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Dear readers,

It is a great privilege to present a new issue of EUFOR FORUM – magazine. I hope that it will inform you about the activities of the European Forces (EUFOR) in Bosnia and Herzegovina (BiH), and other International Community organizations working on behalf of BiH's comprehensive progress towards a wider Euro-Atlantic integration.

Since the commencement of my Command I have been engaged in a variety of meetings and events. 9 May saw the first EU Day celebrated in BiH.

Led by EUSR, EUFOR and firmly supported by Armed Forces BiH (AFBiH) the day was a success with a military parade and fly past by AFBiH helicopters. In the evening I attended a reception in Vijećnica, hosted by EUSR Ambassador Wiggemark. Distinguished guests included BiH Tripartite President Izetbegović. The European Days continued as I visited Banja Luka and Mostar. 19 May I paid a visit to Trom Dobož to witness the great work carried out regarding the management of surplus ammunition. 6 Jun I briefed all of the Military Attachés in Sarajevo regarding EUFOR and its role in support of OP ALTHEA. 16 Jun was a visit to Glamoč, another important explosive management site. 22 Jun myself and COM MNBN Lt Col Vitovec received a demonstration in Tuzla with the Hungarian MNBN and AFBiH working together at platoon level exercising Peace Support Operations. This is key in building towards additional training in support of Company Development working towards the larger Exercise in October.

As you can see, I have engaged with all facets of our team from LOT house visits across BiH to my recent visit to the 4* Admiral HOWARD in NAPLES.



EUFOR has been busy with several projects throughout BiH. Two main strands have been the very important Mine Risk Education and promotion of the good work undertaken by the Liaison Observation teams (LOT). Please take time to read TEME magazine which gives important information to the people of BiH, and the fundamental work undertaken by the 17 LOT houses and EUFOR supporting elements.

Our cooperation with the Armed Forces of BiH continues through our Capacity Building and Training programmes and we continue to support the MOD BiH and our International

Partners in their efforts to reduce the surplus of weapons and ammunition through “Tehnička Radionica za Održavanje Municije” (TROM) in Dobož supporting Project Explode by the disposal of obsolete weapons and ammunition.

The next EUFOR Exercise “Quick Response 16” will take place in Manjača in autumn 2016. The main aim of the exercise is to once again demonstrate the ability of EUFOR to rapidly deploy its reserve force, and to practice Peace Support Operations (PSOs) with the Armed Forces BiH. EUFOR will therefore continue to stand shoulder-to-shoulder Armed Forces BiH to ensure they are well supported in achieving their objectives.

I hope that you enjoy reading this magazine and that it helps you to understand the broad range of activity currently underway. This publication is for you all so please continue to contribute and get your voice heard. You all do a good job so please talk about it, by doing this BiH, the EU and our Nations and Embassies can see the great work we all achieve here at EUFOR.

Thank you,

Major General Friedrich Schrötter

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Dear readers,

I am delighted at having been appointed to EUFOR as COM's Spokesperson. I am looking forward to supporting the important work that EUFOR conducts across BiH. I am also greatly looking forward to using 'EUFORum' as a means to highlight, discuss, and share the important work that you all do in support of our Mandate and Mission. It is essential that we all have a coherent message to all of those we come in to contact with. EUFOR is involved in a wide EU Comprehensive approach. EUFOR remains focused on the Capacity Building and Training of the Armed Forces BiH. Finally EUFOR retains the ability to support local authorities in maintaining a safe and secure environment. Inside this issue you will find a multitude of interesting articles, all of which seek to inform you all of the work that is being done, or that you have supported.

All of the articles in this edition not only continue to highlight the great work that you all conduct, but a reflection of your hard efforts thus far in 2016! Your photos and articles really



are important to use, so if you want the opportunity to highlight to all what you do and how you contribute then please do get in touch by sending us an email at: euforpio@eufor.europa.eu. Quite often only a few words are needed and your PAO Team are here to help achieve that. Pictures are also essential for the finished product.

I would also welcome you all taking a look at EUFOR in the Social Media space. We are active on Facebook, Twitter, and You Tube, and your supporting comments in these areas are always welcome.

Finally, on behalf of all here in the PAO Team, I look forward to your comments and submissions and look forward to a good summer 2016.

Lt Cdr Carl Harwood

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Commander of EUFOR, Major General Friedrich SCHRÖTTER and BiH Minister of Defence Ms Marina Pendeš during the conference.

The 12th session of the Strategic Committee for Weapons, ammunition and explosives, hosted by the Commander of EUFOR in BiH (COMEUFOR) Major General Friedrich SCHRÖTTER, was held at the Hall of the AFBiH, Sarajevo on Monday, 13 Jun 2016 in order to analyse and promote activities aimed to solving the issue of surplus weapons, ammunition and explosives in Bosnia and

Herzegovina. BiH still has a substantial amount of unstable military ammunition. A large part of this was poorly stored and maintained. The presence of unstable ammunition in BiH could cause public safety concerns, and is potential risk to a Safe and Secure Environment (SASE). It also constitutes a financial and administrative burden to the AFBiH. The governance

and overall control of arms depots, and weapons inspections remains firmly with the competent authorities of BiH. However, it is in the interest of everybody concerned that management and disposal occurs following a safe and secure process.

COMEUFOR's opening remarks highlighted a recent tragic accident in India at an explosives store and a short video of the incident was played to the conference. COMEUFOR said: "Tragic accidents such as this serve to remind of the importance of our role here today to address the dangerous situation which currently exists in BiH with regards to safe storage and destruction of surplus weapons and ammunition." He went on to say: "We can never allow an incident like this to happen here. We international partners continue to support the Ministry of Defence (MoD) and AFBiH to resolve this critical public safety issue. Our main focus should be ensuring that the 100% inventory is followed by destruction, stock reduction and proper life cycle management and storage of retained stocks."

Project EXPLODE activities include: destroying high hazard ammunition and complex weapon systems; supporting the Armed Forces of BiH in the reduction of military ammunition stockpiles to manageable quantities; conducting training for senior military officers to build their capacities; and implementing



12th Session of the Strategic Committee for Weapons, Ammunition and Explosive Ordnance delegates group photograph.

infrastructure upgrades to improve the safety and storage conditions of military weapons and ammunition storage depots. The Project is also implemented in partnership with the BiH Ministry of Defence, the EU Special Representative to BiH, the UNDP, and the Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe.

COMEUFOR also said: “I would like to acknowledge the great progress of the MoD and AFBiH to date, but I must also ask for even more engagement and better results. Let us all stay really focused and engaged on our priority aim to make BiH a safer and more secure place to live. I look forward to us working together today to make real and tangible progress towards making BiH a safer place to work and live.”

After the conference there was an opportunity for a short press statement by the BiH Minister of Defence Ms Marina Pendeš and COMEUFOR Major General Friedrich SCHRÖTTER. Ms Pendeš said “In comparison to the first five months of last year when we destroyed circa 600 tons, in the same period this year we have already destroyed circa 900 tons.” She went on to say, “I hope BiH will continue this intensity of work.”

COMEUFOR concluded by saying, “We will continue supporting the MoD and AFBiH in further development of procedures for storage and also infrastructure and through joint efforts to improve the SASE in BiH, which is our common interest.” EUFOR will continue to assist, both the MoD and AFBiH with technical advice, and subject matter expert support, within means and capabilities.

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COMEUFOR Major General Friedrich SCHRÖTTER was the senior EUFOR representative during the Austrian National Contingent Commander (NCC) handover ceremony. Austria is a significant troop contributor to EUFOR, and has men and women working in almost every facet of the mission. This includes personnel in the HQ, including COMEUFOR; the Capacity Building & Training of the Armed Forces of Bosnia and Herzegovina; three Liaison and Observation Team Houses in Bratunac, Brčko, and Tuzla; Military Police; Medical Centre staff; and a Helicopter Detachment.



European Union Special Representative and European Union Force Ceremony to mark Europe Day

The European Union Special Representative (EUSR), His Excellency Mr Lars-Gunnar Wiggemark and the Commander European Union Force (COMEUFOR), Major General Friedrich Schrötter invited honoured guests to a EUFOR led ceremony to mark European Day in Bosnia and Herzegovina (BiH). This took place outside Army Hall in Sarajevo on Monday 9 May. The parade consisted of military personnel from EUFOR and Armed Forces (AF) BiH, and the AF BIH Band. This highlights the close cooperation between the EU and BiH, EUFOR, its Troop Contributing Nations and the AF BIH, and the mutual support and respect that exists between them in working together for peace, security, stability and a more prosperous future. This event will be attended by the BiH Minister of Defence, Mrs Marina Pendeš; AF BiH Chief of Joint Staff, General Anto Jeleč; VIPs and delegates from BiH and the EU; and representatives of many other nations.

The event comprised of a ceremony outside Army Hall in Sarajevo, a fly-past by helicopters from EUFOR and the AF BIH, the laying of an EU Wreath and speeches by the EUSR and COMEUFOR; followed by a Reception in the Army Hall. The EUSR said: “EUFOR forms an important part of the EU’s support to BiH”. COMEUFOR stated: “The focus of this event is the EU’s



The parade is fully formed for the EUSR’s speech

support for Bosnia and Herzegovina – Past, Present and Future”. He further commented: “The troops on parade highlight the close cooperation that exists between EUFOR, its Troop Contributing Nations and the Armed Forces of BiH. Alongside Euro-Atlantic integration, EUFOR’s contribution in further developing the capacity of the Armed Forces of BiH, and our role in supporting a continued safe and secure environment,

highlights our ongoing support of BiH’s development and stability for a peaceful future”.

Europe Day is an annual event and for EUFOR this is the first occasion that an EUSR and EUFOR led, AF BIH supported, event has occurred in Sarajevo.

Whilst the event took place on EU Day it is also just one of many events that will be conducted in BiH, by the EUSR, over the coming weeks.



COMEUFOR gives his speech during the parade

EUFOR Operation ALTHEA takes part in the EU Open Day in Brussels

The EU Open Day took place on the 28th of May 2016 at European External Action Service (EEAS) Capital Building at the Schuman roundabout in Brussels. This annual event is designed to give the wider public an insight of the work by the various European Union missions and delegations.

European Union missions and delegations operating alongside their colleagues worldwide; EUFOR ALTHEA represented the European Union's ongoing support to the Armed Forces of Bosnia and Herzegovina by Capacity Building and Training.

Throughout the EU Open Day, many visitors showed their keen interest to the event, including Mrs Federica Mogherini, High Representative of the Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy/Vice-President of the Commission, as well as General Michail Kostarakos, Chairman of the European Union Military Committee (EUMC), and Lieutenant General Esa Pulkinnen, Director General of the European Union Military Staff (EUMS).

Alongside high-level officials there were also a large number of students that visited the EUFOR ALTHEA stand expressing their interest in the EUFOR mission in Bosnia and Herzegovina.



Mrs. Federica Mogherini, High Representative of the Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy/ Vice-President of the Commission and General Michail Kostarakos, Chairman of the European Union Military Committee (EUMC) visited the EUFOR ALTHEA stand.



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Medal Parade for EUFOR Mission Operation ALTHEA by Major General Friedrich Schrötter



A medal parade was held today at EUFOR Headquarters in Camp BUTMIR, Sarajevo. Commander EUFOR, Major General Friedrich SCHRÖTTER, presented the European Union Common Security and Defence Policy Medal Althea to over 84 service personnel from 6 different nations and thanked them for their dedicated service in and for Bosnia and Herzegovina.

“You have contributed a lot to the success of EUFOR by giving your personal efforts, serving our goals here in Bosnia and Herzegovina. Our presence in this country is still of great importance. Our mutual and international assistance and support – which

includes your devotion, too – contributed and still contributes to the safe and secure environment, to the training of the Armed Forces and to the path of Bosnia and Herzegovina towards the EU.”, he said.



The EUFOR Operation Althea is currently made up of soldiers from 16 EU member states and 5 partner nations. Its primary roles are to provide capacity building and training support to the Armed Forces of BiH and to support BiH efforts to maintain a safe and secure environment, whilst providing support to the overall EU comprehensive strategy for BiH.

Urban training MNBN in Pazaric



From 30 May to 3 Jun 2016 an intense training on missions on urban terrain was conducted by the Turkish company of the MNBN. This training on company level has to be seen as a preparation for the combined trainings and the combined exercises together with the AFBiH in summer and autumn.

The commanding officer of the MNBN convinced himself of the professional prepared and conducted training during the week. Summary of the week of COM MNBN LTC Vitovec:

“My Turkish soldiers trained hard and reached the training objective. MOUT is for me the most demanding mission a company can be ordered.

My soldiers are well prepared for the next exercises and combined trainings together with the AFBiH. I saw coordination and motivation on a very high level”.







EUFOR's Support of the Management of Excessive Stockpiles of Ammunition and Weapons in BiH

On Thursday 19 May 2016, Commander EUFOR, Major General Friedrich SCHRÖTTER visited the military unit “Tehnička radionica za održavanje municije” (TROM) in Doboj to witness the important work they conduct in support of destroying obsolete ammunition as part of Project EXPLODE. This visit was also attended by the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) Project Manager, Mr. Slobodan BOŠKOVIĆ, and the Deputy Commander of the Support Command of the Armed Forces of Bosnia and Herzegovina (AFBiH), Brigadier General Gojko KNEŽEVIĆ.

BiH still has a substantial amount of unstable military ammunition. A large part of this was poorly stored and maintained. The presence of unstable ammunition in BiH could cause public safety concerns, and is potential risk to a Safe and Secure Environment (SASE). It also constitutes a financial and administrative burden to the AFBiH. The governance and overall control of arms depots, and weapons inspections remains firmly with the competent authorities of BiH. However, it is in the interest of everybody concerned that management and disposal occurs following a safe and secure process.

Project EXPLODE, funded by the European Union (EU) and implemented by UNDP, strongly supports the TROM team to tackle this challenge. EUFOR's



Mission Operation ALTHEA and other International Community partners will continue to assist both the BiH Ministry of Defence (MoD) and AFBiH. This consists of technical advice and subject matter expert support, in order to build the capacity of the Armed Forces of BiH, and to manage existing excessive stockpiles of ammunition and weapons. EUFOR also strives to ensure that a continued SASE is maintained.

Commander EUFOR said: “The disposal of ammunition requires not only good guidance for the effective disposal; it also requires a realistic plan – directed and managed by the AFBiH”. He went on to say: “The EU Special Representative to BiH, EUFOR, and the International Community assist to further development best standards to deal with this challenge in the safest and fastest possible way”.

Project EXPLODE activities include: destroying high hazard ammunition and complex weapon systems; supporting the Armed Forces of BiH in the reduction of

military ammunition stockpiles to manageable quantities; conducting training for senior military officers to build their capacities; and implementing infrastructure upgrades to improve the safety and storage conditions of military weapons and ammunition storage depots. The project is also implemented in partnership with the BiH MoD, the EU Special Representative to BiH, the UNDP, and the Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe.

Commander EUFOR also said: “The end-state and desired outcome is transparent stockpile reduction of ammunition and weapons, and the introduction of a sustainable ammunition and weapons life-cycle management system”. He also stated: “To ensure this is achieved as safely, quickly and effectively as possible, EUFOR will continue to cooperate closely with the AFBiH and with important units such as TROM Doboj. EUFOR, and the supporting International Community, will also continue to provide a positive contribution”.

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EUFOR continues to support this important work. Particularly through its special assistance for weapons and ammunition disposal and Capacity Building and Training Division – in support of a safe and secure environment here in BiH.

March 2008, the “Agreement on Final Disposal of All Rights and Obligations over Moveable Property that will continue to serve Defence Purposes” (the Dobo Agreement), transferred the ownership of all moveable defence property, including all weapons, ammunition and explosives to the state of BiH (MoD). This agreement was brokered by NATO HQ Sarajevo, and addressed all moveable defence property, including the surplus. The Agreement outlines a clear institutional framework for disposing of surplus: it tasks the MoD to prepare inventories/lists of surplus weapons and ammunition for disposal through sale, donation and destruction.



CAX DR 16-5

From 21 to 24 May 2016, 5th Infantry Brigade held a Computer Assisted Exercise (CAX) in the training area of MANJACA. The aim of this exercise was to evaluate and update operational readiness of the brigade command regarding planning and execution of Disaster Relief Operations (DRO) in assistance for civilian authorities. A flood scenario was used as basis for this exercise.

The initial situation for 5th Infantry Brigade was to be ready to deploy available resources to support civilian authorities in the search and rescue of civilian population, properties and animals in endangered areas. General tasks were the planning of rescue and evacuation operations for the civilian population and properties, reconstruction operations and handling of media.

One of the main challenges was the planning for the construction and administration of a refugee camp.

The main training audience were the staff of 5th Infantry Brigade and of the subordinate battalions. However, from civilian

side also representatives of the Ministry for Security, the Federal Civil Protection and of the Civil Protection KANTON TUZLA, BRČKO DISTRICT, BIJELJINA and ZVORNIK participated in the exercise.

All evaluators attested the training audience as excellent preparation of and for this exercise and an efficient use of all available resources. The high level in staff procedures, team work and spirit of all personnel were highlighted. Of course the staff could benefit from the vast experience gained during the real floods in 2014.

The civilian participants appreciated this kind of exercise as an opportunity to see the available military capabilities and resources and to learn about military planning tools and procedures.

In general this kind of exercises brings mutual benefit for the military and the civilian authorities by offering a platform to get to know each other and to learn about different procedures and available resources before a disaster strikes and by this surely raises preparedness to bring fast and efficient relief to the population in case of need.

Flight Safety Course

On May 13 2016 the closing ceremony of the FLIGHT SAFETY COURSE, held by Turkish Air Force, took place in the Kozara Barracks in Banja Luka. The course was part of the efforts of AF BiH forces to align to NATO STANAGs, tactics and procedures.

In 2015, on suggestion of the Romanian Air Force Embedded Team to AF/AD Bde, two courses regarding aviation – Flight Safety Course and Flight Operation Course, were proposed to be included in the road map agreement with EUFOR. This materialized in the 2016 EUFORCB&T Plan for 2016.

The flight safety course is the first aviation course held with the assistance of EUFOR training



program for Capacity Building and Training Program. The course instructors were two experienced pilots from the Turkish Air Force. It was attended by 7 helicopter pilots, 1 ATC officer, 1 Air Ops Officer, 1 Maintenance officer and 1 Air crew Chief WO. Additionally, a member of the ROU Air Expertise EAT attended the course. This was an opportunity for BiH Air Force to align with NATO Flight Safety

procedures.

In the course debriefing, Brigadier General Albert SAFAR, EUFOR CoS, emphasized the importance of this new field of training for EUFOR and that, in the future, more courses regarding aviation training will be held in order to fulfil the BiH Air Force efforts to integrate in NATO structures.

by Lt Cdr Denis DIACONESCU

Information Security (INFOSEC) Course

From 07 to 18 March 2016, AFBiH instructors (2 officers) and a Turkish Mobile Mentoring Team (1 officer and 1 NCO) successfully conducted an “Information Security (INFOSEC)” training for the Armed Forces of BiH (AFBiH) at the Tactical Support Brigade Barracks in Rajlovac. This course was the second out of eight courses on Communication and Information Systems (CIS), which planned for this year. 14 personnel of the AFBiH successfully participated.

The attendees of this course were trained by AFBiH instructors and mentored by a Turkish Mobile Training Team (MMT). Such teams are



provided by troop contributing nations for the time period of the training. Their task is to mentor AFBiH instructors in order to assist the AFBiH to achieve a robust and self-sustainable training structure. With the successful completion of this course, AFBiH now has its own trainers and trained personnel and is now in the position to develop further steps in their CIS training structure.

The aim of this course was to train the participants about the basics information security. With this course trainees gained more knowledge about,

- Principles of Information Security,
- Hardware security,
- Software security,
- Network security,
- Maintaining security,
- Basics of cryptography.

by Maj Ozan ACIKGOZ

Communication Security (COMSEC) Course

EUFOR conducted “Communications Security Course” for the Armed Forces of BiH (AFBiH) by TR MTT, from 21 March – 01 April (2 weeks), at the Tactical Support Brigade Barracks in Rajlovac. This course was the third of eight courses on Communication and Information Systems (CIS), planned for this year. 16 personnel of the AFBiH successfully participated.

The attendees of this course were trained by a TR MTT. Their task is to train future trainers of the AFBiH in order to assist the AFBiH to achieve a robust and self-sustainable training structure. The participants of this course are now ready to educate other personnel in this subject. During their first steps as new teacher, they



will be mentored by TR MMT.

The aim of this course was to train the participants about the basics of communication security. With this course trainees gained more knowledge about,

- Physical Security
- Personnel Security,
- Document Security,

- Transmission Security,
- Crypto Security,
- Emission Security
- Software Security
- Hardware Security
- Cyber Defense and Cyber Security.

by **Maj Ozan ACIKGOZ**

CBTD Bi-monthly Division Meeting

On 11th of MAY 2016, the Capacity Building & Training Division (CBTD) Bi-Monthly Meeting took place in Camp BUTMIR

Every two months Capacity Building and Training Division (CBTD) of HQ EUFOR hosts a divisional meeting in order to exchange the information between CBTD elements that are posted in Camp BUTMIR, in staff positions in SARAJEVO or embedded in AFBiH’s structure all over the country of BOSNIA and HERZEGOVINA.

As attendees, all members of CBTD as well as a representative from NATO HQ Sarajevo have been welcomed by COS EUFOR, BG Albert SÁFÁR in his opening

remarks.

As main part of the meeting, presentations of NATO HQ Sa Advisor, branch heads, subject matter experts, capability development based review working group leaders and specialists were held. The aim was to inform the audience about recent and planned activities and also about “quick wins”, shortfalls and way ahead. DCOS CBT gave guidance for training, mentoring and monitoring activities as well as the internal procedures emphasizing the importance of the results obtained by Capability Development WGs and the importance of keeping the information flow inside and outside CBTD.

In his closing remarks, DCOS CBT Col Tayfun CAGAN emphasized that the Bi-Monthly Meeting is of utmost importance to share information and knowledge and we must be eager to learn what others are doing, because our daily activities affect others too. He also stated about the need to influence the counterparts from AFBiH CBDR WGs to work in close cooperation and we must stay “in the loop” and work together with them. He expressed his satisfaction with the outcome of working groups and the Bi-Monthly meeting as well as the overall performance of CBTD personnel.

by **Maj. Florentin Ovidiu BRATOSIN**

PSO Ops and MEDEVAC 16 May

Turkish troops of the MNBN/EUFOR worked together with 1st Coy of 2th BN from 6th Inf Bde of the Armed Forces BiH in a combined training. This training took place in Bihać (Barracks “Adil Bešić”) from 16th to 20th MAY 2016. The topics covered techniques for Peace Support Operations as Evacuation and MEDEVAC OPS. Both platoons from the MNBN and the AFBiH trained together in very good cooperation. Despite the language barrier they have showed ability to work in a multinational environment, comradeship, during the training days and especially in final exercise in the last day. Both participants



and observers of this final exercise have given high evaluation of the results achieved. The combined training was conducted with very realistic injuries for OPFOR personnel, simulated and supported by Austrian military medical team. As the commander from 2BN/6Bde/AFBiH

said, “During this week I and my soldiers have learned a new practices in the Evacuation and MEDEVAC OPS. This training will increase our capability to prepare my soldiers for a future self-evaluation and deployment and participation for next big exercise REGEX 16”.

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Road Construction Course

A Slovenian -Austrian Mobile Training Team (MTT) in cooperation with AFBiH Engineer Battalion conducted a two week course during the period of 23 May - 3 Jun 2016 to improve the AFBiH capabilities in building military roads.

The course was arranged by MTT of five persons and participants consisted of 13 soldiers from AFBiH declared engineer unit.

The course was mainly theoretical and main effort was to teach how to plan the road. During the course the students and MTTs planned a road inside the barracks



which is to be constructed in October when there is going to be practical part of the training.

This Road Construction course was the first to be arranged. Together with the practical part this course will increase the Horizontal Construction Engineering capabilities as well as facilities of AFBiH Engineer Battalion. This road which has been planned and is going to be constructed will be in active use of the Battalion.

“There will be patrolling and physical training using the road.” as the Commander, Major LATINOVIĆ told.



Why Chile?

A brief history of Chilean mission in BiH.

Many people ask themselves when they see a very different type of guys, talking in Spanish, living among them in cities like Sarajevo or Banja Luka, always with a smile on their faces and try to get well, but why is Chile in Bosnia and Herzegovina?

During the year 2003 British Army, asked Chile to participate in the SFOR mission to improve their relationship and work together in peacekeeping operation, but in 2006 British Army withdrew their troops and because of the high involvement of the Chilean Army during this period the EUROPEAN UNION asked the Chilean government to participate, signing and memorandum of understanding in the year 2010 to cooperate with them.

The Chilean Armed Forces are formed by three individual services: The Chilean Army (Ejército de Chile), The Chilean Navy (Armada de Chile) y the Chilean Air Force (Fuerza Aerea de Chile). The overall strength of the armed forces are 90.000, between officer, non-commissioned officer and soldiers.

The CHILFOR (Chilean Forces in BiH) are totally composed by Chilean Army personnel, and during this 13 years almost 600 Chilean soldiers are serving the commitment with peace and security in this beautiful country.

Where is Chile?

Chile is the farthest country involved in this operation, actually is 12,428 km located on the west coast of South America. Is a little Big Country, rich in diversity and

contrast? It possesses a special geography that distinguishes it from other parts of the world, with a shore line about 4,300 km, in a narrow strip of land between the rugged Andok mountains and the Pacific Ocean, from the driest desert on earth through the coldest place, Antarctica. The capital of Chile is named SANTIAGO and concentrates more of the half of the population of the entire country, which consists of 18 million people. The main resources of Chile is Mining, with the largest copper mines in the world, Agriculture, Fishing industry and tourism as well, including the best wineries of the world. One of the main characteristic of their people is the kindness and friendship, like a traditional song of the country side states: "... and you will see how much they care about the friend when he is a foreigner...", all this because the nature is pretty wild over there, having the biggest earthquakes in the history, with tsunamis includes, the most actives volcanoes in the world, and so on.

But why?

The principles of the foreign policy of the Chilean government are focus in the integration of the country with a complex world.

They are:

- Respect for international law
 - Promotion of democracy and respect for human rights
 - Responsibility to cooperate
- In that context, the Chilean foreign policy goals are:
- Promote the economic interests of Chile and commercial partnership with other countries
 - Contribute to strengthening



Chilean Ambassador, Mrs Maria Veronica Chahin visits the Chilean LOT house in Banja Luka

regional integration

- Strengthen Chile's image abroad
- Contribute to the strengthening of multilateralism
- Promote peace and international security
- Promote maritime and Antarctic interests of Chile
- Contribute to energy security in Chile
- Contribute to the inclusion of Chile in the networks of global science and technology
- Disseminate and promote the Chilean culture abroad
- Provide assistance and consular protection to Chileans abroad

Now you know...

The commitment with peace and international cooperation of this far away country, making a huge effort to share experiences and culture, to try to understand and help with problems that affect countries all over the world, and most important thing be there for the people of BiH.

So...every time when you see a Chilean soldier, remember how far away from his home he is, but he always be willing to help and give his best effort to help and share part of his culture in this marvellous country.

by CHILFOR 26

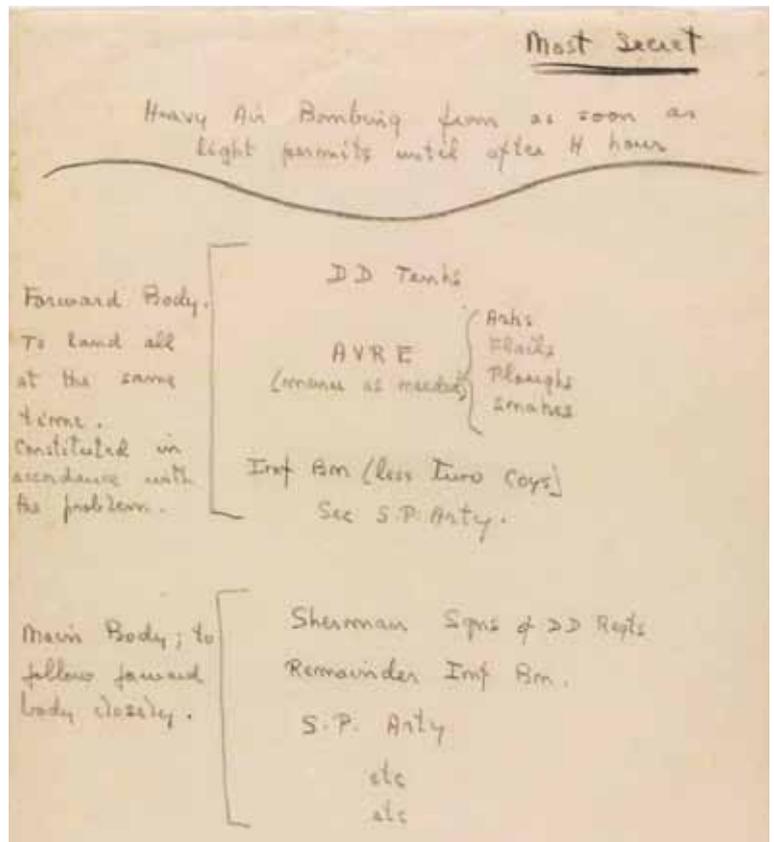
D-Day 72nd Anniversary

It was one of the most complex military operations ever undertaken, with 160,000 troops crossing the Channel on a single day, accompanied by hundreds of warships and aircraft. But a handwritten note believed to have been drafted a month or two before the D-Day landings show that Gen Bernard Montgomery's battle plan boiled down to a single piece of paper. The pencil plan, published for the first time, is headed "Most Secret", and breaks down the armed forces into separate sections, lists the special armoured vehicles to be used by the first units ashore and notes that "The key note of everything to be SIMPLICITY". The Imperial War Museum is releasing for the first time documents from the British wartime military leader to mark the 72nd anniversary of the operation to liberate occupied Europe. The museum has also released a handwritten first draft of Gen Montgomery's speech to the troops, which was read out by officers to their men just before the invasion. His message, which he altered as he was writing it, ends: "Good luck to each one of you. And good hunting on the mainland of Europe." Anthony Richards, head of documents and sound at the museum, said: "While the official nature of much of Monty's papers has already formed the basis for historical studies of the operations in which he was involved, the opportunity now exists for people to look more closely at his personal documents and see Monty as a more human figure. "The draft of his personal message shows his desire to connect directly with the troops under his command in order to inspire them."

Right: Montgomery's one-page D-Day plan revealed



Gen Montgomery and his D-Day battle plan



Sad death of the Camp BUTMIR Director of Public Works, Mr. James (Jim) Anthony Makin

On the 6 May 2016, European Union Force (EUFOR) received the sad news that the Director of Public Works, HQ Camp Commandant Staff, Camp BUTMIR Mr. James (Jim) Anthony Makin had passed away unexpectedly. Jim Makin was born on the 12th August 1960 in Newcastle-upon-Tyne, United Kingdom. He served in the British Army for 22 years completing many tours of duty in Bosnia and Herzegovina, including his last posting as the Site Manager during the construction of Camp BUTMIR. Jim retired from the British Army and took up the appointment of Director of the Department of Public Works (DPW), HQ Camp Commandant Staff in January 2001.

DPW was established in 2001 and has been supporting HQ EUFOR/NHQ Sa since 2004. It is a non-profit mission-oriented organization with the ability and assets to perform emergency repairs, maintenance and minor construction in an organized, cost effective and timely manner. As Director of DPW, Jim had many responsibilities including oversight of Facility Maintenance, Cleaning Services, Grounds Maintenance, Billeting, Laundry Services, Engineering Services, Contractor Quality Assurance and support for official EUFOR/NHQ Sa official events. Maintenance of the facilities within Camp BUTMIR is a huge and daunting task. Jim as Director ensured that many buildings which were constructed with a life span of ten years in mind have survived that period and are still in prime operational condition today. One of the many challenges

Jim faced was the transition from SFOR to EUFOR. Jim oversaw this transition as Director of DPW at a time that also involved the building of new helicopter hangers, Building 200 and other accommodation buildings.

Jim Makin was a leader and was also a voice for many of the civilian workers who were employed in the DPW. He was always conscious of the work performed by local civilian hired workers in Camp BUTMIR. In a previous edition of EUFOR Forum, Jim was quoted “ I have been here a long time but it is still a pleasure due to our excellent personnel who are both well motivated and well educated. Public Works is a thankless and never ending task. It is especially hard on our cleaning staff and I would especially like to commend all the hard work that cleaning personnel undertake”

On 8 June 2016, a Wreath-Laying ceremony was conducted in the Memorial Park, Camp BUTMIR to mark the occasion of Jim’s name being added to the monument for deceased civilian employees. It is ironic that Jim himself was the person primarily



involved in erecting the monument in 2015. Little did anybody realize when the monument was unveiled that Jim Makin’s name would soon be added to the list of deceased employees of Camp BUTMIR. The ceremony was attended by Jim’s widow Branka, COS EUFOR and representatives from HQ EUFOR including Deputy Chief of Staff Support, Colonel Zinovi Zinoviev, EUFOR HQ Camp Commandant, Lt Col Conor Burke along with numerous other staff members and friends, both civilian and military.

Jim Makin was an inspirational person, his commitment, devotion to duty, loyalty and positive attitude was there for all to witness. His vast experience and knowledge base was appreciated by many HQ Camp Commandants and indeed SFOR/ EUFOR Commanders over the many years he served in Camp BUTMIR. Jim made many friends in Camp BUTMIR, both international and local. To his widow Branka, his family and his close work colleagues, we offer our sincere sympathies. Jim was a wonderful friend, a great comrade and a person of the utmost integrity. He is sadly missed. Jim Makin RIP





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