

# HOW WE REMEMBER



## HELLO!

Welcome to the **HOW WE REMEMBER EXHIBITION**.  
This exhibition has been specially created to honour  
the Irish Defence Forces / Óglaigh na hÉireann and in  
particular the 28th Infantry Battalion.

Today you will **EXPLORE** the history of the Irish Army,  
**DISCOVER** when and why the 28th Infantry Battalion was  
set up, **IDENTIFY** the roles in the Army and **INVESTIGATE**  
how men and women from Donegal have contributed to our  
community as well as to communities across the world!

Before you begin your journey through the exhibition  
**DISCUSS:** What is the main role of the Irish  
Defence Forces?

Your Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Your School: \_\_\_\_\_

## OPERATION SEARCH

**LOOK** all around the exhibition and **FIND:**

A Blue Beret

A Sewing Kit

A Hot Place

Children

Black Boots

Bacon & Beans

A UN Flag

Good Conduct Medal

A Map of Ulster

A Green Helmet

A Lion

A Weapon







## WHO, WHAT, WHERE?

**EXAMINE** the panel titled 'Defence Forces-Óglaigh na nÉireann.'

Who is the President of Ireland?

What are the four sections of the Irish Defence Forces?



The Defence Forces consists of the PDF and the RDF.  
What do these words stand for?

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**LOOK** at this map. Which Brigade does the 28th Infantry Battalion belong to?

On this Brigade area mark an X where you would find:

- A City
- A Long River
- Some Islands
- Europe's Highest Sea-Cliffs

## TOP OF THE CLASS

A uniform shows that you belong to a certain group. Discuss why you think this might be important. Do you know anyone that wears a uniform in your family? What do they do?



There are a lot of signs and symbols to be discovered on the uniforms in this room.  
**FIND** the following symbols in the exhibition.



Irish Defence Forces Badge



4th Western Brigade Flash



24th Infantry FCA Flash



28th Infantry Battalion Flash



Coy Sgt



CQMS

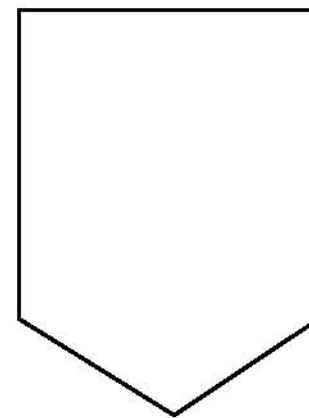


Sgt



Pte 3-Star

Design your own flash!



# A LIFE LESS ORDINARY

What rank is this soldier? **HOW DO YOU KNOW?**

What do you think this soldier is doing?



**TICK** the boxes that you think best describe this soldier.

Strong <input type="checkbox"/>	Nervous <input type="checkbox"/>	Unsure <input type="checkbox"/>	Confident <input type="checkbox"/>
Focused <input type="checkbox"/>	Expert <input type="checkbox"/>	Protector <input type="checkbox"/>	Scary <input type="checkbox"/>
Frightened <input type="checkbox"/>	Steady <input type="checkbox"/>	Proud <input type="checkbox"/>	Bored <input type="checkbox"/>

**DISCUSS** as a group the way this picture makes you feel. **WRITE DOWN YOUR THOUGHTS.**





# TEAM WORK

Would you like to join the Irish Defence Forces?   
If so, which section would you like to join. Why?

**EXAMINE** this recruitment poster.

What three unusual things do you notice about it?



Find and read the account of LT Bridget Clarke.

What is her role in the Army?




Do you think that the roles and responsibilities of women and men are equal in the Army? **DISCUSS.**





# BORDER DUTY

In 1969 The Troubles began in Northern Ireland. As violence escalated, many people had to flee their homes to find safety.



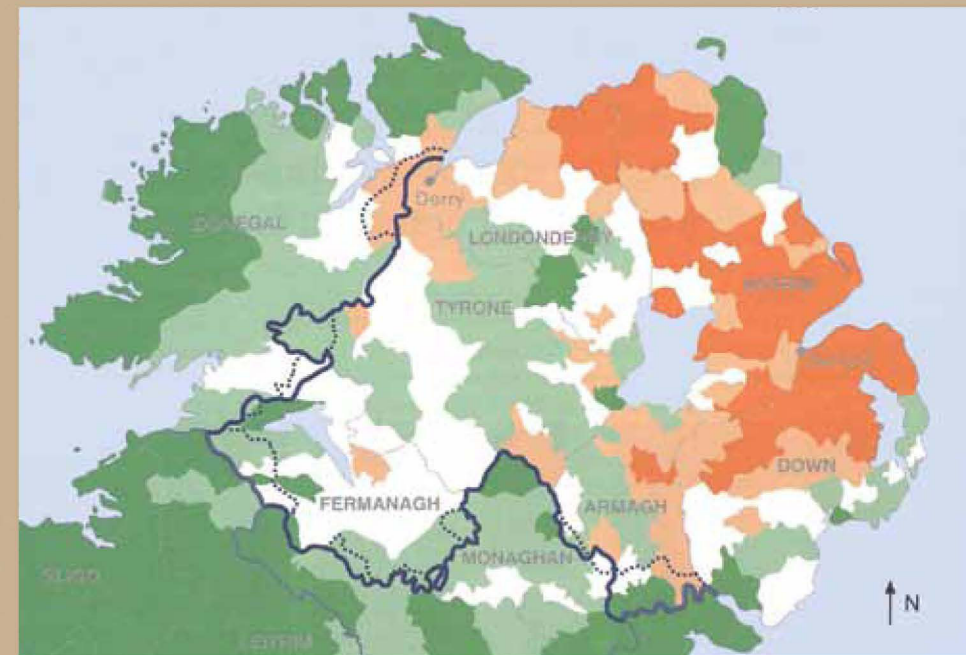
Hundreds of Irish soldiers were dispatched to Donegal and Field Camps were set up along the border to help those affected by the conflict. This was a time of huge change and upheaval.

**DEFINITION:** A Refugee is someone who has to leave their country of birth because of racial, religious, political or social persecution OR natural disaster.

Where are there Refugees in the world today? What do you think it feels like to be a Refugee? **DISCUSS.**



**DRAW** a line from each of the Army camps to where they are situated on the map.



LIFFORD

FINNER

ROCKHILL

How long is the border area the 28th Infantry Battalion were in charge of patrolling?

How many border crossings did it have?

On the map, mark an X where:

- Your house is
- Your school is
- Your favourite beach is!



# KEEPING THE PEACE



**DISCUSS** why Ireland is regarded as having one of the best peace-keeping forces in the World?



**FILL** in the missing words: **MISSIONS, NEUTRAL, ENABLES, EUROPE.**

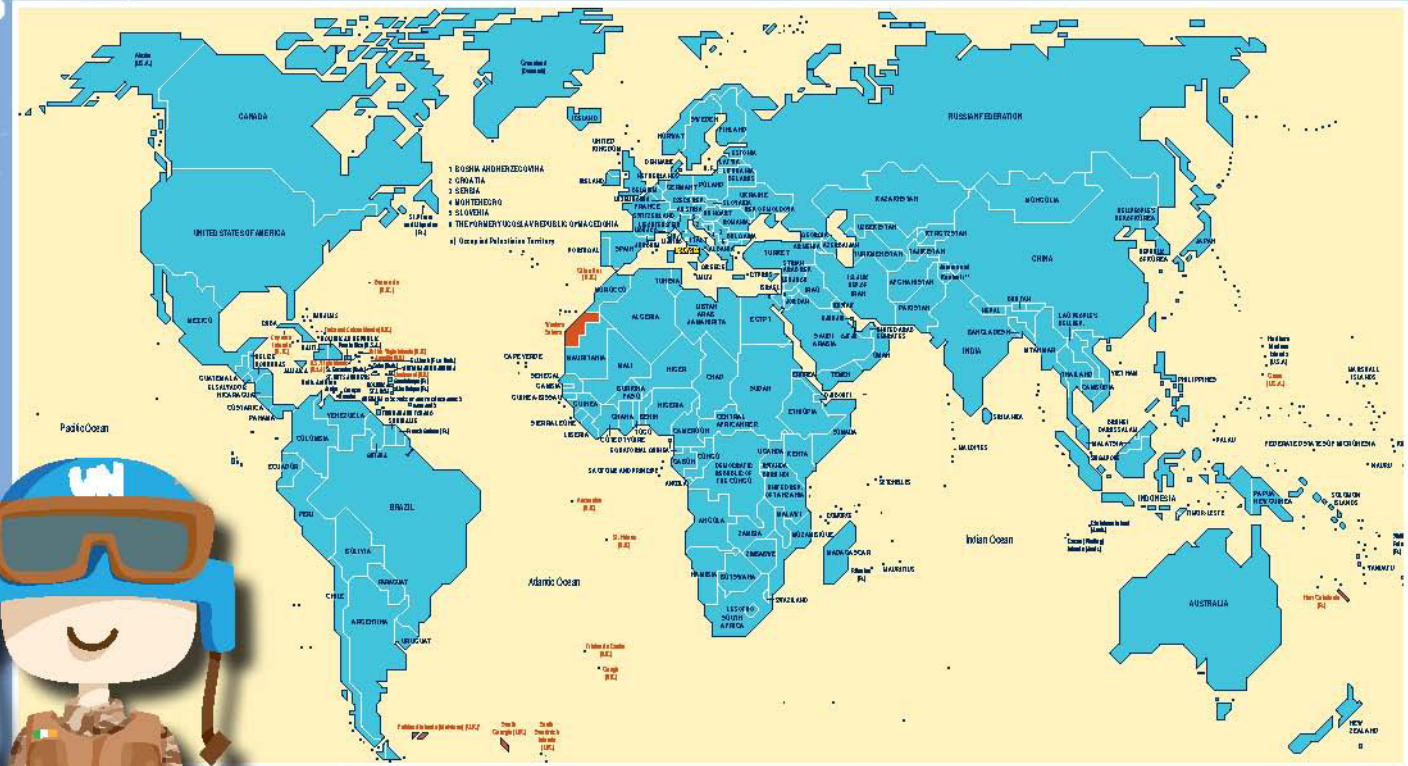
Ireland is unique in Western  in that it is the only  country.

This neutrality  Ireland to take full part in UN sponsored

What does Neutrality Mean? Do you think it is important? **DISCUSS.**



## WHERE IN THE WORLD?



**DRAW** a line from the countries listed below to their location on the map.

LEBANON  
CYPRUS & THE SINAI  
SOMALIA

ETHIOPIA & ERITREA  
BOSNIA & KOSOVO  
LIBERIA

EAST TIMOR  
CHAD





# HOME SWEET HOME



These pictures show where a soldier lives and sleeps for 6 months on active duty in Liberia. What things do you notice about these pictures compared to your home?

SIMILARITIES 

DIFFERENCES 

List three things you would miss from home if you were away on active duty.

What do you think it is like for the families of soldiers who are away? **DISCUSS.**

# TELL ME A STORY

**LOOK** at this picture. Using your imagination, create a story about it. Think about: where and when it was taken, who is in it, how they feel, what has happened or is about to happen.



# TIME MACHINE

Here is a time-line related to the history of the Irish Defence Forces. **CREATE** your own time line, marking in any important dates for you. You might add in your birthday, when you started school, when your family members were born, your first holiday or when you lost your first tooth!

1920's	1930's	1940's	1950's	1960's	1970's	1980's	1990's	2000's
1924 Defence Forces Established	Military College Established	The Emergency	1955 Ireland joins the UN	1969 N.I. Troubles begin	1973 28th Inf Bt set up	Troops acting in aid to Civil Power	Army assumes expanded UN role	2009 Rockhill & Lifford Barracks Close

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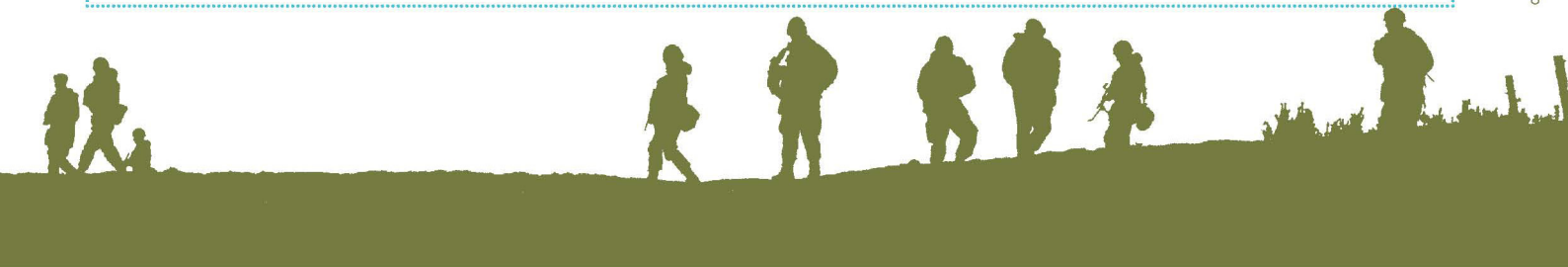
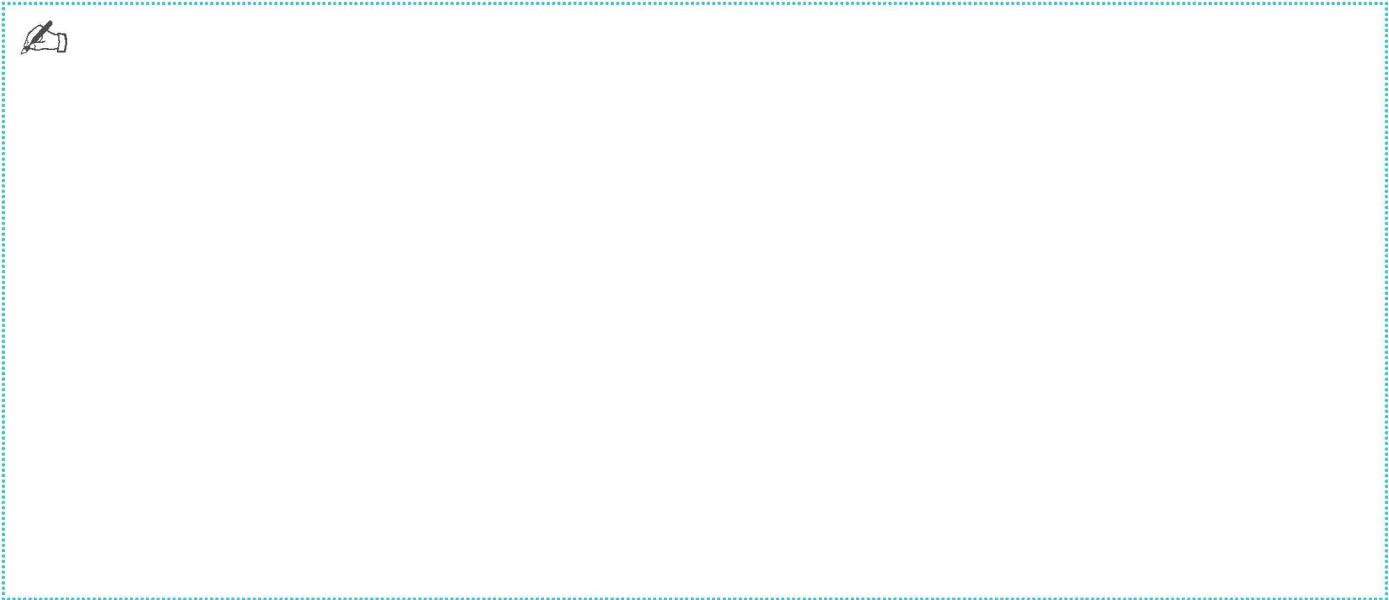
You have discovered a lot about the Irish Defence Forces today. When you return to your classroom, **DISCUSS** what things you remember about this exhibition.

At home, **ASK** your family to tell you what they remember about the 28th Infantry Battalion of the Irish Army too!





# NOW DRAW YOUR FAVOURITE PART OF THE EXHIBITION!



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