

# Convoy 6 Report

This convoy has probably been the longest in the planning stages of any convoy to date I mean its not like any other one we have done because all the contact that we have had with the Paraguayans has been over the internet super highway. After the initial contact I came away thinking “God what have I got us into now?” Here was a country that really wanted help and would do all it could to get us down there (Unlike the Balkans where we normally operate, who put obstacle after obstacle in front of us) So then I had a team to get together and it consisted of Davie Kay (myself), Brian Cunningham, Jim Mc Donald, Trevor Brady and Kevin Reid after that the hard work started. Once the flights were sorted by Varig airlines and I got confirmation for **Jane Mc Donald** (we have enough comedians in the service is this their way of saying they need a singer) and **Trevor Beady** (he is keeping an eye on us) I started thinking all may not go well. Something quite bad happened on the 1<sup>st</sup> August in Ascension 500 people died in a supermarket fire and we redoubled our efforts to get equipment for our colleagues down there .We managed to get enough kit together to send a 20ft container to Paraguay on the 31 august this was stuffed to the doors with cutting gear uniforms and helmets ladders and Breathing Apparatus sets. This was closely followed by our Diageo appliance Spirit of Fife she was driven to Tilbury docks by Iain Brown and was accompanied by Andy Beveridge, not bad going for the old lady.

Day 1  
22<sup>nd</sup> October