J.	McKee Bks Coy.
Kelly,	ML.J.	Depot C.O.E.
Kenny,	Ed.	I Mot Sqn.
Kiely,	J.	I.F.A.Regt.
Kirwan,	M.C.	Base W/Shops S&T.
Kiernan,	F.P.	McKee Bks Coy.
Lenihan,	J.	2 Hosp Coy.
Lennon,	ML.J.	Depot C.O.E.
Lalor,	Ptk.	PIT CTC.
Moloney,	T.	2 Fd Engrs.
Mythen,	J.	20 Bn.
Murphy,	A.	5 Bn
Meehan,	A.	2 F.A. Regt.
Martin,	J.	Iosta S&I.
McDonald,	J.	McKee Bks Coy.
McElroy,	E.	II Mot Sqn.
McCrum,	K.	McKee Bks Coy.
Ms Cormack,	J.	I Mot Sqn.
Nolan,	W.	I Mot Sqn.
Neville,	J.S.	3 Com Grn Ord.
O'Brien,	A.	C.T.Dep E/Comd.
O'Callaghan,	J.	I2 Bn.
O'Connor,	J.J.	Dep A.M.C.
O'Connor,	T.	I A/Car Sqn.
O'Grady,	T.	4 Grn A.O.C.
O'Hare,	R.	E/Comd HQRS.
O'Keefe,	T.J.	I F.A. Regt.
O'Mahony,	J.	I.F.A.Regt.
O'Mahony,	A.	I Mot Sqn.

CORPORALS.

O'Neill,	Ter.	Photo Sec A/Cor.
O'Sullivan,	Ml.Wl.	6 Bn.
O'Sullivan,	F.	4 Bn.
Quinn,	F.	Air Sqn Sigs.
Ryan,	P.G.	C.T.Dep W/Comd.
Reidy,	C.J.	4 Grn Coy S&TC.
Reaney,	J. .	3 Grn Coy P.A.
Roche,	J.	2 Bn.
Roehe,	Wl.	9 Bn.
Sheehan,	J.	I Hosp Coy.
Sheridan,	J.	3 Bn.
Turner,	J.	Dep Cav.
Thompson,	G.	I2 Bn.
Tighe,	Wl.	ITC (O)
Walsh,	Ptk.	II Bn.
Welsh,	E.	AHQ Sig Coy McKee.
Walsh,	J.	2 Fd S&T.
Walshe,	B.	5 Bn.
Wallace,	Wl.	6 Bn.
Wykes,	Wl.	4 Fd Sigs.
Wykes,	F.	4 Fd Sigs.
Winters,	J.	IO Inf Bn.
White,	Wl.	2I Bn.
Whelan,	T.N.	2 Fd C.O.E.

PRIVATEES:

Baker,	J.	4 F.A.Regt.
Baker,	M.A.	4 F.A. Regt.
Balfe,	Wl.	I2 Bn.
Barrett,	T.M.	4 Bn.

PRIVATES.

Bennett,	P.J.	4 F.A. Regt.
Bennis,	P.	I2 Bn.
Berry,	W.	2 Mot Sqn.
Blake,	J.	I Fd C.O.E.
Boles,	MI.	I2 Bn.
Brady,	P.	2 Mot Sqn.
Brannigan,	MI.	I2 Bn.
Brien,	Ptk.	5 Bn
Broderick,	B.	4 Coy S'TC,
Broe,	T.	4 Bn.
Burke,	J.	4 Bn.
Burke,	Ptk.	C.D.A. S/Comd.
Butler,	Ed.	I Fd C.O.E.
Butler,	J.	I2 Bn.
Byrnes,	J.	4 Bn.
Cahill,	M.	6 Bde HQRS.
Cambridge,	C.	3 Hosp Coy.
Carroll,	M.	I F.A. Regt.
Carroll,	P.J.E.	4 Fd S&T Coy.
Casey,	Ptk.	2 Mot Sqn.
Clarke,	A.	I tk Sqn.
Clarke,	A.	HQ W/Comd.
Clifford,	T.	AHQ Sig Coy.
Clinton,	J.J.	4 F.A. Regt.
Codd,	P.	E/Comd HQRS.
Collins,	J.C.	4 Bn.
Connell,	M.F.	I Bn.
Cooley,	C.J.	I Bn.
Cooley,	P.A.F.	6 Bn.
Croevy,	O.A.	4 Fd S&T Coy.
Cremin,	Ptk.	4 Bn.
Dawson,	MI.	I2 Bn.
Deedigan,	KI.	I Fd Sigs.



PPFWILES

Dempsey,	T.M.	Iosta Cori
Dermody,	MI.	5 Bn.
Donnelly,	M.	2 Bn.
Dennehy,	WI.	I.F.A. Regt.
Dillon,	Ed.	C.H.Q. CTC.
Diskin,	M.	E/Comd HQRS.
Dolan,	MI.	I Mot Sqn.
Donovan,	P.	4 Bn.
Doran,	J.	2 Fd Coy S&T.
Downes,	P.C.	4 F.A. Regt.
Doyle,	Ed.	Depot S&T.
Doyle,	G.	5 Bn.
Doyle,	O.	2 F.A. Regt.
Doyle,	T.	I A/Car Sqn.
Duffy,	J.J.	8 Bn.
Duffy,	V.	Depot S&T.
Dunican,	J.	C.T. Depot W/Comd.
Dunne,	J.	2 Mot Sqn.
Dunne,	T.	2 Grn Coy S&T.
Dwyer,	J.	6 Bde HQRS.
Egan,	J.	4 Fd Sigs.
Egan,	T.	6 Bn.
Elstone,	O.	Depot S&T.
Flood,	J.	2 Fd Engrs.
Flanagan,	T.	4 Fd Engrs.
Flanagan,	T.	HQ W/Comd.
Fogarty,	E.	I2 Bn.
Fogarty,	MI.	I2 Bn.
France,	J.	3 Bn.
Fitzpatrick,	P.	5 Bn.
Fitzpatrick,	J.	2 Bn.
Finn,	T.A.	Air Corps.

PRIVATES.

Fenlon,	J.	4 Fd Sigs Coy.
Farrell,	T.	2 Inf Bn.
Gahan,	J.J.	6 Bde HQRS.
Gillen,	J.	4 Fd Sigs Coy.
Gargan,	M.	ITC (O)
Geraghty,	L.	Depot S&T.
Gardiner,	J.	I2 Bn.
Gibney,	J.	Clancy Bks Coy.
Gorry,	M.J.	6 Bn.
Hartnett,	T.M.	I Fd Coy S&TC.
Hawe,	J.	5 Bn.
Heavey,	P.	Iosta Cori.
Heinhold,	T.	4 Bn.
Henderson,	C.	2 Grn S&T.
Henneberry,	J.	Dep S&T.
Hickey,	J.	C.T. Dep S/Comd.
Hickey,	Ptk.	McKee Bks Coy.
Hoey,	Jos.	5 Bn.
Hughes,	P.	2 Fd Sigs Coy.
Hanway,	J.	2 Grn S&T.
Hare,	E.	5 Bn.
Harte,	T.A.	4 Grn Coy STC.
Harty,	P.J.	I Fd Coy STC.
Hynes,	K.	2 Grn S&T.
Hyland,	F.	Eqt. School.
Hogan,	J.	2 Grn S&T.
Ireland,	C.	2 Mct Sqn.
Jones,	J.	I Tk Sqn.
Joyce,	G.	4 Fd Sigs Coy.
Keating,	W.	4 Inf Bn.
Keenan,	E.	2 Mot Sqn.
Keenan,	E.	11 Mot Sqn.

PRIVATES.

Kelleher,	D.	I. F.A Regt
Kelleher,	G.	4 Bn.
Kelleher,	P.M.	I. F.A Regt.
Kelly,	Ed.	Depot S&T.
Kelly,	J.	4 Bn.
Kendellen,	E.	I Bn.
Kenny,	T.	2 Mot Sqn.
Kerins,	T.	4 Bn.
Kinsella,	C.	Depot S&T.
Kinsella,	M.	I Coy Grn C.O.E.
Kinsella,	ML.	McKee Bks Coy.
Lagan,	D.	2 Grn A.O.C.
Lally,	M.	P.I.T. CTC.
Landers,	T.	Dep Cav.
Larkin,	J.	2 Fd Coy S&T.
Lawless,	ML.	II Bn.
Lawlor,	M.	Depot S&T.
Lawlor,	P.	2 Hosp Coy.
Lenihan,	D.	I Mot Sqn.
Lennon,	J.J.	6 Bn.
Logue,	H.C.	I Bn.
Lonican,	P.	4 Fd Engr Coy.
Lynch,	J.	I2 Bn.
Lyster,	N.C.	4 Fd Sig Coy.
Madden,	ML.	I F.A. Regt.
Magnier,	J.	I Fd C.O.E.
Mahon,	M.J.	I Bn.
Maher,	N.P.	I <sub>0</sub> sta C <sub>0</sub> ri.
Maloney,	K.	5 Bn.
Magaharan,	J.	2 Fd Sigs Coy.
Marshall,	N.	4 Bn.
Miller,	J.	Mil Col.

PRIVATES.

Merrigan,	G.M.	I Bn.
Metcalf,	A.	ITC (O).
Mooney,	F.	McKee Bks Coy.
Mooney,	J.	2 Hosp Coy.
Moloney,	W.	I Fd C.O.E.
Morahan,	T.	S/Comd HQRS.
Morey,	R.	I.F.A. Regt.
Mulryan,	W.O.	I Fd Coy S&TC.
Murphy,	J.J.	3 Grn Coy S&T.
Murphy,	J.R.	4 Fd Engr Coy.
Murphy,	ML.	P.I.T. CTC.
Murray,	P.M.	Iosta Cori.
Mythen,	D.	2 Inf Bn.
McCormack,	T.	McKee Bks Coy.
McDermott,	J.	2 Fd S&T.
McDonagh,	C.	Col.Mil.
McGrath,	J.	I A/Car Sqn.
McGannon,	J.	5 Bn.
McGuinness,	M.V.	6 Bn.
McGuinness,	T.J.	4 Grn Coy S&TC.
McGrath,	T.	I2 Bn.
McMahon,	J.	2 Bn.
McMahon,	T.	I2 Bn.
McNamara,	J.	I2 Bn.
Neenan,	T.	I2 Bn.
Nolan,	M.	2 Hosp Coy.
O'Brien,	J.	4 Fd S&T Coy.
O'Brien,	ML.	I2 Bn.
O'Brien,	N.	I2 Bn.
O'Callaghan,	D.	I.F.A. Regt.
O'Connor,	J.	4 Bn.

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PRIVATES.

O'Connor,	Wl.	I2 Bn.
O'Connell,	M.	I Fd Sigs.
O'Donnell,	J.	I2 Bn.
O'Doherty,	B.	Depot S&T.
O'Flynn,	J.G.	I.F.A. Regt.
O'Gorman,	C.	4 Bn. HQ Coy.
O'Gorman,	D.	Depot S&T.
O'Grady,	P.	4 Bn HQ Coy.
O'Sullivan,	J.	4 Bn.
O'Sullivan,	P.	Air Sqn Signals.
Pardy,	J.	4 Bn.
Phelan,	L.J.	4 Bn.
Porter,	C.	S.P.A. Naas.
Porter,	D.	Depot S&T.
Power,	T.	2 F.A. Regt.
Purcell,	T.	Depot A.M.C.
Quinn,	P.V.	4 Fd Engr Coy.
Reddin,	Wlm.	2 Bn.
Reddin,	N.	Depot S&T.
Redican,	T.	AHQ Sig Coy.
Reidy,	D.	2 Fd Coy S&T.
Reilly,	H.	4 F.A. Regt.
Roche,	T.	I Fd Sigs.
Rogers,	C.	AHQ Sigs.
Roles,	T.	Depot Cav.
Rooney,	M.J.	7 Bn.
Rosney,	K.	6 Bn.
Russell,	T.	2 Fd C.O.E.
Ryan,	A.G.	P.I.T. CTC.
Ryan,	D.	I2 Bn.
Ryan,	M.	I2 Bn.

<u>PRIVATES.</u>	Ryan,	O.	4 Mot Sqn.
	Ryan,	T.	I F.A Regt.
	Stokes,	P.	2 Fd C.O.E.
	Sexton,	C.M.	I F.A. Regt.
	Shaw,	E.	4 Bn.
	Sheehan,	C.	I2 Bn.
	Shevlin,	P.	ITC (O)
	Sluads,	J.	2 F.A. Regt.
	Smyth,	T.	Depot Engrs.
	Sweeney,	P.J.	3 Grn Coy S&T.
	Sylvester,	J.A.	4 Bn.
	Touhey,	J.	6 Bn.
	Vaughan,	A.	Depot Arty.
	Walker,	J.	2 Mot Sqn.
	Wallace,	A.J.	Depot Arty.
	Walsh,	C.	5 Bn.
	Walsh,	D.	I.F.A.Regt.
	Walsh,	E.	6 Bde HQRS.
	Walsh,	Ptk.	5 Bn.
	Watters,	H.	4 F.A. Regt.
	Wykes,	P.A.	6 Bn.
	Wilson,	G.	P.I.T. CTC.
	Williams,	Ptk.	6 F.A. Regt.
	Whearity,	Ptk.	2 Inf Bn.

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ANNEX 'C'

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UNIT HISTORY,  
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OI OCTOBER 1971.

LARNACA DISTRICT.

DISTRICT COMMANDERS REPORT ON TOUR OF DUTY.

23 APRIL '71 TO 22 OCTOBER 1971.

PART I - GENERAL COMMENTS.

General.

1. The LARNACA District has been generally quiet and peaceful during the period under review. The only occasion that there was any real tension in the District was during the period of the Tk Cyp Alert Exercise from the 27 July '71 to the 2 Aug '71. There were a number of minor incidents which created an increase in tension locally at the time, but all were quickly and satisfactorily dealt with by local UN. There was close liaison with the leaders on both sides both at village and District level, and generally we got very full co-operation from them.

Although a quiet military situation prevailed during the period covered by this report, neither the Government nor the Tk Cyp Idrshir have made any alteration in the disposition of their forces in the District. Both sides have maintained a defensive posture, with the number of positions in areas of military confrontation (such as the ARTEMIS Road LARNACA) and the strength of which they are maintained remaining unchanged.

As military deconfrontation in such sensitive areas as the ARTEMIS Road is an important prerequisite to any return to normal conditions it might be considered appropriate at this stage to probe for a deconfrontation. If any success was achieved it could also lead to an unmanning of some of the UN OP's along the ARTEMIS Road.

There have been no shooting incidents in the District during the period.

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Gk Cyp Leadership.

2. We have had a reasonably good working relationship with the District Officer. He has never been unfriendly towards UN but at some of the monthly meetings his general attitude and rather aggressive manner left a lot to be desired. He appeared to have the wrong idea as to the mission of UN and gave one the impression that the UN should only be an intelligence gathering service for the Gk Cyp Authorities. This opinion has been borne out on a couple of occasions when he demanded to know why UN had not informed him of the "illegal activities" of the Tk Cyp Ftrs at their training Camp at FORBIDDEN HILL near KOPHINO. Local UN Comd was always quick to enlighten him on the mission of UN.

Minutes of the monthly conference were not always found to be a true and accurate account of what had been discussed. The Military Leadership has been generally helpful and co-operative. The Nat Gd Comd was at times inclined to get highly agitated, and even irrational over very minor incidents. However, the local UN Comd generally cajoled him into seeing reason and commonsense generally prevailed.

The CYPRUS Police were found to be helpful and co-operative and had a very good working relationship with local UNCIVPOL.

Liaison Gk Cyp Authorities.

3. Formal meetings were held once a month in the office of the District Officer Mr. VRYONIDES in LARNACA Town and were attended as follows:-  
District Officer.

COMIRCON

Nat Gd Comd.

CYPOL Superintendent.

IRCON Coy Comds, KOPHINO & LARNACA.

DEO and Ops Officer LARNACA District.

UNCIVPOL, LARNACA & AYIOS THEODHOROS.

In addition COMIRCON, DEO and Coy Comds had informal meetings with the District Officer and Nat Gd Comd as required.

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Tk Cyp Leadership.

4. The Ldrship at all levels, was at all times found to be friendly, helpful and co-operative in dealing with problems. Mr. TURGOUT (Tk Cyp Ldr.) is an extremely courteous and helpful individual and has dealt with all protests and complaints in a most rational and reasonable manner.

There has been no direct contact with the Military Leadership. All complaints and requests are passed through the Civilian Ldrship. Anything of a military nature has to be passed to the Military Ldrship for decision. The military side are always represented at the fortnightly meetings but leave the raising of points or problems to Mr. TURGOUT.

The Tk Cyp Police Element have always been helpful and co-operative in all matters and a very good relationship with UN exists.

Liaison Tk Cyp Authorities.

5. Formal meetings were held once every fortnight in SCALA and were attended as follows:-

Mr. TURGOUT

Mr. ALPER (representing Tk Cyp Ftr Ldrship)

Insp Tk Cyp Police Eln

COMIRCON

Coy Comds KOPHINO & LARNACA.

UNCIVPOL, AYIOS THEODHOROS & LARNACA.

DEO and Ops Officer, LARNACA District.

In addition COMIRCON, DEO and Coy Comds had informal meetings with the Tk Cyp Ldrship as required.

Liaison Problems.

6. a. Headquarters for all Gk Cyp and Tk Cyp Authorities both Civil and Military are based in LARNACA Town and this makes Liaison difficult due to the fact that Gp HQ is based at ZYYI some 25 miles away. However, during my tour I arranged special accommodation for myself in LARNACA Camp, and periodically spent a few days there.

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- b. Liaison with UNCIVPOL is complicated due to the fact that we have SWEDISH Police responsible for the LARNACA Coy area and AUSTRALIAN Police responsible for the KOPHINOY Coy area. I recommend that one contingent of Civil Police be made responsible for the whole of the LARNACA District.
- c. The portion of the Civil District of NICOSIA which is included in the UN Military District of LARNACA presents liaison problems with Civil, Police and Military Authorities on both sides. Matters affecting this area are generally brought to our notice through the Political Liaison Committee or the LO's to Nat Gd or Tk Cyp Ldrship. This often causes delays and creates difficulties. This problem was partially overcome by good liaison with CANCON.

Deployment.

- 7. The 20 Inf Group was deployed as follows:-
  - a. Gp HQ, HQ Coy and the Armd Car Gp were located in ZYYI.
  - b. One Rifle Coy was located in KOPHINOY.
  - c. One Rifle Coy was located in LARNACA and were responsible for manning an outpost at LOUROUJINA.
  - d. Rifle Companies were rotated after 3 months. This system has proven satisfactory.

UNFICYP Reserves.

- 8. LARNACA District have a District Reserve available at a scale and degree of notice as shown hereunder.

One Armd Car Tp	- 60 minutes notice.
One Rifle Platoon.	- 180 minutes notice.
Armd Car Gp HQ	- 6 hrs notice.
One Armd Car Tp.	- 6 hrs notice.
One Heavy Mortar Tp	- 6 hrs notice.
One Support Weapons Pl.*	- 6 hrs notice.

Note.\* Only one Pl is available and it must be specified if it is to be a Rifle Pl or a Support Weapons Pl.

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Generally the IRCON HQ in ZYYI is very poorly located from the point of command, control, communication and deploying the District Reserves. It is appreciated that this is an administrative problem, for which a decision was given in the interests of economy .

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PART 2

IMPORTANT ASPECTS IN THE DISTRICT.

1. For operational purposes the 20 Inf Group divided the LARNACA District into two areas, the KOPHINOOU area and the LARNACA area, with one Rifle Coy responsible for each area.  
Each Coy area will be dealt with separately in this report.

KOPHINOOU COY AREA.

2. This area was very quiet and peaceful during our tour of duty and no incidents of any significance occurred.

Sensitive Points in The Area.

3. a. KOPHINOOU Village.

This village has remained a very sensitive location since the KOPHINOOU incident in Nov 1967. UN continue to man OP's in sufficient strength to ensure that there is no interference to traffic on the main road. No Gk Cyps are allowed to enter the village except for members of the Electricity Authority or Water Authority who must give two to three days notice to the village committee before doing so.

Tk Cyps man two entrances to the village during daylight hours and all entrances are manned during the hours of darkness. The only incidents of note in the village during our tour of duty was the fact that these Tk Cyp Ftr positions were double and triple manned during the period of the Tk Cyp Alert in July/August 1971.

The Tk Cyp Ldrship made protests on two occasions regarding Nat Gd soldiers who shouted slogans and abuse at the villagers as they passed through the area. All protests were promptly dealt with by the KOPHINOOU Coy.

b. AYIOS THEODHOROS and The Access Road From SKARINOOU.

(I) This mixed village of AYIOS THEODHOROS has remained a sensitive area since the events of 1967, and the denial of the use of the Access Road to the Gk Cyps by the Tk Cyp Ftrs was the superficial cause of the KOPHINOOU incident in Nov '67.

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Since then a number of arrangements and understandings have been made concerning the use of the Access Road and local UN have to ensure that each side abide by the arrangements.

(2) Arrangements for the area cover:-

- (a) Use of Access Road by Tk Cyp Police Blm.
- (b) Use of Access Road by CYPOL.
- (c) Use of Access Road by Tk Cyp Ftrs.
- (d) Use of BLACKBRIDGE by Tk Cyp Ftrs.

(3) Incidents.

- (a) On a number of occasions Tk Cyp Ftrs from AYIOS THEODHOS broke the arrangements for the use of BLACKBRIDGE. On each occasion local UN protested to local Tk Cyp Ldrship who apologized for the incidents and gave assurances that they would not be repeated.
- (b) Nat Gd personnel also broke arrangements in this area on a few occasions but investigation always revealed that the Nat Gd in question were young soldiers who were unaware of the arrangements.
- (c) The Mixed Village of ALAMINOS GR ID 400520.  
Since the trouble in Dec of 1969 local UN have maintained a presence in the village area during the hours of daylight. There have been no incidents in this area during our tour of duty.
- (d) MARI Village. GR WD 274445.  
MARI is a Tk Cyp village which overlooks the main LIMASSOL NICOSIA Road and fighting broke out there in 1967, when it was alleged that a Nat Gd patrol was fired on by Tk Cyp Ftrs who occupied the heights SOUTH of the road. The UN have had an OP at the village since 1967. There are a number of arrangements and understandings for the area and local UN ensure that the Tk Cyps abide by the arrangements. There was one incident at the village during our tour of duty. On 23 July '71 local Tk Cyp Ldrship informed local UN that any persons approaching the heights at OP CROFTHILL GR WD 267446 during the hours of darkness would be fired on. Local UN protested in the strongest possible manner and there have been no further threats or incidents in the area.

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(e) Liaison.

- (1) Daily liaison between local UN and Tk Cyp Leader in KOPHINO, Mr. HALOUSSI who is spokesman for the three villages of KOPHINO, AYIOS THEODHOROS and ALAMINOS.
- (2) Liaison with Nat Gd post at SKARINO GR WD 356235 when required.
- (3) Daily liaison between UNCIVPOL and CYPOL Sgts in AYIOS THEODHOROS and SKARINO and Tk Cyp Police Plm Sgt in KOPHINO.
- (4) Liaison with MARI village is through the Tk Cyp Police Plm in MARI.
- (5) Liaison for the area has been satisfactory.

4. Deployment of KOPHINO Coy.

In carrying out the UN mission in the area the KOPHINO Coy was deployed as follows:-

Goy HQ in KOPHINO Compound and five (5) OP's each were manned at the following locations:-

OP BUNKER. : GR WD 363541.  
OP CLIFF : GR WD 351531.  
OP SKARINO : GR WD 344536.  
OP BLACKBRIDGE : GR WD 351511.  
OP CROWNHILL : GR WD 267446.

The strength of each OP was 1 NCO and 3 Men.

In addition there was a mobile patrol in the ALAMINOS area during daylight hours.

LARNACA COY AREA.

5. There were quite a big number of complaints and protests by both sides in this area but most of the incidents were of a minor nature and at no stage was there any danger of a resumption of hostilities by either side.

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Sensitive Points in the Area.

6. a. SCALA/ARTEMIS Road. : There is a very close Military confrontation in this area particularly on the demarkation line at OKULLAR St., and along the ARTEMIS Road. Both sides man defensive positions in the area and neither side has attempted to reduce strengths. Although this area has always and is still considered to be the most sensitive area in the District there have been no serious incidents in the area during our tour of duty. There are a number of arrangements and understandings for the area and local UN endeavour to ensure that they are adhered to by both sides. These arrangements and understandings have been broken by both sides but local UN have always protested vigorously and the status quo has been maintained in the area.

TEKKER MOSQUE.

7. The area of the TEKKER MOSQUE is controlled by the Nat Gd. The caretaker of the Mosque is also a Gk Cyp. Tk Cyp pilgrims are allowed to visit the Mosque but are inhibited by the presence of the Nat Gd OP in the area and seldom go there. The Tk Cyps have requested that the post of caretaker be given to a Tk Cyp and this has spirraled to the highest level of negotiation but without result. On the 9 August '71 a fire broke out in the Mosque. The fire appeared to have originated in an attempted burglary in the Mosque. The Tk Cyp Leadership has made a claim for £600 damages. There was a certain amount of tension in the LARNACA area on the day of the fire but local UN had the situation under control from the start, brought the fire under control quickly, kept the Tk Cyp Ldrship informed of developments, and when it was discovered that no deliberate attempt had been made to burn the Mosque, tension abated.

LOUROUJINA.

8. a. This Tk Cyp village with a population of about 4,000 has remained generally quiet during our tour of duty. We maintained a post on the outskirts of the village on the road to LYMBIA.

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b. There were three incidents in the village during the period under review.

(1) On 26 July '71 Local Tk Cyp Ldrship informed local UN that if local UN did not man OP STAVROS that local Tk Cyp Ftrs would do so. The reason given for asking to have the OP manned was that there was a general increase in tension on the island. Local UN protested to Tk Cyp Ldrship that their threat to man OP STAVROS was unnecessary. Local UN did not man STAVROS but increased patrols in the area and the situation returned to normal without further threat or incident. OP STAVROS was unmanned on 12 June '71 when Signal Communication was found satisfactory, for 24 hour period.

(2) On 5 Aug '71 a Fruit Stall at GR WD 425745 the property of a Tk Cyp was knocked down by a heavy vehicle. This fruit stall was a wooden structure and had been erected only a few weeks previously. The Nat Gd had objected to the erection of the building and it is felt that it was knocked down deliberately. Tk Cyp Ftr positions were double manned on the night the incident occurred but returned to normal at dawn and there was no further reaction to the incident.

(3) On 23 Aug '71 the Nat Gd started the construction of a new post in LYMBIA GR WD 427729. Tk Cyp Ldrship in LOUROUJINA protested that this was contrary to the arrangements for the area and if construction of the building did not cease they would build a new structure 5 metres forward of the existing post on the LYMBIA Road. So far the Tk Cyps have made no move to carry out their threat and all is quiet.

GOSHI.

9. This Tk Cyp village has been the subject of many protests and complaints by the Nat Gd in the past few months. There were no problems concerning this village up until the 12 May '71. On 12 May '71 a six year old Tk Cyp girl was knocked down on the LARNACA/NICOSIA road at GOSHI by a car driven by a Ck Cyp.

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The girl was injured and had to be admitted to the LARNACA Hospital. It is alleged that after the accident several Tk Cyps ran to the area and beat the Gk Cyp driver. They were joined by a Tk Cyp Ptr in uniform carrying a rifle who is alleged to have struck the Gk Cyp with the butt of the rifle. These allegations were denied by the Tk Cyps. Since that date local Nat Gd made many protests about the Tk Cyp Ptr on sentry duty at the entrance to the village at GR WD 472702. Local Nat Gd protested initially that the presence of the Tk Cyp Ptr at GR WD 472702 created a change in the status quo in the village. Local UN pointed out that the sentry had been posted there for a number of years. The Nat Gd then concentrated their protests on a house at GR WD 475708 stating that there was a sentry posted there from time to time. Investigations revealed that the Tk Cyp Ptr in question lived in the house and hence his being observed quite frequently by local Nat Gd.

Due to the numerous complaints which were made about GOSHI during the period, it is essential that continuous vigilance by local UN be maintained to prevent a change in the status quo. This village has spread across the NICOSIA- LARNACA Road and it has been suggested by the Gk Cyp's that freedom of movement is frequently inhibited by reports of movement of individual Tk Cyp Ptrs in the area.

KELLIA.

IO. This Tk Cyp village situated NE of LARNACA Town has been the subject of a number of protests during our tour of duty.

On the 4 June the District Officer complained to local UN that the Tk Cyps were using the old Greek Church in the village as an ammunition dump and asked local UN to investigate. Local UN asked for and received permission from local Tk Cyp Edrship to inspect the church. No weapons or ammunition were found.

Local Nat Gd then protested that the Tk Cyp Ptrs had a sentry posted permanently on the roof of the church. Local UN pointed out to Nat Gd that a sentry had been posted at that location for a number of years and there was no change in the status quo.

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There were two protests by Nat Gd that the Tk Cyp Ftrs were appearing on the main street of the village dressed in full uniform and carrying weapons thus inhibiting the Gk Cyps from the village of TROULLI from passing through KELLIA on their way to LARNACA. Local UN protested to the Tk Cyp Ldrship who stated that it was never their intention to be provocative. They apologized for the incidents and gave an assurance on both occasions that such incidents would not be repeated. The Tk Cyps have carried out live firing exercises on two occasions in the area of the village during our tour of duty.

Liaison.

11. Liaison with civil, military and police on both sides has been very satisfactory in this area except in the LOUROUJINA area which is in the NICOSIA Civil District. The liaison problems experienced in LOUROUJINA have been outlined in part 1, para 6 c.

Deployment.

12. In carrying out the UN mission in the area the LARNACA Coy was deployed as follows:-

a. Coy HQ : LARNACA Town.

b. Pl. : LOUROUJINA

c. 5 OP's located along the ARTEMIS Road as follows:-

(1) OP SCALA : GR WD 57556328

(2) OP ARTEMIS ROAD: GR WD 57656265

(3) OP SALT LAKE : GR WD 57656213

(4) OP CUSTOM HOUSE: GR WD 57826185

(5) OP SEA FRONT : GR WD 58096120

d. All villages in the area are patrolled on a regular basis.

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ECONOMICS SECTION.

13. No effort was spared to promote goodwill and cordiality between the Leadership on both sides. However, the negative attitude and general moodiness of the District Officer is a feature which did not contribute to co-operation between Gk Cyps and Tk Cyps and left the latter with a feeling that the District Officer had not their interests at heart. This made the work of the D.E.O. somewhat frustrating. However, good liaison was maintained between the Tk Cyp Leadership and the various subordinate Officers of the District Officer. Co-operation between the D.E.O. and our Coys and UNCIVEPOL was excellent and fruitful.
- D.E.O. visited the villages in the District for which we are responsible, the number of visits to each depending on the magnitude and duration of the local problem. The closest harmony and understanding existed between the Tk Cyp Leadership and the D.E.O. . This often led to early solutions to seemingly difficult problems.

Important Economics Aspects.

14. No economic problem reached a crisis during the period. This was achieved by:-
- a. Quick discovery and recognition of a problem by D.E.O. or Coy Comd.
  - b. Quick response to complaints from either side.
  - c. Arrangement for interested parties to meet without delay and put their points of view. This invariably led to a local solution or agreement on future action within the control of UN.
  - d. Matters which could not be solved locally were passed up to Force Economics Officer.

Areas with Economics Problems.

15. MARI Village.: An incipient water problem was largely solved by an agreement drawn up in April 1971. However, great attention had to be paid to individual complaints for which ad hoc solutions had to be applied. The Gk Cyp Water Authority in NICOSIA always responded to a UN request for special relief measures. The local Tk Cyp Constable in MARI is a very useful contact here. There is an electricity bill for £1,000 outstanding and is unlikely to be paid in the immediate future.

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16. TOKHNI Village. : During the height of the drought period July/August this village suffered from severe water shortage. Local UN supplied water by tanker as a gesture of goodwill, on numerous occasions to the villagers. A water scheme is being built which will ensure a proper supply but it will not be in operation for many months to come.
17. KOPHINOI. : There is no 'phone in this village, although the kiosk and necessary wiring is there. Application has been made to CYTA and a sum of £25 offered by the village committee to meet cost of the apparatus. CYTA has replied that they have no suitable equipment, but are awaiting shipment from abroad and that the request will receive consideration in the light of availabilities.
- Electricity.: The system is very overloaded and gives constant trouble. EAC has plans for a complete overhaul of the electrical system and it should go into effect within a few months. Arrangements will be made by D.E.O. for EAC employees to enter village in Oct'71.
18. KALOKHORIO. : This is a mixed village. The water system is controlled by Tk Cyps who insist that all Tk Cyp users have water meters. A Gk Cyp minority (150) have no water meters and the Tk Cyp Authority is insistent that they conform to the rule of the village committee. The matter has been brought to the attention of the District Officer who has promised to look into the matter.
19. SCALA. : During the summer Tk Cyps complained that they were not receiving the amount of water laid down in an agreement with water department IARNACA. UN undertook to monitor the main water meters into the District, and from then on no further complaints were received.
20. MFLOUSHA, KELLIA & KLAVDIA.: There is no electricity in these villages. EAC agreed to carry out a survey and draw up plans to have electricity installed. Plans are now ready but for political reasons and because of failure of the Tk Cyp villagers to pay electricity bills the matter has been put into abeyance.

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21. Water - MELOUSHA, KIVISIL & ALAMINOS. : After much negotiation piped water has recently been supplied by the Water Authority to MELOUSHA. The problem in KIVISIL and ALAMINOS has not been solved and they are still without piped water. A stalemate was reached at the highest level of negotiation in August, and D.F.O. was ordered by F.S.O. to drop the matter for the time being.
22. Land Registration.: In this very important matter, attempts to get both sides working together at local level met with initial success, but inevitably the question of recognition of the Tk Cyp Authority in LARNACA came up and the plan collapsed with the refusal of the Government Dept to reply to letters of Tk Cyp Leader LARNACA on the matter. UN continues to encourage co-operation between the officials of both sides in the District, to solve very pressing matters concerning land ownership.
23. Claims against UN. : These arose in MARI and KOPHINO where the local land owners on whose land, UN installations stood, did not realise that the CYPENE Government is responsible for all compensation and rents for such facilities. All problems of this nature were referred to Accommodation Officer UNFICYP, who generally gave specific information to enable the applicant to make a personal claim on the Ministry of Works NICOSIA.
24. Refugee Resettlement. : This plan is in abeyance and D.F.O. has been instructed not to become involved in any negotiations with anyone concerning this matter. The details of the proposed Government plan and a summary of its would be effects on the LARNACA District is on file.
25. Recommendations.
  - a. Help in the form of patrols or on the spot UN observers should not be forced on disputing parties. They should be supplied when either side insists on such UN presence.

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- b. Physical assistance should be given sparingly and only after it is understood by the distressed party that this will not become a routine. Supply of water by a tanker to a village to relieve a water crisis is a case in point.
- c. In cases of dispute between two parties it is always well if possible to channel the case to UNCIVPOL hands and to have the matter dealt with in the courts rather than to attempt to settle the matter oneself. The mention of such a possibility often works wonders and renews broken friendships.

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PROGRESS IN ACHIEVING AIMS.

Prevention of Conflict.

1. The status quo was maintained in the LARNACA District during the past six months and generally the whole area remained very quiet. While there were a number of minor incidents at no stage did the situation develop to the point where conflict between the Gk Cyp's and Tk Cyp's was likely to occur. No efforts were spared to promote goodwill and harmony between both sides.  
The Group contributed to the prevention of conflict by:-
  - a. Manning OP's in sensitive areas.
  - b. Impartial and thorough investigation and complaints by both sides.
  - c. Patrolling all villages on a regular basis.
  - d. By protesting vigorously when local arrangements were contravened by either side.
  - e. By maintaining close liaison with both sides.
  - f. By anticipating events which might lead to an increase in tension and taking all possible precautions beforehand.
  - g. By discovering economic problems and endeavouring to solve them at local level and where this was not possible they were passed up to the Force Economics Officer.

Contributing To Law And Order.

2. There was very close liaison between UNCIVPOL, CYPOL and Tk Cyp Police Elm and every effort was made to assist both sides in maintaining Law and Order in the District.  
In July and August CYPOL very frequently established road checks in different parts of the District. CYPOL in SKARINOU were particularly active in this respect. The reason generally given for these road checks was that it was part of a campaign against illegal cultivation of, and trafficking, in narcotics. The Tk Cyp Leadership complained about these road checks on a couple of occasions stating that it was only Tk Cyp's who were being stopped and checked. UNCIVPOL normally attended these road checks and never witnessed any discrimination. The number of road checks by CYPOL have decreased in the past few weeks.

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Contribution Towards Normalization.

3. a. Although a quiet Military situation prevailed in the District the general climate between both communities was cool and little progress was made towards bringing both communities together. The atmosphere of mutual trust and confidence so essential to achieve an improvement in the situation, is still noticeably lacking .
- b. In the Economics Field, contacts between Gk Cyp's and Tk Cyp's have been maintained. The DEO has maintained constant liaison with both sides and has been able to bring a number of problems presented to him to a satisfactory conclusion. However, the tendency towards separate economic development has continued.
- c. Progress has been made towards electrification and supply of water to some Tk Cyp villages in the District.
- d. Local Tk Cyp Ldrship have constantly requested the return of their schools in SCALA but no progress whatever has been made in this matter.  
The opening of these schools would be a big step towards the restoration of goodwill among the communities in LARNACA. If the rift among the communities is to be healed, a generous gesture to the Primary School children and to their parents is essential
- e. Due to the quiet situation pertaining in the LOUROUJINA area OP STAVROS was unmanned on 12 June '71.

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ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS.

Logistic Matters.

1. a. Accommodation.: The following new accommodation was completed and occupied during our tour of duty.
    - (1) Officers accommodation, ZYYI - 14 Officers.
    - (2) CO's Villa, ZYYI - CO IRCON.
    - (3) Accommodation complex, ARTEMIS Road (CUSTOM HOUSE) - replaced the accommodation at : OP ARTEMIS ROAD, OP SEA FRONT, OP SALT LAKE and OP CUSTOM HOUSE.
  - b. The provision of this new accommodation greatly helped in improving living conditions in IRCON area.
  - c. The living conditions in KOPHINO Camp, remain unsatisfactory. Conditions are cramped and most of the personnel are accommodated in tentage.
2. Clothing. : The UN Greens issued to 20 Inf Group were found to be unsatisfactory for the following reasons:-
    - a. The number of sets (2) issued should be increased to three (3) per man.
    - b. The quality of the material is NOT good. The UN Greens are subject to shrinkage and fading.
3. Furniture. : The position as regards quantity of furniture improved during our tour of duty. However, the quality of the furniture issued is not good.
- Fridges, Fans & Cookers.:
    4. a. The fridges held by this unit are satisfactory as regards numbers. Repairs sometimes took quite a while to be completed, but it is expected that this situation will improve with the introduction of the new system of DOE inspection and repairs.
    - b. The position as regards fans is satisfactory.
    - c. The position as regards cookers is satisfactory. The installation of new gas ranges in ZYYI Cookhouse and Officers Mess by DOE has greatly helped the situation.

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5. Contracts.: Contracts generally were very satisfactory. Some difficulty with the emptying of rubbish bins in WOLFE TONE Camp LARNACA was resolved following action by LOGS BRANCH.
6. Rations. : The rations issued were found to be satisfactory in every respect.

General Stores.

7. a. Some difficulty has been experienced at times in obtaining part numbers for various items. However, with the help of the staff at LOGS BRANCH, these difficulties have been quickly overcome in most instances.
- b. Some difficulty was also experienced at the beginning of the tour in getting supplies of cleaning equipment, however, the position now is fairly satisfactory, with the co-operation of LOGS BRANCH.
8. General : The helpful attitude and practical assistance given to IRCON by LOGS BRANCH and SECRETARIAT contributed greatly to the smooth running of the Unit during our tour of duty.

Personnel.

9. Repatriations.: Three (3) members of 20 Inf Group were repatriated during the tour of duty with UNFICYP.
- One (I) QMS repatriated on Medical Grounds.
- One (I) Cpl repatriated on Compassionate Grounds.
- One (I) Pte. repatriated on Compassionate Grounds.
10. Deaths: One (I) member of 20 Inf Group, died during the tour of duty with UNFICYP.
11. Discipline. : The standard of discipline during the tour was exceptionally good. Where disciplinary action was taken, it was within the Unit itself. No L.C.M cases were dealt with during the tour of duty with UNFICYP.

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12. Promotions.: Three Officers were promoted during their tour of duty with UNFICYP.  
One Capt. to Comdt.  
Two Lts to Capt.  
Three NCO's were promoted during their tour of duty with UNFICYP.  
One Sgt to COMS.  
Two Cpls to Sgt.
13. Ceremonial : 208 members of the 20 Inf Group were presented with UNFICYP Service Medals in CYPRUS on 27 July 1971. This was exactly half the strength of the Unit. Medals were presented by the Force Commander. Maj Gen PREM CHAND in ZYYI Camp.
- Transport. :
14. General.: The Transport Section is based in ZYYI Camp. It is responsible for the first line servicing and maintenance of all the Group vehicles with the exception of the Armd Cars.  
A sufficient stock of spare parts is kept in the technical stores to facilitate first line repairs. A good relationship has been built up with the Ord Det in NICOSIA in the requisitioning and supplying of replacement parts and stores. Also an excellent relationship has been built up between the Tpt Section and RIME W/Shops which carries out our second line repairs. When required RIME supplies us with urgently needed parts from their W/Shop stores. Group vehicles have been averaging in excess of 90,000 miles per month, with an accident rate of 1 for every 60,000 miles.
15. Problems Encountered.
- a. The vast majority of Brit-Hired vehicles are rated class 111 and are in constant need of repairs and replacement due to B.L.R. This means that when the vehicles are "off the road", it places a greater strain on the already overworked vehicles that remain.
  - b. The Bedford J3 4 X 2 (White Ladies) that are on charge, are old and in urgent need of replacement.

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Engineer Works.

16. Maintenance work at all Camps and OP(s) was carried out by Unit Engineer Personnel, total strength 16. This number is considered adequate but this Unit was unfortunate in not having a fully trained plumber. Engineer pers worked throughout the period, rarely taking an afternoon siesta and accomplished much. Beside doing maintenance they also undertook some small new schemes and improvements and finally with the aid of P.W.D. completed the new Camp at OP CUSTOM HOUSE.

Supplies of materials initially were good but as the financial squeeze came on, both by UN and CYPRUS Government the position deteriorated. However, local materials, salvage etc., were put to use and the Unit was kept fully employed up to the last moment. At the time of writing CYPRUS Government has sanctioned the spending of £900 on ZYYI Camp under the headings of Medical Centre, Sanitation and Buildings so that the next Unit will have a good start materialwise.

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PART 5

Lessons and Recommendations.

1. Areas of responsibility should coincide with the District Boundaries to avoid complication in dealing with the Ldrship at a higher level. In the LARNACA District this applies to the LOUROUJINA area of the NICOSIA District.  
I recommend that consideration be given to the handing over of that part of the NICOSIA Administrative District which is at present within the UN LARNACA District to the Canadian Contingent.
  
2. Locating the HQ of the District in ZYYI has obvious disadvantages which do NOT require elaboration.  
The problem of liaison and contact which arise because of the location of District HQ in ZYYI need to be closely examined and I recommend that serious consideration be given to a change of location to LARNACA Town.

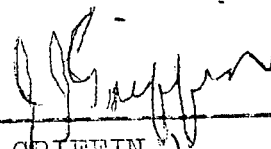
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CONCLUSION.

1. Although the situation in the District has remained calm and peaceful during the period under review a great depth of feeling still divides the two communities. No progress has been made in bringing about a relaxation in the area of Direct Confrontation - ARTEMIS ROAD - LARNACA. Local UN has kept a close and constant watch on the situation and by anticipation and prompt intervention has prevented changes in the status quo that were attempted by local commanders of the two communities.  
However, until the close confrontation that exists on the ARTEMIS Road has been reduced and there is freedom of movement for Gk Cyp's through Tk Cyp controlled areas, the LARNACA District cannot have shown much progress towards a return to normal conditions.
2. The operation of the District during my tour of duty was made easy by the consideration and assistance given by yourself and the Chief of Staff. We had an excellent liaison with all branches of HQ UNFICYP and this relationship reflected itself in the speedy solution of all problems.



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