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REQUIREMENTS AND CONDITIONS FOR OBSERVERS WITH
THE UNITED NATIONS OBSERVATION GROUP IN LEBANON

QUALIFICATIONS

1. Regular active military service experience of several years, including experience of command. Combat, or combat troop training experience is desirable as background for proper analysis and evaluation of situations.
2. Ability to drive jeeps and cars in normal traffic conditions and in rugged, open country. This is an important safety factor. The Observers should have at least two years' driving experience and should hold a valid national driving license.
3. Some experience in conducting investigations, questioning witnesses, and preparing reports.
4. The Observer should be impartial and objective. He should have patience, an even temperament, maturity and discretion.

Rank. Officers of the rank of Lieutenant, Captain and Major only are acceptable.

Age and Health. 25 to 45 years old. They should be in good physical condition, able to put up with hardships under field conditions. They should be inoculated against smallpox, cholera, typhoid and para-typhoid (TAB). They should bring their health records with them.

Languages. Knowledge of English, the working language of the mission, is essential. It is used in internal communications, in voice-radio, and in the preparation of reports. Knowledge of French and Arabic is also useful but not essential.

CONDITIONS OF SERVICE

1. United Nations pays travel costs by air from home country to the mission area, and return. Officers should bring with them a set of six passport photographs.
2. Observers are authorized to bring by air, at United Nations expense, 44 pounds (20 kilos) excess baggage for uniforms; they are authorized to ship by sea, also at United Nations expense, 440 pounds (200 kilos) in personal effects.
3. United Nations pays a subsistence allowance equivalent to \$10.00 per day. This is partly payable in local currency and partly in US dollars.
4. Officers should retain active service status with their own Governments and should be in receipt of their regular service salary. This is not reimbursed by the United Nations.
5. There are no leave entitlements while on mission service.
6. Throughout his service with the United Nations, the officer is under the normal discipline of his own national service for all matters not connected with United Nations duties, and under the discipline of the Secretary-General of the United Nations, or of the senior officer designated by him, with respect to his United Nations functions.
7. In the event of death or total disability owing to service with the United Nations, the United Nations undertakes the obligation of compensating the officer or his estate in the amount of twice his annual salary or \$15,000 whichever is the greater. Compensation for partial disability will be pro-rated in proportion to the disability.