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THE 22 INFANTRY GROUP

FOREWORD

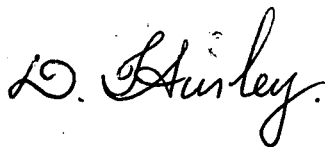
The 22 Infantry Group is now a memory - its members have rejoined their parent units or indeed, some may have bade farewell to the Army. However, it is a memory which should evoke pride in all concerned - a memory of a job well done, of unselfish devotion to duty and of a period of wonderful comradeship.

When the 22 Group was activated it consisted of young and old soldiers - veterans of the Congo and some whose first experience of over-seas service it was. All welded together to form a cohesive unit which carried out all tasks in an efficient manner and had a tremendous esprit de corps.

They performed their main function - of preserving peace - in a manner that earned the gratitude of the Cypriots and the praise of their comrades in UNFICYP.

To the officers and men who comprised the Group my congratulations on their behaviour as soldiers of peace and as soldiers of Ireland.

Thank God that all returned safely after an operation which can always be looked back on with pride by all concerned.

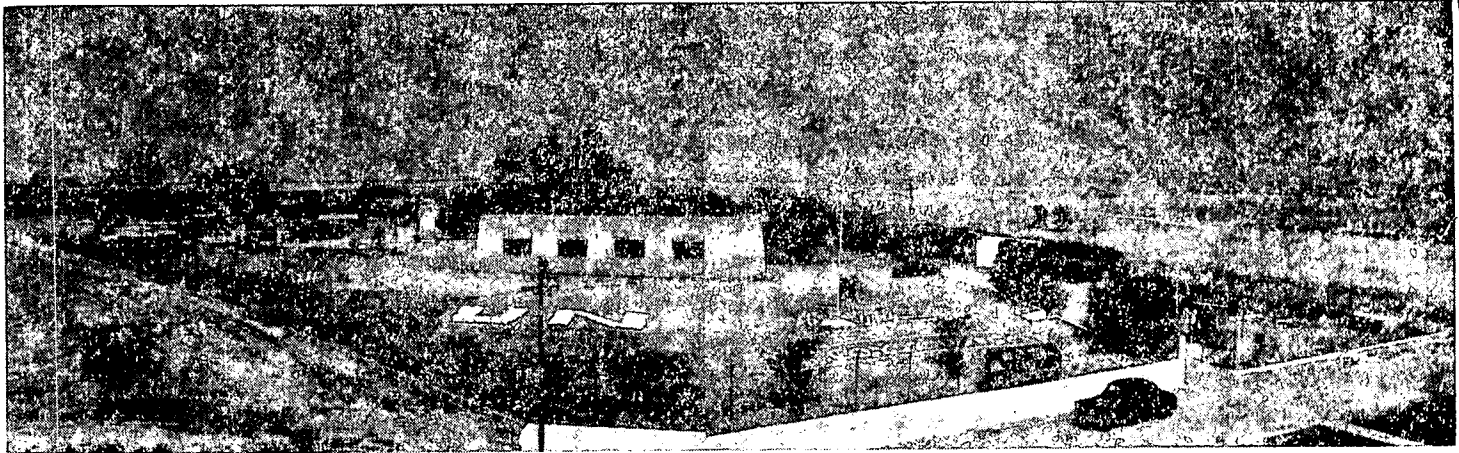


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Lt Col

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WOLFE TONE CAMP LARNACA



LT. COL. D. HURLEY O.C. 22 INF GROUP



MEDAL PARADE



UNIT HISTORY22 INFANTRY GROUPCYPRUS 1972INTRODUCTION

On the 4 March 1964 the Security Council of the United Nations unanimously adopted the following resolution:

"The Security Council

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

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

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

In a response to a request from the United Nations the Irish Government in pursuance of its obligations as a Member Nation, dispatched the 40 Infantry Battalion to Cyprus as part of the United Nations Force. Since that time Irish units have continued to serve as part of UNFICYP. The history of the 22 Infantry Group is but another chapter in the story of the contribution of Irish soldiers towards the restoration and maintenance of peace on the island of Cyprus. Although in general the 22 Infantry Group appeared to be similiar to previous Units which had served overseas it differed in one major respect. As a result of a decision of the Irish Government elements of the 21 Infantry Group had been repatriated in Dec 1971 considerably reducing the strength of the Irish Contingent. As a result of this the 22 Infantry Group represented a unique concept in military organisation in that it was organised into a controlling headquarters with only one sub unit.

UNIT HISTORY22 INFANTRY GROUPGENERAL NARRATIVE

1. Assembly. On 27 Mar 1972 the following officers assembled at GORMANSTON CAMP, CO. MEATH.

Lt Col D. HURLEY	GP Comd
Comdt T. BOYLE	2I/C and DEO
A/Comdt J. MARTIN	Coy Comd, Rifle Coy
Capt C. CREAN	Adj/Ops Officer
Capt G. KEYES	QM/Welfare Officer
Capt P. SCANNELL	Tpt Officer

By 30 Mar 1972 the full unit has assembled at GORMANSTON. The total strength of the group was:

11 Officers	47 NCOs	71 Ptes	129 Total.
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Of this total, 7 Officers, 41 NCOs and 16 Ptes has previous UN Service in Cyprus.

2. Easter Security. During the Easter period the 22 Infantry Group was tasked with acting as reserve for Eastern Command. This task entailed reconnaissance of the border area and additional training in "Aid of the Civil Power" subjects. In addition normal pre-Cyprus training and administration continued. Because of the extra duties over the Easter period leave was curtailed for all ranks but, in spite of this all ranks were facilitated in finalising personal arrangements before embarkation.

3. Reconnaissance Party. The Reconnaissance Party departed for Cyprus on 11 April. The composition of this party was Lt Col HURLEY, A/Comdt MARTIN and Capt G. KEYES.

4. Departure of 22 Infantry Group for Cyprus. On 18 April the Advance Party of all ranks left DUBLIN AIRPORT for NICOSIA. The Advance Party was accompanied by replacements for the Irish staff appointments at HQ, UNFICYP. The week 18-25 April was a busy one for the Advance Party for, in addition to familiarisation with the LARNACA SECTOR, the members of 22 Infantry Group on the ground had to immediately assist in all operational and administrative duties due to the partial repatriation of the 21 Infantry Group on 18 April.

At 1500 hrs 21 April operational responsibility for the LARNACA SECTOR passed from the 21 Infantry Group to 22 Infantry Group. On 25 April the remainder of 22 Infantry Group arrived at NICOSIA and the remaining elements of 21 Infantry Group departed for IRELAND. The rotation had been completed satisfactorily and a smooth transition had taken place in all sections. The aircraft used for the rotation were Aer Lingus Boeing 720/707.

5. Initial Dispositions of 22 Infantry Group.

Group HQ	-	WOLFE TONE CAMP, LARNACA
Rifle Coy HQ	-	WOLFE TONE CAMP, LARNACA
Rifle Pl	-	CUSTOM HOUSE, LARNACA
Rifle Pl	-	LOUROUJINA
Rifle Pl	-	WOLFE TONE CAMP, LARNACA
Detachment	-	SCALA SCHOOL

6. Settling in. The Group settled into their new locations and roles quickly and efficiently. Very soon unfamiliar place names such as LOUROUJINA, MELOUSHA, SCALA and KOPHINOU became part of the every day vocabulary. Transport drivers soon became familiar with routes and road conditions. Engineer and Ordnance personnel completed summerization, A and Q staff became familiar with routine documentation and procedures. On the operational end the Rifle Company personnel conducted patrols, manned OPs and maintained a flow of information to the Operations Section which processed, reported and recorded all relevant material. Incidents were investigated, complaints lodged and economic problems tackled. In short the 22 Infantry Group was executing the UN mission in the LARNACA SECTOR.

7. Other Nationalities. A friendly and cooperative relationship was established and maintained with the other contingents serving with UNFICYP. The deployment of these other contingents was as follows:

AUSCON	-	PAPHOS DISTRICT
BRITCON	-	LIMASSOL ZONE
CANCON	-	NICOSIA DISTRICT
DANCON	-	MORPHOU DISTRICT
FINCON	-	KYRENIA DISTRICT
SWEDCON	-	FAMAGUSTA

8. Tour of Duty. The last elements of the 22 Infantry Group returned to IRELAND on 26 Oct 1972. The remainder of this history tells how each portion of the Group contributed during the tour of duty to the accomplishment of the aims of UNFICYP.

UNIT HISTORY22 INFANTRY GROUPOPERATIONS/INFORMATION SECTION1. Staff.

- a. Operation/Information Officer - Capt C.J. CREAN
- b. Operations Sgt - Sgt T. THOMPSON
- c. Operations Cpl - Cpl J. CASEY

2. General. To assist in the collection, collation and dissemination of information a Joint Operations Room was established at Group HQ. This Operations Room operated on a 24 hour basis. Information from OPs or patrols was recorded in the Operations Journal which was monitored by the Rifle Coy Commander. This system avoided duplication and provided for a shorter response time. Tasking of patrols or OPs was carried out through the Rifle Coy HQ so that the chain of command was maintained.

3. Procedures. Although no major incident occurred in LARNACA SECTOR during the period there was the usual crop of minor incidents which had to be investigated, reported and acted on. All complaints or breaches of the Status Quo were fully investigated. In most cases problems were quickly resolved. Exchanges of verbal abuse and obscene gestures across the ARTHEMIS ROAD were frequent but prompt action by IRCON personnel prevented any serious incident.

4. Deconfrontation. As part of UNFICYPs mission is to contribute to a return to normal conditions a deconfrontation plan was prepared and submitted to HQ UNFICYP.

5. Information. A continuous flow of information on recruiting, training, dispositions and personalities of the armed forces on both sides was passed to HQ UNFICYP.

UNIT HISTORY22 INFANTRY GROUP'A' ADMINISTRATION SECTION1. Staff.

- a. ADJUTANT - Capt C. CREAM
 b. ORDERLY ROOM SGT - Sgt W. GARTLAND

2. Procedure. Because of their co-location in order to obviate any duplication and to provide for greater efficiency Group HQ and Company HQ pooled staffs and maintained one set of 'A' Records. This arrangement worked very well and is recommended to any future small groups of similar organisation.

3. <u>Strength</u>	<u>Officers</u>	<u>NCOs</u>	<u>Ptes</u>	<u>Total</u>
a. Unit Strength April 72	11	47	71	129
b. Unit Strength October 72	11	46	68	125
c. Attached Chaplains	1			1
d. Repatriations		1	3	4

4. Morale. Despite the heavy incidence of duties and discomfort caused by heat and dust morale remained high throughout the period.

5. Mail. In general postal arrangements proved satisfactory. Despite a few exceptions most of the mail from IRELAND arrived within three to four days of posting.

6. Promotions. During the period two Cpls were promoted to Sgt.

7. Dress. A high standard of dress was maintained at all times both on and off duty.

8. Ceremonial. The following ceremonials were carried out during the period.

a. Unit Level

- (1) Guard of Honour for visit of Force Commander.
- (2) Blessing of Unit Colour.
- (3) Contingent Medal Parade.

b. HQ UNFICYP Level.

- (1) Provision of Defence Platoon to HQ UNFICYP in rotation with other contingents.
- (2) Provision of personnel for an inter-contingent Guard of Honour on the occasion of the visit of the Secretary General.
- (3) Provision of Defence Platoon at HQ UNFICYP during the visit of the Secretary General.

UNIT HISTORY22 INFANTRY GROUP'Q' ADMINISTRATION SECTION

1. Accommodation. WOLFE TONE CAMP which housed Group HQ, Rifle Coy HQ, administrative elements and Rifle Platoons in rotation was acquired by the UN in 1964 and had been converted from a chicken farm into a military camp. Many of the original buildings were still being used and provided a continuing problem of maintenance. The position regarding the standard of accommodation in LARNACA was the subject of many discussions with HQ UNFICYP and resulted in many visits by UN staffs and CYPRUS Government officials. The only new accommodation acquired during the period was one Elephant shelter which was erected at Custome House. In addition to stores at WOLFE TONE CAMP 22 Infantry Group also retained three stores at Camp UNFICYP, NICOSIA. Of these only one could be considered reasonable, the other two being unsatisfactory.
2. Clothing. In general the position regarding clothing proved satisfactory. However in light of experience the following recommendations are made:
 - a. A minimum of three sets of UN Greens should be issued. The present issue of two sets is insufficient.
 - b. A better type material should be insisted on for UN Greens. The present material is of poor quality and is subject to considerable shrinkage and fading.
3. Furniture. A number of items of furniture were repaired and recovered during the period. This improved the overall position which was generally satisfactory.
4. Refrigerators. The number on charge to the unit was not adequate. Breakdowns were frequent and, because of the hot summer temperatures, immediate replacement must be a top priority.
5. Cookers. During the period new gas cookers were installed in the Cookhouse. These new cookers proved to be very satisfactory. In general repairs and replacements of cookers must be treated as an urgent matter.
6. Rations. Rations were drawn through the SBA DHEKELIA. The quality and quantity of rations proved very satisfactory.

7. Bedding. The position regarding bedding was satisfactory except for mattresses. Reused mattresses were issued in May and this improved matters. However this is only a short term solution as reused mattresses have a short life before requiring attention again.

8. Recommendations. In light of experience the following recommendations are made:

- a. The procedure of dealing with cookers and refrigerators deemed to be Beyond Economic Repair by Board of Survey or inspection by a competent authority causes delay in replacing these items. This procedure should be reviewed with a view to speeding up replacements and/or repairs.
- b. Although a Water Cooler and Deep Fat Fryer were indented for in May they had not been received at the termination of the tour of duty in Oct. Both of these items would have proved very advantageous to the unit.

9. Engineer Works. The engineer element of three was much too small and consequently no major works could be undertaken. Main engineer activity was directed towards maintenance at WOLFE TONE CAMP, CUSTOM HOUSE, SCALA SCHOOL and LOUROUJINA. This maintenance included electrical repairs and maintenance plumbing, carpentry, cementing, road repairs and painting. The one major construction work undertaken was the erection of an Elephant shelter at CUSTOM HOUSE. Because of the condition of the buildings in WOLFE TONE CAMP an enormous amount of work was carried out by the engineers and their efforts are worthy of special praise.

10. General. Despite the problems mentioned above the position regarding 'Q' Administration was satisfactory. Appreciation is recorded to the following for their help and assistance in 'Q' matters.

- a. Logistic Staff HQ UNFICYP.
- b. Staff of Ordnance Detachment.
- c. Camp Staff, Camp UNFICYP.
- d. Officers of the SECRETARIAT.
- e. Rations Supply Depot DHEKELIA.

UNIT HISTORY22 INFANTRY GROUPSIGNAL SECTION

1. Personnel. The signal personnel of Group HQ and Coy HQ combined to form the Signal Section. All personnel had a high standard of Radio Operating from the start but lack of experience of switchboard operation caused some problems initially.
2. Operations. While 22 Infantry Group maintained an element at LOUROUJINA some difficulty was encountered due to the age of the C42 sets in use. This usually resulted in the stand-by HF link being operated. Once LOUROUJINA was handed over to BRITCON no major problems were encountered in signal operations within the group.
3. Battery Charging. Most Battery Charging was carried out from Mains Rectifier Units although the stand-by 300W generators were occasionally utilised.
4. Line. All military laid line in the LARNACA areas was replaced during the period. No direct line to HQ UNFICYP existed although an alternative to STD lay in the direct line to BRITCON at KOPHINO and from there to HQ UNFICYP. The question of a direct line to HQ UNFICYP was raised and it was approved but not installed during the period.
5. Films. The signal section was responsible for obtaining and showing films within the unit.
6. Maintenance. Most repairs were carried out at the Unit Workshop but C42 sets were sent to REME at Camp UNFICYP for major repairs. In addition the more difficult A41 repairs (e.g. alignment) were also undertaken by REME.

UNIT HISTORY22 INFANTRY GROUPMEDICAL SECTION

1. Staff. The Medical Section of 22 Infantry Group consisted of:
 - a. Medical Officer - Comdt H. O'SHEA, Depot AMC
 - b. Medical Sgt - Sgt N. MURPHY, 1 Hosp Coy
 - c. Medical Pte - Pte GODDARD, 2 Hosp Coy
2. General. Sgt Murphy and Pte Goddard joined 22 Infantry Group on its formation at GORMASTON. They provided medical cover for the Group in conjunction with the permanent medical staff at GORMANSTON. During the period at GORMANSTON they assisted in completion of medical processing. Sgt Murphy had already served overseas with the following units 32 Bn, 40 Bn, 6 Inf Gp and 9 Inf Gp. Pte Goddard was on his first tour of overseas duty having completed nearly two years on Border Duty.
3. Medical Officer. Due to the failure to recruit a suitable civilian Medical Officer for UN service Comdt H. O'Shea, Depot AMC joined the Group just prior to the departure of Chalk 2 on 25 April.
4. Procedures. Sgt Murphy arrived in CYPRUS with Chalk 1 on 18 April and completed the ledger and stock take over prior to the departure of 21 Infantry Group. Due to the reduction of medical strength it was decided to hold all medical personnel at WOLFE TONE CAMP and to operate a medical centre there. Medical cover for CUSTOM HOUSE and LOUROUJINA was provided for by frequent visits. This arrangement worked well and was made easier by the subsequent hand over of LOUROUJINA to BRITCON. No difficulties arose in connection with medical work which was of normal routine pattern. Because of strength restrictions and space limitations it was not feasible to open a sick bay which could hold three to four moderately ill patients instead of admitting them to hospital. In fact the necessity for such a sick bay did not arise during the period.
5. Hospitalisation. Hospitalisation in the British Military Hospital at DHEKELIA was availed of in urgent emergency cases only (three cases following a traffic accident). One psychiatric case was sent direct to Princess Mary's RAF Hospital at AKROTIRI. This case was subsequently repatriated to IRELAND under medical escort. All other hospitalisation was to the Austrian Field Hospital as per routine UN practice. All hospital and allied OPD treatment was very satisfactory. In general, with the exception of one serious case following a road traffic accident, cases were "low key" in nature.

6. Transport. The following transport was available to the Medical Section at all times.

- a. 1 Land Rover Ambulance (4 Berth).
- b. 1 Land Rover FFS.

At no time was any difficulty experienced regarding transport and a word of thanks is due to the transport section for their unfailing help and cooperation.

7. Supplies and Equipment. All supplies and equipment were adequate and suitable. Some overhaul and boarding was carried out during the period. A 100% ledger check was carried out in Sept and replenishment requisitions were submitted to IRELAND.

UNIT HISTORY22 INFANTRY GROUPMP SECTION

1. Duties. The MP Section carried out normal police duties. Particular emphasis was placed on the conduct of town patrols in the town of LARNACA.
2. Traffic Duties. The section was responsible for investigating and reporting on all UN traffic accidents within the LARNACA area. In addition the section set up frequent speed and vehicle checks.
3. Attachments. The following MP personnel were attached to the MP Section from UN MP Coy NICOSIA to assist in police duties.

S/Sgt AXELSSON	SWEDCON	9 Jun to 19 Jun
Cpl WARDELL	CANCON	19 Jun to 19 Aug
Cpl BLARE	CANCON	19 Aug to 6 Oct
Cpl BUSK	DANCON	13 Aug
Cpl KELLY	IRCON	6 Oct

COMBINED SHOOTING TEAMS



SOCCER TEAM



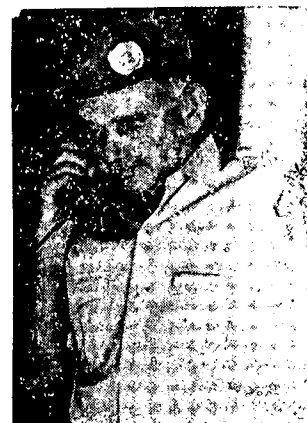
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UNIT HISTORY22 INFANTRY GROUPRIFLE COMPANYINTRODUCTION

1. General. In many ways the history of the 22 Infantry Group is also the history of the Rifle Company. The organisation of the 22 Infantry Group provided for a small headquarters element of thirty all ranks and one Rifle Company of one hundred all ranks. Although reduced in strength the Irish Unit still retained contingent status with all the commitments that such a status entails. Because of the foregoing the Rifle Company found itself not only providing the operational capability of the group but also providing considerable administrative support to Group HQ and in addition providing the bulk of the personnel required for contingent activities. The Rifle Company, 22 Infantry Group came into being with the assembly at GORMANSTON CAMP of HQ personnel on 27 March 72. The Rifle platoons reported on 30 March 72. The personnel of the company were drawn from all commands with one platoon from Eastern Command, one platoon from Southern Command and one platoon from Western Command. The personnel of Company HQ were also drawn from various Commands with the majority coming from the Curragh Training Camp. The officers and senior NCOs of the company were:

a. Company HQ

Company Commander	-	A/Comdt J. MARTIN, Mil Col
2I/C and Administrative Officer	-	Capt R.J. KEANE, 14 Inf Bn
Company Sgt	-	CS. L. GAYNOR, 4 Grn Ord
CQMS	-	CQMS T. GLEESON, HQ, S. Comd

b. No. 1 Platoon (Eastern Command)

Platoon Commander	-	Lt P. RYAN, 20 Inf Bn
Platoon Sgt	-	Sgt J. HENDRICKS, 2 Inf Bn

c. No. 2 Platoon (Southern Command)

Platoon Commander	-	Lt P. KEARNEY, 1 Fd Sig Coy
Platoon Sgt	-	Sgt M. HIGGINS, 4 Inf Bn

d. No. 3 Platoon (Western Command)

Platoon Commander	-	Lt S. DOWNES, 17 Inf Bn
Platoon Sgt	-	Sgt J. MONAGHAN, 6 Inf Bn

2. Preparation. Due to the security situation over Easter 1972 the 22 Infantry Group was placed on AMBER alert at GORMANSTON from 31 March to 4 April. Because of the very real possibility of commitment of the company in an Aid to the Civil Power Role no time was lost in moulding an effective operational team from the personnel from the various Commands who had been brought together at short notice. To this end intensive training was undertaken immediately with particular emphasis on anti-riot drills and internal security type subjects. The result of this intensive training was that a high standard was soon achieved. In the event this training was not put to the test for, although No. 1 Platoon was on stand by in DUNDALK on Easter Sunday, the week-end passed without incident. Following the Easter alert attention was focused on training for UN Operations and the administrative and medical processing commenced. On 11 April the Group Reconnaissance Party which included the Company Commander

departed from DUBLIN AIRPORT for CYPRUS. Following the completion of training and processing the Group was activated on 17 April and on the following day Chalk 1 consisting mainly of No 1 Platoon personnel departed DUBLIN AIRPORT and touched down at NICOSIA at 1630 hrs local time.

GENERAL NARRATIVE

Despite the fact the operational responsibility for LARNACA SECTOR did NOT pass to 22 Infantry Group until 1500 hrs 21 April the personnel of Chalk 1 found themselves sharing duties with 21 Infantry Group personnel from the time they arrived in CYPRUS. On Sat 22 April as No 1 Platoon was settling in to OP duty on the ARTEMIS ROAD a request was received from HQ UNFICYP for a platoon to undertake a top priority task of assisting in the escorting of and the subsequent guarding of a consignment of arms which had been handed over to UN custody by President MAKARIOS. Despite the fact that some of its personnel had just completed a strenuous tour of duty on the OPs No 1 Platoon was dispatched to undertake the task at HQ UNFICYP leaving LARNACA SECTOR in the hands of 21 Infantry Group personnel supplemented by the balance of Chalk 1 of 22 Infantry Group. After a night spent in trenches on the perimeter of the arms compound at HQ UNFICYP No 1 Platoon returned to LARNACA to resume its tour of duty on the OPs. On Tue 25 April the main body of the 22 Infantry Group arrived at NICOSIA Airport at 2100 hrs. As the remainder of the 21 Infantry Group were repatriated on the return flight it was necessary to deploy elements of No 3 Pl directly from the Airport to the platoon outpost at LOUROUJINA. In addition to manning the outpost and undertaking operational tasks in the LOUROUJINA No 3 Pl immediately began preparation for the provision of the contingent guard to UN HQ at NICOSIA. This guard consisting of 1 Sgt (Sgt Monaghan) 4 Cpls and 9 Ptes was mounted on Mon 1 May. In the midst of the busy settling in period the ballot papers for the Referendum on the Constitution were received, distributed, collected and returned to Ireland. During the first weeks of May familiarisation continued apace with all ranks becoming quickly acquainted with their respective tasks and duties. On 11 May the unit colours were blessed by the Group Chaplain Rev. Fr. C. Swan at a parade at Wolfe Tone Camp and in addition the first rotation of platoons was carried out. The deployment of the Coy as of that date was No 1 Pl - CUSTOM HO, No 2 Pl - LOUROUJINA No 3 Pl - WOLFE TONE CAMP. On 12 May the Force Commander visited the LARNACA Sector. On arrival he was accorded compliments by a guard of honour and subsequently he toured the operational area. In spite of the heavy operational demands which were made on the Coy personnel a weekly training programme was carried out and recreational training was not neglected. On Tue 16 May the first of a series of Range Practices was conducted at DHEKELIA Range. A constant flow of VIPs visited the Coy Sector during the months of May and June. These included Senior Staff Officers and Civilian Staff from HQ UNFICYP, the Permanent Japanese Representative to the UN HQ in NEW YORK and, most important of all, a visit from the UN Secretary General KURT WALDHIEM on 7 June. This visit by the Secretary General imposed a severe strain on the manpower resources of the Coy for, in addition to supplying the routine defence guard to HQ UNFICYP during the period of the visit, the Coy also provided personnel for an inter-contingent representative guard of honour as well as a party for administrative duty at a reception at HQ UNFICYP. Towards the end of June some respite was gained with the announcement that the LOUROUJINA outpost was to be handed over by IRCON to BRITCON. After all preliminary arrangements had been settled a ceremonial hand over took place on Sat 1 July. On Tue 18 July a very successful Contingent Reception was held at the BELMARE CLUB. This reception was staffed by members of Group HQ assisted by 20 other ranks from the Coy. Training continued and on 20 July a visit by a troop of armoured cars from the force reserve presented the opportunity to conduct a very successful infantry/cavalry exercise. During the month of July many visits

were made to Wolfe Tone Camp by officials of the Cypriot Government and the Force Engineer with a view to providing suitable alternative accommodation. A feature of the training programme during the months of July and August was the inclusion of a weekly cross country march of 5 to 8 mile on Saturday mornings. Although somewhat exacting in the existing conditions these marches proved popular and gave a boost to morale. As part of a familiarisation programme with other contingents an APC exercise was carried out on 10 Aug using APCs supplied by SWEDCON. During the months of July and August a recreational programme was arranged which allowed for members of the Coy to spend four days leave in FAMAGUSTA. In addition some members of the Coy availed of the opportunity to visit CAIRO and BERIUT. On Tue 29 Aug those personnel of the Coy who had so qualified were presented with their UN Service Medals by the Force Commander at the Contingent Medal Parade. On Fri 1 Sep attention was focused on the Inter-Contingent Shooting Competitions at DHEKELIA Ranges. IRCON entered teams in the Rifle Falling Plates (2 teams) and in the SMG and Pistol Competitions. After a hectic competition IRCON B team won out the Rifle Falling Plates beating the Force Reserve team in the final. The winning team was A/Comdt J. MARTIN, CQMS PORTER (HQ, UNFICYP), Pte P. O'BRIEN and Pte DELANEY. The IRCON A team reached the semi-final stage and finished joint third. The pistol team was defeated in the semi-final stage and the SMG team went out in the first round. Further visits by a troop of armoured cars from the Force Reserve during the early weeks of Sept provided for further joint infantry/cavalry exercises in the LARNACA area. The Contingent NCOs and privates held their separate receptions during the last weeks in Sep. On Wed 27 Sep WATERFORD soccer team played a local Cypriot team in a European Soccer Competition in NICOSIA. The enthusiastic vocal support accorded by members of the Company who attended the match was in vain as WATERFORD went down to a 2-0 defeat. The Contingent sports, which provided excellent entertainment but did not result in any national records being broken, were held on 4th Oct. The realisation that rotation time was almost at hand was brought home by the arrival of the Reconnaissance party from the 23 Infantry Group on 6 Oct. Each platoon staged its end of tour party being relieved of operational duty for the occasion by other members of the Company. The month of Oct was marked by an increase in activity in all fields as preparations for the hand over were finalised. On 14 Oct the Force Commander visited the Contingent to bid an official farewell to the Group. In his address he complimented all ranks on their efforts towards peace-keeping in the LARNACA area during their tour of duty. At 2335 hrs on Tue 17 Oct the beginning of the end of the 22 Infantry Group was marked when Chalk 1 departed NICOSIA Airport having been replaced by the incoming members of Chalk 1 of the 23 Infantry Group. The week that followed proved hectic as hand overs at all levels of operational and administrative activity were completed. This phase was marked by the high degree of cooperation between members of the two Groups which ensured that the effectiveness of the contingent did not diminish during the hand over. 23 Infantry Group assumed operational responsibility for LARNACA SECTOR at 1500 hrs on 21st Oct but despite this members of the Rifle Company of the 22 Infantry Group remained on operational and administrative duty right up to the departure of Chalk 2 on 25 Oct.

OPERATIONS

3. General. The operational capability of the 22 Infantry Group was provided by the Rifle Company. This was organised as per ANNEX 'A'. The three-fold mission of UNFICYP was translated into the following tasks for the Rifle Company.

- a. The conduct of foot and motorised patrols in the sector.
- b. The manning of five OPs in the LARNACA town area on a 24 hour basis.
- c. The provision of a platoon as part of UNFICYP reserve force on 3 hrs notice.

4. Deployment. In order to execute the above tasks the Company was initially deployed with one platoon located at WOLFE TONE CAMP, one platoon located at CUSTOM HOUSE and one platoon (minus) located at LOUROUJINA with Company Headquarters (plus) located at WOLFE TONE CAMP. Subsequent to the handing over of LOUROUJINA to BRITCON on 1 July the Company was redeployed by the withdrawal of the LOUROUJINA platoon to WOLFE TONE CAMP.

5. Platoon Tasks.

- a. One platoon WOLFE TONE CAMP.
 - (1) To conduct mobile patrols to villages in the platoon's area of responsibility on a frequency of once per week.
 - (2) To be prepared to be deployed on 3 hrs notice as part of UNFICYP reserve force or as sector reserve.
 - (3) To provide administrative support to both Group and Company Headquarters by manning administrative installations and executing administrative tasks at WOLFE TONE CAMP.
- b. One platoon (minus) WOLFE TONE CAMP.
 - (1) To conduct mobile patrols to villages in the platoon's area of responsibility on a frequency ranging from once per week to once per day in sensitive areas.
 - (2) To conduct daily foot patrols in the TUZZLA - NORTH LARNACA area.
 - (3) To undertake training as detailed.
- c. One platoon CUSTOM HOUSE.
 - (1) To man four OPs in the ARTEMIS ROAD area on a 24 hr basis, posts double manned from 2100 hrs to 0600 hrs.
 - (2) To conduct mobile patrols in the LARNACA/SCALA area along the line of demarkation.
 - (3) To conduct mobile patrols to villages in the platoon's area of responsibility on a frequency of once per week.
- d. Detachment of 1 NCO and 5 Ptes SCALA SCHOOL.
 - (1) To maintain a UN presence in SCALA SCHOOL.
 - (2) To man one OP on a 24 hr basis, double manned from 2100 hrs to 0600 hrs.

6. Operational Procedures. Because of the co-location of Group and Company Headquarters and because of the manpower shortage which existed only one set of operational records was maintained. Similarly one operations centre served both Group and Company Headquarters and was manned by both Group and Company personnel.

7. Operational Reporting. Patrol reports were submitted to the Company Commander on completion of all patrols. Any information of an immediate operational nature was recorded in the operations journal. Reports from OPs were passed directly to the operations centre for immediate recording in the operations journal.

8. Investigation of complaints and violations of arrangements, agreements and understandings. Complaints were initiated by either side usually in the form of a verbal report. In the event of the complaint being of a serious nature the complainants usually reported directly to their own headquarters in NICOSIA and this frequently led to the same complaint being lodged at local and UN headquarters level at the same time. In addition to investigation of complaints from the opposing sides, action had also to be taken in the event of violations of the status quo observed and reported on by local UN OPs or patrols. Usual complaints and violations concerned accidental discharges, gestures between sentries, construction of fortifications, flying of flags and military aspects of economic or civilian police matters. The level of negotiation for the Company Commander was the local National Guard Commander on the Greek Cypriot side and the Civil Administrator on the Turkish Cypriot side. Close liaison was maintained with UNCIVPOL (SWEDISH) at Company level.

9. Operational Incidents. Apart from operational incidents of a minor nature which were a frequent happening, a number of more serious incidents occurred during the tour of duty.

- a. MELOUSHA. On 24 Apr a Greek Cypriot Police element entered the Turkish Cypriot Section of the village of TREMETOUSA and arrested a Turkish Cypriot on a drugs charge. As a result of this the Turkish Cypriot Fighters in the nearby village of MELOUSHA placed armed sentries on a through road which was used daily by local Greek Cypriots. Immediate action was taken by Company and Group Headquarters and this eventually resulted in the sentries being withdrawn from the road.
- b. Flags - ARTEMIS Road. On 11 June a flag pole was erected on a mound close to the sensitive ARTEMIS Road area of LARNACA. On 17 June a Turkish flag was flown from this flag pole. This led to an increase in tension in this area as armed sentries confronted each other in this area at distances of less than 100 meters. The flag was removed after complaints had been made to the local Turkish Cypriot leadership but a recurrence of the incident became standard practice at week ends despite frequent strong protests from UN.
- c. SCALA SCHOOL. On 15 Jun. approximately 200 school children carrying placards staged a protest against the UN's continued occupation of SCALA SCHOOL. This protest was staged during the regular meeting between the local UN and the local Turkish Cypriot leadership and caused an adjournment of the meeting. After a number of meetings and prolonged negotiations an assurance was received that there would not be a repeat of such protest or demonstration.

- d. Road Block. On 15. Jun an earth surfaced road outside the perimeter of the Turkish Cypriot area of SCALA was closed by a trench being dug and sand being piled on the roadway. This action brought a response from the local National Guard who threatened reprisals unless the road was reopened. Again after lengthy discussions and negotiations with both sides a promise was received that the road would be opened and the threat of reprisals was withdrawn.
- e. Incidents on ARTEMIS ROAD. During the tour of duty the ARTEMIS Road remained a sensitive area with armed confrontation between sentries of the opposing sides. The exchange of verbal abuse, the making of obscene gestures and the pointing and aiming of weapons was a regular occurrence and always gave rise to an increase in tension and the danger of shooting incidents. However prompt and decisive action by UN sentries and patrol commanders succeeded in preventing an escalation and also provided an accurate basis for apportioning blame for the initiation of incidents.
- f. Road Surfacing - SCALA. On 19. Oct a party of Greek Cypriot Local Government employees moved into an area on the fringe of the Turkish Cypriot area of SCALA and commenced road surfacing operations. This action provoked an immediate reaction from the local Turkish Cypriot Fighters who threatened physical force against the workers. The deployment of a section from the Rifle Company, urgent negotiations with both sides up to District Officer level and coordination with UNCIVPOL averted a serious incident.

TRAINING

10. General. Despite the heavy operational commitments of the Company an intensive training programme was carried out. In addition to the formal Company training programme carried out by the training platoon at WOLFE TONE CAMP training was also carried on at platoon level as the opportunity arose.

11. Subjects.

- a. Voice Procedure. Revision for all ranks including practical exercises.
- b. Observation and Reporting.
- c. Map Reading and compass. Including practical exercises.
- d. Shooting team training. Including preliminary range practices, dry practice and range practice for Rifle, SMG and Pistol.
- e. Fire fighting. Including practical exercise in extinguishing fires.
- f. PT and recreational training. Including morning PT sessions and endurance training consisting of cross county march exercises across rough mountain terrain.
- g. Training for defence platoon duties. Including training for ceremonial hand over.
- h. Specialist training. Including training of support weapons elements.

12. Exercises.

- a. Ex "ROAD RUNNER". Carried out on 20/21 Jul in conjunction with a visit from a troop of armoured cars for the Force Reserve. The exercise was based on a joint infantry/cavalry patrol situation and catered for
- (1) Infantry/Cavalry patrol procedures.
 - (2) Deployment drills.
 - (3) The establishment and operation of joint Infantry/Cavalry radio net.
 - (4) Practical route finding and map reading practice.
- b. Ex "NUTCRACKER". This exercise also involved cooperation with armoured car elements of Force Reserve. Its object was to provide for Infantry/Cavalry cooperation in the search and clearing of a built up area.
- c. APC Exercises. Carried out on 10 Aug. This was a short familiarisation exercise with APCs and Crews provided by SWEDCON. The infantry element was supplied by No 3 Platoon. Instruction covered the capabilities and armament of the APCs and practical instruction in mounting and dismounting drills.

SPORTING ACTIVITY

13. General. Despite the heavy work load and the manpower shortage Company personnel played an active part in a wide variety of sporting activities.

14. Volleyball. Prior to the UNFICYP inter-contingent competition a series of practice games were played against the local UNCIVPOL team, the local Fire Service team and against SWEDCON. In the inter-Contingent competition the IRCON team reached the semi-final stage to be beaten by CANCON. Members of the Company on the contingent team were Comdt Martin, C/S Gaynor, Cpls McManus, Toher, Nash and Ptes Lafford and Gaffey. The winners of the Contingent Volleyball competition were No 3 Platoon. The members of the team were Lt Downes, Cpl McManus, Ptes Gaffey, Cornally, Archibald, Masterson, McDonald and Fitzgerald. On 20 Sep a challenge match was played against CANCON who won 3-1.

15. Soccer.

- a. Inter-Contingent competition. This competition was organised by IRCON with Lt Kearney as sports officer being responsible for the details. The IRCON team met with little success in this competition. Results were as follows:

IRCON	0	SWEDCON	4
IRCON	2	DANCON	2
IRCON	0	BRITCON	2

- b. Contingent seven-a-side competition. This was won by No 2 Platoon with a 1-0 win over No 1 Platoon. The winning goal was scored by Cpl Nash. Members of the team were Lt Kearney, Cpl Nash, Ptes Nolan, Nugent, McGarry, Butler, Lafford and O'Donoghue.

- c. Challenge Games. A number of challenge games were played with mixed results.

IRCON	2	3 Para	1
IRCON	1	Force Reserve	2
IRCON	5	Sp Coy 3 Para	1
IRCON	1	Sp Coy 3 Para	2

In addition a number of games were played against local villages teams and in village seven-a-side competitions. Regular members of the contingent team from the Company were Comdt Martin, Lts Downes, Kearney and Ryan, Cpls McManus, O'Hara, Moore and Daly, Ptes Gavigan, Byrne, Harding, Masterson and Archibald. Pte Gavigan was also selected on a combined UNFICYP team which played RAF Cyprus.

16. Orienteering. Although facing very strong competition from SWEDCON and FINCON the IRCON team finished 4th out of ten teams in the inter-Contingent competition. The entire team was composed of Company personnel. Team Captain Lt S. Downes, Team Members Lts Ryan and Kearney, Cpl Nash, Ptes Flynn, Power, Archibald, Gavigan, Conroy and Brennan.

17. Athletics. On 4 Oct the Contingent sports were held at the sports field WOLFE TONE CAMP. Results were as follows:

100 Meters.	First Lt S. Downes	Second Lt P. Ryan
400 Meters.	First Pte P. Gavigan	Second Pte J. Masterson
1500 Meters.	First Lt P. Kearney	Second Tpr P. Harding
Shot	First Pte L. Duggan	Second Lt S. Downes
4x100 Meters Relay.	First Group Headquarters,	Second No 1 Platoon.
Medley Relay.	First No 1 Platoon.	Second Company Headquarters.
Novelty Relay.	First Group Headquarters,	Second Company Headquarters.
Over 35 Veterans.	First Cpl T. Genockey,	Second Sgt M. Higgins
Cooks 100 Meters	First Gnr J. Furlong,	Second Pte D. Nugent.

18. Other activities. In addition to the above other sporting activities included.

- Basketball. A number of challenge games were played both against UN teams and teams in the SBA.
- Darts. A keen interest was shown in both the internal Contingent competition and a number of external challenge games.
- Inter-Contingent Obstacle Race. The IRCON team finished sixth in this event.
- Water Skiing. A number of company personnel took up this sport and attained a fair standard.

NOMINAL ROLL PERS 22 INF GP UNFICYP

Number	Rank	Name	Number	Rank	Name
<u>GP HQrs</u>					
0.4959	Lt Col	Hurley, D.	0.7275	Comdt	Boyle, T.
0.6745	Comdt	O'Shea, H.	0.7665	Capt	Crean, C.
0.7501	Capt	Keyes, G.	0.7465	Capt	Scannell, P.
	Rev Fr	Swan. C. CHAPLAIN			
801148	BQMS	Lawless, J.	609855	CS	McQuaide, M.
83541	CQMS	Fitzsimons, E.	805918	Sgt	Byrne, L.
804909	Sgt	Gartland, W.	802920	Sgt	Thompson, W.
*98485	Sgt	Creevy, M.	809735	Sgt	Grant, P.
817300	Sgt	Mortimer, O.	806699	Sgt	Murphy, T.
818917	Sgt	McKenna, J.	813283	Sgt	O'Donovan, M.
816156	Cpl	Casey, J.	818037	Cpl	Dalton, P.
813608	Cpl	Hughes, P.	811687	Cpl	Griffin, J.
820718	Cpl	Kehoe, J.	817368	Cpl	Lawlor, W.
817379	Pte	Doyle, M.	817438	Pte	Mulligan, W.
822206	Pte	Goddard, P.	819758	Sgmn	O'Callaghan, M.
821140	Sgmn	Lafferty, A.			
<u>COY HQrs</u>					
0.7952	A/Comdt	Martin, J.	0.7970	Capt	Keane, R.
95750	C/S	Gaynor, W.	809435	CQMS	Gleeson, T.
*815953	Cpl	Duffy, P.	*96627	Cpl	Connolly
815770	Cpl	Moore, C.	814761	Cpl	Mullins, F.
819282	Cpl	Heavey, P.	*819227	Pte	McCaughey, E.
*804644	Gnr	Furlong, J.	820639	Pte	Walsh, M.
820850	Tpr	McNamee, J.	814355	Pte	O'Neill, J.
820081	Sgmn	O'Sullivan, J.	818807	Sgmn	McCarthy, J.
817455	Sgmn	Parker, B.	820732	Tpr	Harding
817357	Cpl	Redmond, M.			
<u>No 1 Pl</u>					
0.8186	Lt	Ryan, P.	809033	Sgt	Hendricks, J.
821227	Sgmn	Gilbert, J.	819455	Cpl	Holden, W.
812243	Cpl	O'Hora, P.	820961	Pte	Long, J.
820762	Pte	Abbey, D.	819374	Pte	Flanagan, W.
*818013	Gnr	O'Connor, W.	820383	Pte	Grant, W.
808953	Pte	Duffy, D.	817679	Cpl	Genockey, T.
815905	Cpl	McCarthy, M.	819577	Pte	Moules, J.
820626	Pte	Swan, D.	818320	Pte	Delaney, W.
820168	Pte	Gavagan, P.	93140	Pte	O'Brien, P.
818603	Pte	Egan, R.	811908	Cpl	Moore, M.
817395	Cpl	Ryan, J.	820134	Pte	Byrne, M.
815912	Pte	O'Brien, J.	820866	Pte	Nagle, M.
816160	Pte	Murphy, P.	820542	Pte	Gillick, P.
821132	Pte	Phelan, P.			

* Denotes Cooks.

Number	Rank	Name	Number	Rank	Name
<u>No 2 Pl</u>					
0.8233	Lt	Kearney, P.	802646	Sgt	Higgins, M.
815926	Sgmn	Barry, V.	807195	Sgt	O'Brien, P.
815677	Cpl	Ahern, W.	821755	Pte	Hanrahan, D.
821942	Gnr	Nolan, M.	820832	Gnr	Butler, T.
*814828	Pte	Nugent, D.	820991	Pte	O'Donoghue, W.
814823	Pte	Woods, R.	816360	Cpl	Neill, P.
816089	Cpl	Burke, T.	803760	Pte	Daly, M.
821732	Pte	Lynch, M.	820499	Pte	Egan, C.
820710	Pte	McGarry, S.	815796	Gnr	Lafford, M.
811609	Pte	Boles, D.	818067	Cpl	Nash, J.
812051	Cpl	Toher, G.	820092	Pte	Fitzpatrick, M.
820312	Pte	Frawley, V.	820171	Pte	Ludden, M.
820549	Pte	O'Halloran, M.	820795	Pte	O'Mahoney, J.
814214	Pte	Goldsboro, J.			

No 3 Pl

0.8201	Lt	Downes, S.	94808	Sgt	Monaghan, J.
821242	Pte	Flynn, J.	812611	Cpl	McCrossan, P.
810946	Cpl	Maloney, J.	821979	Pte	Burgoyne, M.
821591	Pte	Brennan, D.A.	821590	Pte	Brennan, E.E.
*806009	Pte	Gaffey, T.J.	819958	Pte	Gillen, F.
820995	Pte	Masterson, J.	812658	Cpl	Rea, P.
**814240	Cpl	Daly, M.	820942	Pte	Conroy, G.
820576	Pte	Salmon, T.	819999	Pte	Archibald, W.
820454	Pte	Fitzgerald, S.	822018	Pte	Wims, M.
822637	Pte	Power, P.	819520	Cpl	Frain, T.
808261	Cpl	McManus, F.	821117	Pte	McDonnell, P.
819665	Pte	O'Connell, O.	820044	Pte	Duggan, L.
815728	Pte	O'Loughlin, P.	818675	Pte	Cornally, P.
820783	Pte	Seery, J.			

* Denotes Cooks

** Force Comdrs Orderly

UN HQ PERS

0.7373	Comdt	Croke, J.			
801582	CQMS	Porter, J.	801368	C/S	Cullen
819101	Cpl	Brace, T.	814860	Cpl	Martin, P.
813022	Cpl	Moore, E.	816993	Cpl	O'Reardon, E.
816409	Cpl	Kelly, J.	820075	Tpr	Coughlan, J.

Headquarters,
22 Inf Group,
IRCON,
UNFICYP,
LARNACA.

05 August 72.

CEREMONIAL ORDER 1/22/72

PRESENTATION OF UNITED NATIONS MEDAL (CYPRUS)

IRISH CONTINGENT

PART ONE - INFORMATION

1. The Force Commander has kindly consented to present the UN Medal (Cyprus) to members of 22 Infantry Group IRCON at Wolfe Tone Camp at 1700 hrs on Tuesday 29 August, 1972.

PART TWO - CEREMONIAL DETAILS

2. Gen Outline.

- a. Reception of Force Commander by COMIRCON, Lt Col D. Hurley.
- b. Inspection of parade and presentation of Medals.
- c. Force Commander's Address.
- d. March off Parade.

3. Inspection and Presentation of Medals.

- a. The Force Commander will be escorted to the parade ground by COMIRCON.
- b. Honours will be rendered and the parade will be handed over to the Force Commander by the Parade Commander.
- c. On completion of the inspection of the parade by the Force Commander the parade will stand at ease.
- d. The Medal Aide will present himself to the Force Commander who will present medals to a representative body of 22 Inf Group - Annex 'C'.

4. Address by Force Commander.

- a. On conclusion of the presentation of medals the Force Commander will be escorted to the Rostrum by COMIRCON.
- b. The Force Commander will then address the parade.

5. March off Parade.

- a. On conclusion of the Force Commander's address the parade will be brought to attention by parade Commander who will then seek permission to march off the parade.
- b. The parade will then march off led by the Colour Party.

PART THREE - ADM DETAILS6. TIMINGS.

- 1645 - Force Commander Arrives Officers Mess.
- 1655 - Parade in position - March on the Colour.
- 1700 - Force Commander arrives Parade ground.
- 1704 - General Salute.
- 1706 - Inspection of parade and presentation of Medals.
- 1716 - Address by the Force Commander.
- 1720 - 22 Inf Gp march off Parade.
- 1725 - Reception Officers Mess.

7. Dress.

- a. Officers: - Whites, Blue Beret, Blue Cravat, Brown Shoes
IRCON Stable Belts, Unit Lanyard.
- b. O/Ranks : - Whites, Blue Beret, Blue Cravat, White Web
belts, Combat boots, Unit Lanyard, Rifles.
- c. Medals : - Medals will be worn.
- d. MP Pers on Duty: - Whites, Blue Cravat, Combat boots,
White Web belts, Cross strap and holster,
helmet, Arm bands, Unit Lanyard.

8. Eligibility.

- a. Annex 'B' shows members of 22 Inf Gp who are eligible
for UN Medal (Cyprus).
- b. Annex 'C' shows members of representative body.

9. Responsibilities.

- a. Public address System - Lt P. Kearney
- b. Medals & Medals Tray - Capt C. Crean
- c. Publicity - Lt P. Ryan
- d. Rostrum - Comdt J. Martin
- e. Flags & Dress Hooks - Capt G. Keyes
- f. Reception - Comdt T. Boyle
- g. Guests Drivers - CS Gaynor

10. Appointments

- a. Parade Commander - Comdt J. Martin
- b. Medal Aide - Capt R. Keane
- c. Officer i/c Colours - Lt S. Downes

11. Rehearsals. As notified by COMIRCON.

D. Hurley Lt Col
(D. HURLEY)

COMMANDING OFFICER, 22 INF GP IRCON

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P.C.

Rep Body

Pl Comd:

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LEGEND

F.C. - Force Commander

P.C. - Parade Commander

_____ - Troops.

NOMINAL ROLL OF MEMBERS OF THE FORCE WHO ARE IN
ALL RESPECTS QUALIFIED FOR THE AWARD OF THE UN
MEDAL (CYPRUS)

IRCON

OFFICERS

O.7665	Capt	Crean, C.	O.8233	Lt	Kearney, P.
O.8186	Lt	Ryan, P.	O.8201	Lt	Downes, S.

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MEDAL PARADEREPRESENTATIVE BODY

Lt Kearney

Lt Ryan

Sgt O'Brien

Sgt McKenna

Cpl Frain

Sgmn Lafferty

Tpr Gillick

Pte 91 Brennan

Pte Ludden

Pte Conroy

Tpr McNamee

Pte Swan

REF: IR/OPS/39

Headquarters,
22 Inf Group,
IRCON,
LARNACA Sector,
CYPRUS.

05 October '72.

OPO/4/22/721. Situation

- a. 22 Inf Group becomes non-Operational at 211500B October '72 having completed its six months mission as part of UNFICYP.
- b. 23 Inf Group becomes operational at 21500B October '72 taking over 22 Inf Group's mission in LARNACA Sector.
- c. This OPO covers the physical movement of 22/23 Inf Groups. Other instructions cover the operational deployment and redeployment.

2. Mission. 22/23 Inf Groups will rotate by Air between CYPRUS and IRELAND during the period 17 to 25 October '72, causing minimum disruption to the fulfilment of UNFICYP mission.

3. Execution.

- a. Gen outline. The rotation will take place in two Chalks.
 - (1) Chalk 1 (incoming) will be of 70 Pax, 23 Inf Group and will operate on 17 October '72.
 - (2) Chalk 1 (outgoing) will be of 59 Pax, 22 Inf Group and will operate on 17 October '72.
 - (3) Chalk 2 (incoming) will be of 75 Pax plus stores and will operate on 25 October '72.
 - (4) Chalk 2 (outgoing) will be of 79 Pax plus stores and will operate on 25 October '72.
- b. Chalk 1 (22 Inf Group).
 - (1) Chalk Comd. Lieut. P. Ryan - Instrs at ANNEX 'F' to this OPO.
 - (2) Personnel. As at ANNEX 'A' to this OPO.
 - (3) Chalk 1 will move by tpt in convoy from LARNACA to Camp UNFICYP via main LARNACA - NICOSIA Road, prepared to move on foot from CAMP UNFICYP to Airport for embarkation.
- c. Chalk 1 (23 Inf Group) Chalk (-) on disembarkation will mount vehicles and move by road from Airport to LARNACA via main AIRPORT-LARNACA Rd. Balance to HQ UNFICYP.
- d. Chalk 2 (22 Inf Group)
 - (1) Chalk Comd. Capt C.J. Crean - Instrs at ANNEX 'F' to this OPO.

(3) Chalk 2 will move by tpt in convoy from LARNACA to Camp UNFICYP via main LARNACA-AIRPORT Road prepared to move on foot from CAMP UNFICYP to Airport for embarkation.

e. Chalk 2 (23 Inf Group). Chalk 2 on disembarkation will mount vehicles and move to LARNACA via main AIRPORT-LARNACA Road.

f. Co-ord Instructions.

(1) Timings. Provisional timings based on present ETAs and ETDs are at ANNEX 'C' to this OPO. Amendments later if required.

(2) On arrival in DUBLIN personnel will be transported to CLANCY Bks for Adm processing. Further details later.

4. Adm and Logs.

a. 'Q' Plan attached as ANNEX 'D' to this OPO.

b. Tpt Plan attached as ANNEX 'E' to this OPO.

c. MP.

(1) Detachment 22 Inf Group provides guide landrover for convoy and 2 MP's at Airport for Chalk 1.

(2) Detachment 23 Inf Group provides guide landrover for convoy and 2 MP's at Airport for Chalk 2.

5. Command and Signals.

a. Command

(1) Ops Officer 22 Inf Gp (Capt Crean) will be responsible for gen co-ord of rotation of Chalk 1.

(2) Ops Officer 23 Inf Gp (Capt Quirke) will be responsible for gen co-ord of rotation of Chalk 2. He will be assisted by Capt Crean.

b. Signals. Communication between LARNACA and CAMP UNFICYP/ Airport during the rotation will be by line only.

Auth C.J. Crean Capt
(C.J. CREAN)

D. Hurley Lt Col
(D. HURLEY)

Adjt/Ops Officer, 22 Inf Group

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REF: IR/OPS/39HEADQUARTERS,
22 INF GROUP,
IRCON, UNFICYP,
CYPRUS.

15 September 72.

CHALK 1 - MANIFESTCYPRUS - IRELANDROLL OF PERSONNELDate Departure 17-10-72Date Arrival 18-10-72FLIGHT No EI 7980Aircraft BOEING 707

Ser No.	Army Number	Rank	Name	Unit	Parent Unit	REMARKS
1	O.8186	Lt	RYAN, P.N.	22 Inf Gp	20 Bn	CHALK COMD
2		Rev Fr	SWAN, C.	" "	CURRAGH	
3	809033	Sgt	HENDRICKS, J.	" "	2 Bn	
4	815905	Sgt	McCARTHY, M.	" "	2 Bn	
5	818917	Sgt	McKENNA, J.	" "	4 Fld Sigs	
6	807195	Sgt	O'BRIEN, P.	" "	12 Bn	
7	816156	Cpl	CASEY, J.	" "	2 Fld Sigs	
8	818037	Cpl	DALTON, P.	" "	2 Garr Coy MPC	
9	815770	Cpl	MOORE, C.	" "	G.T. Depot CTC	
10	96627	Cpl	CONNOLLY, M.	" "	1st A.A. Regt	
11	812243	Cpl	O'HORA, P.	" "	5 Bn	
12	817395	Cpl	RYAN, J.	" "	2 Garr A.O.C.	
13	819455	Cpl	HOLDEN, W.	" "	E/Comd HQRs	
14	817679	Cpl	GENOCKEY, T.	" "	2 Bn	
15	811908	Cpl	MOORE, M.	" "	6 F.A. Regt	
16	816360	Cpl	NEILL, P.	" "	12 Bn	
17	815677	Cpl	AHERN, W.	" "	4 Bn	
18	817379	Pte	DOYLE, M.	" "	2 Fld Coy COE	
19	822206	Pte	GODDARD, P.	" "	2 Hosp Coy	
20	819758	Sgmn	O'CALLAGHAN, M.	" "	2 Fld Sigs	
21	804644	Gnr	FURLONG, J.	" "	Depot Arty	
22	820850	Tpr	McNAMEE, J.	" "	1 Armd Car Sqdn	
23	817455	Sgmn	PARKER, B.	" "	2 Fld Sigs	
24	810087	Sgmn	McCARTHY, J.	" "	1 Fld Sigs	
25	820732	Tpr	HARDING, P.	" "	1 Armd Car Sqdn	
26	821227	Sgmn	GILBERT, J.	" "	2 Fld Sigs	
27	820762	Pte	ABBEY, D.	" "	2 Bn	
28	818013	Gnr	O'CONNOR, W.	" "	2 F.A.R.	
29	808953	Pte	DUFFY, D.	" "	2 Fld COE	
30	820626	Pte	SWAN, D.	" "	McKee Bks Coy	
31	820168	Pte	GAVIGAN, P.	" "	E/Comd HQRs	
32	818603	Pte	EGAN, R.	" "	2 Fld S&T	
33	816160	Pte	MURPHY, P.	" "	5 Bn	

Ser No.	Army Number	Rank	Name	Unit	Parent Unit	REMARKS
34	820961	Pte	LONG, J.	22 Inf Gp	2 Bde HQ	
35	819374	Pte	FLANAGAN, W.	" "	McKee Bks Coy	
36	819577	Pte	MOULES, J.	" "	2 Bde Hq	
37	818320	Pte	DELANEY, W.	" "	6 Bde Hq	
38	93140	Pte	O'BRIEN, P.	" "	10 Bn	
39	820134	Pte	BYRNE, M.	" "	2 FAR	
40	820866	Pte	NAGLE, M.	" "	5 Bn	
41	815926	Sgmn	BARRY, V.	" "	1 Fld Sigs	
42	821942	Gnr	NOLAN, M.	" "	CDA	
43	814823	Pte	WOODS, R.	" "	1 Fld C.O.E.	
44	820075	Tpr	COUGHLAN, S.	HQ UNFICYP	Depot Cav	
45	811609	Pte	BOLES, D.	22 Inf Gp	12 Bn	
46	820312	Pte	FRAWLEY, V.	" "	12 Bn	
47	820549	Pte	O'HALLORAN, M.	" "	12 Bn	
48	821755	Pte	HANRAHAN, D.	" "	4 Bn	
49	820832	Gnr	BUTLER, P.	" "	1 F.A.R.	
50	803760	Pte	DALY, M.	" "	4 Bn	
51	815796	Gnr	LAFFORD, M.	" "	1 F.A.R.	
52	820092	Pte	FITZPATRICK, M.	" "	12 Bn	
53	821732	Pte	LYNCH, M.	" "	4 Bn	
54	820454	Pte	FITZGERALD, S.	" "	4 Fld C.O.E.	
55	815912	Pte	O'BRIEN, J.	" "	5 Bn	
56	813022	Cpl	MOORE, E.	HQ UNFICYP	3 Garr MPC	
57	816409	Cpl	KELLY, J.	" "	4 Garr MPC	
58	814860	Cpl	MARTIN, P.	" "	Depot MPC	
59	816893	Cpl	O'RIORDAN, E.	" "	3 Garr MPC	

TOTAL PAX - 2 Officers & 57 O/Ranks: TOTAL 59.

I certify that personnel listed above did NOT suffer from Small Pox, Yellow Fever, Dysentery, during their service in CYPRUS.

H.P.D. O'Shea COMDT
(H.P.D. O'SHEA)

Medical Officer, 22 Inf Group

Certified per diem allowance paid up to and incl 18-10-72

R. Keane CAPT
(R. KEANE)

Disbursing Officer, 22 Inf Group

REF: IR/OPS/39HEADQUARTERS,
22 INF GROUP,
IRCON, UNFICYP,
CYPRUS.CHALK 2 - MANIFESTCYRPUS - IRELANDROLL OF PERSONNELFLIGHT No EI 7981Date Departure 25 October '72Date Arrival 26 October '72Aircraft BOEING 707

Ser No.	Army Number	Rank	Name	Unit	Parent Unit	Remarks
1	0.4959	Lt Col	HURLEY, D.	22 Inf Gp	Mil Col	
2	0.6745	Comdt	O'SHEA, H.	" "	Depot AMC	
3	0.7275	Comdt	BOYLE, T.	" "	4 F.A.R.	
4	0.7373	Comdt	CROKE, J.	HQ UNFICYP	6 F.A.R.	
5	0.7314	Comdt	MAGUIRE, P.	" "	Mil Col	
6	0.7952	A/Comdt	MARTIN, J.	22 Inf Gp	Mil Col	
7	0.7665	Capt	CREAN, C.	" "	Air Corps CK. COMD.	
8	0.7465	Capt	SCANNELL, P.	" "	3 Garr S&T	
9	0.7501	Capt	KEYES, G.	" "	5 Garr MPC	
10	0.7970	Capt	KEANE, R.	" "	14 Bn	
11	0.7817	Capt	McCARRICK, J.	HQ UNFICYP	2 Fld Sigs	
12	0.8233	Lt	KEARNEY, P.	22 Inf Gp	1 Fld Sigs	
13	0.8201	Lt	DOWNES, S.	" "	17 Bn	
14	801148	BQMS	LAWLESS, J.	" "	Camp HQrs CTC	
15	83541	CQMS	FITZSIMONS, E.	" "	7 Bn	
16	809435	CQMS	GLEESON, T.	" "	S/Comd HQrs	
17	95750	C/S	GAYNOR, W.	" "	4 Garr AOC	
18	809855	C/S	McQUAID, M.	" "	2 Garr MPC	
19	804909	Sgt	GARTLAND, W.	" "	7 Bn	
20	98485	Sgt	CREEVY, M.	" "	McKee Bks Coy	
21	817300	Sgt	MORTIMER, M.	" "	Depot S&T	
22	805198	Sgt	BYRNE, L.	" "	4 Garr AOC	
23	802920	Sgt	THOMPSON, T.	" "	McKee Bks Coy	
24	806699	Sgt	MURPHY, T.	" "	1 Hosp Coy	
25	813283	Sgt	O'DONOVAN, M.	" "	1 Fld Sigs	
26	814761	Sgt	MULLINS, F.	" "	Depot Sigs	
27	802646	Sgt	HIGGINS, M.	" "	4 Bn	
28	94808	Sgt	MONAGHAN, J.	" "	6 Bn	
29	813608	Cpl	HUGHES, P.	" "	Air Sqdn Sigs	
30	820718	Cpl	KEHOE, J.	" "	1 Armd Sqdn	
31	811687	Cpl	GRIFFIN, J.	" "	2 M/Sqdn	
32	817368	Cpl	LAWLOR, W.	" "	McKee Bks Coy	
33	815953	Cpl	DUFFY, P.	" "	1 H/Coy	
34	817557	Cpl	REDMOND, M.	" "	GT Depot CTC	

Ser No.	Army Number	Rank	Name	Unit	Parent Unit	Remarks
35	816089	Cpl	BURKE, T.	22 Inf Gp	4 Bn	
36	812051	Cpl	TOHER, G.	" "	1 M/Sqdn	
37	818067	Cpl	NASH, J.	" "	12 Bn	
38	810946	Cpl	MALONEY, T.	" "	6 Bn	
39	814240	Cpl	DALY, N.	" "	G.T.D. W/Comd	
40	808261	Cpl	McMANUS, F.	" "	4 Garr AOC	
41	812611	Cpl	McCROSSAN, P.	" "	6 Bn	
42	812658	Cpl	NEA, P.	" "	4 F.A.R.	
43	819520	Cpl	FRAIN, P.	" "	1 Bn	
44	817438	Pte	MULLIGAN, W.	" "	4 Fld COE	
45	820081	Sgmn	O'SULLIVAN, J.	" "	A.H.Q. Sigs	
46	819227	Pte	McCAUGHEY, E.	" "	Depot COE	
47	820639	Pte	WALSH, M.	" "	Depot S&T	
48	814355	Pte	O'NEILL, J.	" "	4 Garr S&T	
49	821132	Pte	PHELAN, P.	" "	2 F.A.R.	
50	820383	Pte	GRANT, W.	" "	11 Fld S&T	
51	820542	Pte	GILLICK, P.	" "	2 M/Sqdn	
52	814828	Pte	NUGENT, D.	" "	1 Fld COE	
53	814214	Pte	GOLDSBORO, J.	" "	3 F.A.R.	
54	820991	Pte	O'DONOGHUE, W.	" "	1 Fld Sigs	
55	820499	Pte	EGAN, C.	" "	12 Bn	
56	820795	Pte	O'MAHONY, J.	" "	1 F.A.R.	
57	820171	Pte	LUDDEN, M.	" "	12 Bn	
58	820710	Pte	McGARRY, S.	" "	12 Bn	
59	821242	Pte	FLYNN, J.	" "	6 Bn	
60	821591	Pte	BRENNAN, D.	" "	6 Bn	
61	806009	Pte	GAFFEY, T.	" "	4 H/Coy	
62	820995	Pte	MASTERSON, J.	" "	4 Fld S&T	
63	820576	Pte	SALMON, T.	" "	4 F.A.R.	
64	822637	Pte	POWER, P.	" "	4 Fld S&T	
65	819665	Pte	O'CONNELL, O.	" "	4 Fld COE	
66	815728	Pte	O'LOUGHLIN, P.	" "	1 Bn	
67	820783	Pte	SEERY, J.	" "	4 Garr S&T	
68	821590	Pte	BRENNAN, E.	" "	6 Bn	
69	819958	Pte	GILLIN, F.	" "	6 Bn	
70	820942	Pte	CONROY, G.	" "	4 F.A.R.	
71	819999	Pte	ARCHIBALD, W.	" "	4 F.A.R.	
72	822018	Pte	WIMS, M.	" "	4 Garr S&T	
73	821117	Pte	McDONNELL, P.	" "	1 Bn	
74	820044	Pte	DUGGAN, L.	" "	1 Bn	
75	818675	Pte	CORNALLY, P.	" "	4 Garr S&T	
76	801638	C/S	CULLEN, J.	HQ UNFICYP	9 Bn	

Ser No.	Army Number	Rank	Name	Unit	Parent Unit	Remarks
77	801582	CQMS	PORTER, J.	HQ UNFICYP	24 Bn	
78	819101	Cpl	BRACE, T.	" "	20 Bn	

TOTAL PAX - 13 Officers & 65 O/Ranks: TOTAL 78

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PROVISIONAL TIMINGS22/23 INF GROUP ROTATION

SER	DATE	TIME	EVENT	ACTION BY
1	17 Oct '72	0800	Weighing, marking & Banding	Cpl McManus Sgt BYRNE & Party.
2	do do	1100	Baggage loaded on two baggage trucks.	As above with Coy loading party.
3	do do	1800	Baggage trucks & Pay vehicles leave LARNACA for NICOSIA.	
4	do do	1900	Convoy arrives NICOSIA 4 Baggage trucks report direct to Airport. Pax Vehicles drop load at CAMP UNFICYP and report to Airport (empty).	ILO and Staff
5	do do	2045	23 Inf Gp arrive and leave for LARNACA.	
6	do do	2145	Chalk 1 (22 Inf Gp) leave CAMP UNFICYP on foot for Airport.	
7	do do	2205	Chalk 1 (22 Inf Gp) embark.	
8	do do	2245	ETD.	

NOTE: For Chalk 2 Rotation, system will be similar but timings will differ. Details to be issued later.

'Q' PLAN ROTATION 22/23 INF GROUPS - OCT '72PERSONAL BAGGAGE AND EQUIPMENT.

1. The maximum permitted weight of personal baggage for transport to IRELAND is 110 lbs per person. The main problem on rotation has been found to be bulk and NOT weight. Therefore the following rules will apply to personal baggage of the 22 Inf Group.

- a. Two pieces of baggage per man - total weight NOT to exceed 110 lbs will be transported to the same Chalk as the person travelling.
- b. Any baggage over and above the allowance at a. above will be set aside and will be transported home if space is available later. It is pointed out however that there is NO GUARANTEE that there will be space for the extra baggage on Aircraft and any such baggage submitted for return, will be at the risk of being transported by sea at a later date.
- c. Personal baggage will be taken to mean, any case, box, crate, Kit bag or container of any sort to be used to transport personal belongings.

2. Personal Baggage will be made as follows:-

No.	Rank.	Name.	Sub-unit,	Unit:	Destination:	Chalk	___
		WT _____	LBS:	PRIORITY No.	_____		

3. Each person may also carry hand luggage for overnight kit etc. subject to the following limitations:-

- a. Weight of hand luggage is included in the total weight allowance of 110 lbs. Hand luggage to weigh NOT more than 5 lbs. NOT more than one piece of hand luggage per man is permitted.
- b. The maximum dimensions of hand luggage permitted to be carried in Aircraft is 17" x 15" x 5".

4. All luggage is to be secured in such a way that it will NOT come loose during transport.

5. All baggage is to be handed into baggage reception centre WOLFE TONE CAMP at times laid down in this OPO.

6. PERSONAL WEAPONS. NO personal weapons to be carried.

7. Engineer NCO will submit in triplicate, to Gp QM to accompany baggage the following data for each Chalk:-

No.	Rank.	Name.	No. of pieces.	Total Weight. (lbs)
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8. All pieces of luggage will be clearly marked so as to indicate priority for transport home. That is baggage as at 1 a. will be marked 1 and 2, baggage as at 1 b. will be marked 3, 4 etc.

9. STORES. Stores for repatriation should be boxed at the earliest possible date. The boxing of stores will be the responsibility Sub-Unit and Sec Comd in the case of Coy and Sect records and stores, i.e. Coy records etc, and the Gp Engr NCO will be responsible for the boxing of Gp Stores. The decision as to whether stores travel by Air or Sea will rest with Gp QM. Stores travelling by Air will be on Chalk 1.

10. Particular attention will be paid to the cubic capacity of all boxes, packing cases and containers. The construction of containers should be in relation to contents. They must be capable of being manhandled and loaded through a/c doors.

11. Stores will be delivered to SRC WOLFE TONE CAMP at times laid down in this OPO.

12. All boxes will be clearly marked in paint as follows:-

- a. Contents (e.g. 'A' Records, 'Q' Records) etc.
- b. HEIGHT and Cubic Capacity.
- c. BOX No.
- d. Sub Unit or Section.
- e. 22 Inf Group, CLANCY BKS, DUBLIN.

13. Banding will be carried out at Gp Reception Centre WOLFE TONE CAMP by Ord NOC.

14. Boxes or packing cases used for transporting stores will only contain Official Documents and Stores.

15. a. Packing NOTES giving DETAILED description of contents of each box and showing Weight will be prepared in triplicate.

b. PACKING NOTES will be disposed of by Coys and Sections as follows:-

- (1) Original Copy and Record of total number of pieces in series will be forwarded to Gp QM.
- (2) Copy placed in BOX/Container with stores.
- (3) Copy retained by Coy or Section.

16. ALL Boxes will be numbered and PACKING NOTES numbered to correspond. SYSTEM OF MARKING and NUMBERING IS AS FOLLOWS:-

GP STORES	-	QM 22 INF GP	1 OF	_____
RIFLE COY	-	RIFLE COY 22 INF GP	1 OF	_____
SIGS	-	SIGS 22 INF GP	1 OF	_____
TPT	-	TPT 22 INF GP	1 OF	_____
WELFARE	-	WELFARE 22 INF GP	1 OF	_____
MEDICAL	-	MEDICAL 22 INF GP	1 OF	_____
ENGINEER	-	ENGINEER 22 INF GP	1 OF	_____

17. PERSONAL EQUIPMENT. The Web Equipment and Respirator which is on location to the man from his parent unit will be returned by the man to his parent unit.

18. a. 'Q' Adm Instruction 35A lays down the standard 'Q' procedure for the Airlifting to and the repatriation of Units from CYPRUS. Coy Comds & Sec Comds will ensure that the relevant portions of this Instr are brought to the attention of all ranks, under their command.

b. CHALK Comds will detail personnel from CHALK to travel with personal baggage from Airport of disembarkation to baggage Reception Centre.

- c. At Baggage Reception Chalk Comds will ensure that ONLY personnel who have travelled on Chalk are permitted to collect personal baggage. Any other baggage will be collected ONLY on authorisation of Airlift Officer ARMY HQ.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR REPATRIATION OF BAGGAGE AND STORES

19. The following procedures will be carried out for the repatriation of personal baggage and stores during the Rotation of 22/23 Inf Groups.

- a. Weighing Location. ALL weighing will be carried out in the baggage Reception Centre WOLFE TONE CAMP (Dry Weather Hard Standing). (Wet Weather Canteen).
- b. Weighing Party. Chalk 1 - Engr NCO and 5 O/Ranks 22 Inf Gp.
Chalk 2 - Engr NCO and 5 O/Ranks 22/23 Inf Gp.
- c. Loading Party.
CHALK 1. Ord NCO and 6 O/Ranks 22 Inf Group.
CHALK 2. Ord NCO and 6 O/Ranks 22/23 Inf Group.
- d. Transportation of Stores. ALL Stores other than personal baggage will be brought to the baggage Reception Centre at the times laid down, where they will be weighed and prepared for repatriation.
- e. Personal Baggage. Coy will be responsible for arranging to have ALL personal baggage for personnel on each Chalk in the baggage Reception Centre at the times laid down.
- f. Security. Coy to provide security party of 2 O/Ranks.
- g. Adm. The Ops Officer will be available and will co-ordinate with Gp Engr NCO in preparing the final Manifests for each Chalk, when weighing has been finalised.
- h. QM. The QM 22 Inf Group will arrange to have the following made available to the Engr NCO, Table, 2 Chairs, Weighing Scales, Banding Machine and marking material.

TPT PLAN22/23 INF GROUPS ROTATION1. Transport Required.

- a. 2 Baggage Trucks. - IRCON.
- b. 2 Baggage Trucks. - RCT Sqn.
- c. 1 Minibus Pax. - RCT Sqn.
- d. 3 Trucks Pax. - TCT Sqn.

2. Reporting Times.

- a. 2 Baggage Trucks (IRCON) - to Baggage Reception Centre Wolfe Tone Camp 171100B Oct '72 and at a time to be arranged later on 25 Oct '72.
- b. 2 Baggage Trucks (RCT) - Report direct to Airport on 17th and 25th Oct '72 at times to be arranged.
- c. 1 Landriver LB (IRCON) to Square at Wolfe Tone Camp at 171330B Oct '72 and at a time to be arranged later on 25 Oct '72.
- d. 1 Minibus (RCT) as at 2. c. above.
- e. 3 Trucks (RCT) as at 2. c. above.

3. Tasks.

- a. 2 IRCON Baggage Trucks - Baggage 22 Inf Group.
- b. 2 RCT Baggage Trucks - Baggage 23 Inf Group.
- c. 1 Minibus and 3 Trucks (RCT) Pax 22 Inf Group LARNACA/NICOSIA and Pax 23 Inf Group NICOSIA/LARNACA.

4. Convoy. Rotation Convoy will move from WOLFE TONE CAMP to CAMP UNFICYP where 22 Inf Group Pax will debus. Convoy will then move to Airport. Convoy will leave Airport and move to WOLFE TONE CAMP with Pax and Baggage 23 Inf Group. The convoy will travel in the following order:-

- a. MP Landrover.
- b. 3 Pax Trucks.
- c. 1 Pax Minibus.
- d. 1 Pax Landrover.
- e. 2 Baggage Trucks (Loaded).
- f. Spare Truck.
- g. MTO with Breakdown car and crew.

DUTIES OF CHALK COMMANDERS

1. RESPONSIBILITY. He will be responsible for the discipline and control of personnel as listed in the Personnel Manifest.
2. ORGANISATION.
 - a. He will Org the personnel into appropriate sections with an NCO in charge of each Section.
 - b. He will ensure that the NCOs are in a position to control the personnel both on the ground and in the air.
 - c. He will be responsible for the checking of his Chalk at WOLFE TONE CAMP and in bringing the CHALK from LARNACA to CAMP UNFICYP to AIRPORT.
3. DISCIPLINE.
 - a. He will ensure that the highest standard of discipline is maintained during the journey home.
 - b. He will issue the necessary orders to ensure that personnel at all times are under the control of an NCO when on the ground.
 - c. He will ensure that ALL Ranks comply with the instructions issued by the Aircraft's Captain.
 - d. He will NOT permit consumption of ALCOHOL while personnel are travelling to the point of embarkation (incl waiting period at CAMP UNFICYP.)
 - e. He will ensure compliance with Gp instructions in regard to Dress for repatriation.
4. MANIFEST. He will be in possession of Personnel Manifest as listed hereunder.

a. Customs at Departure Airport (NICOSIA)	2 (Weights)
b. Aircraft Captain	3 (Weights)
c. Port Health Authority-DUBLIN Airport	2 (Unit)
d. Disembarkation Officer - DUBLIN	4 (Weights)
e. Spares (Movement Control)	20 (Weights)
f. Spares	4 (Unit & Weights)
5. YELLOW CARDS and LA 30. He will ensure that ALL Ranks are in possession of their LA 30 and Yellow Card before boarding the Aircraft.
6. GROUP PERSONNEL BAGGAGE - SECURITY. On arrival in DUBLIN he will detail an NCO to travel with each Truck carrying personnel baggage from Airport to Clancy Bks.
7. PRESS INTERVIEWS. He will ensure that ALL Ranks observe the instructions in regard to Press, Radio and/or TV interviews as laid down in ROE A.7.
8. CHALK COMMANDERS ARE AS FOLLOWS:
 - CHALK 1. Lieut P. RYAN.
 - CHALK 2. Capt C.J. CREAN.

REFLECTED

UNITED NATIONS FORCE IN CYPRUS

16 October, 1972.

Lt Col D. Hurley,
Commander,
Irish Contingent.

The six months you have been with us have flashed by and it was sad for me to be saying farewell to The Group when I visited you this Saturday, although I was happy at the thought, shared with all of you, of the many delightful reunions with your families and friends on your return home to Ireland. As always, it was a pleasure to spend some time at Wolfe Tone Camp and I was very happy to see everyone in the best of form and spirits.

May I also take this opportunity of expressing to all ranks of the 22nd Irish Infantry Group, on behalf of all of us here serving with UNFICYP, our sincere gratitude for the most admirable manner in which you have carried out your duties and responsibilities in Larnaca Sector. We have had a considerable amount of sensitivity and tension in the island during the last few months and the manner in which you ensured that stability was maintained in your part of the island assisted us in many ways. In particular, I should like to compliment The Group on the efforts they have made to maintain good friendly relations with the Greek and Turkish Cypriots, with such satisfactory results. I should like you to know that the contribution you have made towards the peace and prosperity of Cyprus has been valuable indeed and I should be grateful if you would please arrange to convey my appreciation and thanks to all concerned.

It was good of you to let me have Corporal Daly as my Batman during your tenure with us. You will be glad to know that he has carried out his duties in a most satisfactory manner and we shall be missing him a great deal.

My wife joins me in expressing our gratitude to you for the gifts you have given us of your Regimental crest and the beautiful crystal vase from Ireland. We shall always treasure them and they will be bringing back the happiest memories of our association together on this delightful island. I hope that it may be possible for some of our good friends from Ireland to visit us at our home in India, in which case there will always be a Céad Míle Fáilte awaiting you, to try and return some of the very kind and charming hospitality you have extended to us whenever we visited you.

Wishing you and The Group good luck and Godspeed in all you do in the future and with my warmest personal regards.

Yours sincerely,

D. Prem Chand
Major General
Commander

United Nations Force in Cyprus