The Infantry soldier recognises that physical hardship is an inherent part of his/her professional life. The climatic conditions, and challenges posed by terrain or time pressures must be mitigated by preparation, both physical and mental. Infantry soldiers at all levels must embrace hardship early and offset it with physical robustness and mental resilience.

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Due to the physically challenging nature of Infantry operations, the Infantry soldier must maintain a higher level of physical fitness than his/her peers. This extends beyond the gym or running track and on to the hills and mountains of Ireland. This must be coupled with a determination to overcome physical challenges by adopting a resilient mental attitude focused on mission success.
PROMOTE MISSION COMMAND

Battalion and company commanders should promote mission command by issuing clear commander’s intent and control measures to their subordinates. This allows decision making and freedom of action to be pushed down to the lowest level possible empowering junior leaders. This requires individual Infantry soldiers to know their job intimately and display TTPs of the highest standards. Mission Command is a two-way street.
STRIVE FOR PROFESSIONAL EXCELLENCE

Individual and collective Infantry training should be conducted to the highest standards, with an emphasis on attention to detail. On operations both at home and overseas, commanders and subordinates alike must inculcate a culture of excellence across all ranks and recognise high performance. What you allow in your presence: those are your standards.

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The Infantry is a team of teams. From detachment, and section level, through platoon and company and up to battalion, each team is an integral part of the Irish Infantry as a whole. Each team is only as strong as its members and teams rely on each other to achieve mission success through mutual support and collaboration. Trust and cohesion within a team is decisive and Infantry leaders at all levels must constantly strive to develop and improve their team.
In order to locate, close with, and destroy the enemy, the Infantry battalion relies on combat support and combat service support units. These assets help the Infantry by finding, fixing, and suppressing the enemy; and by arming, feeding, fueling, and maintaining our Infantry battalions. In the peacetime environment, all-arms training should be encouraged in order to achieve familiarity and habitual association prior to deployment on operations.
ENCOURAGE PRIDE

Infantry soldiers should take pride in the fact that they are the combat soldiers of the Irish Defence Forces: the only soldiers who may be asked to close with and destroy the enemy. This is what gives us our unique identity. All other arms of the Irish Army support the Infantry in some way and must be respected and appreciated. Many skills and TTPs (e.g. FIBUA, FIWAF, Advance-to-Contact) are unique to Infantry and should be emphasised during training. Infantry pride should be displayed whenever possible and encouraged by all ranks.

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PROMOTE LOYALTY

This Defence Forces Value is important at all levels of the Infantry. Our loyalty to the platoon, company, battalion, and the Infantry as a whole, is the thread that binds all our actions together and causes us to support each other in a positive and collaborative way. Loyalty starts in day-to-day unit life, and is manifested on operations both at home and overseas. Young Infantry soldiers and newly commissioned Infantry officers should be encouraged to display loyalty to the sub-unit, unit, the Infantry and the organisation.

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