

rotated out and replaced after six months. Twenty CANCEVOPOL members were assigned to the Western Sector of Croatia (at Daruvar, Pakrac, Grubisno and Okucani). Eight were needed in the Eastern Sector, and were subsequently deployed to Erdut, Darda, Ilok and Bobota.

In Canada, police officers are armed, but CIVPOL monitors are not. Because their role is to be there in support of local police who are armed, and because their role is essentially peacekeeping, the use of weapons is deemed unnecessary.

Assignments

C/Supt. M. O'Rielly, contingent Commander, and Supt. J. Lalancette, were in charge of the RCMP contingent. C/Supt. O'Rielly also assumed the position of Chief of Staff of Canadian Civilian Police (CANCEVOPOL) in Sarajevo, at UNPROFOR Headquarters. As Chief of Staff, he was to assist the CIVPOL Commissioner in the overall coordination and operation of all civilian police contingents in the

UNPAs. UNPROFOR Headquarters in Sarajevo had to be evacuated and relocated to Belgrade, the former capital of Yugoslavia, due to the intense fighting. It was moved again due to political pressures and the fact that the UN had placed strong economic sanctions against the Serbian part of the former country for their part in the conflict.

On March 2, 1993, C/Supt. O'Rielly was appointed UNPROFOR Commissioner by the Secretary-general of the United Nations, replacing C/Supt. Kjell Johansen (Norway). This is the first time that a Canadian has been appointed to this position. C/Supt. O'Rielly had participated in two RCMP United Nations peacekeeping missions — in 1989-90, with the United Nations Transition Assistance Group (UNTAG) as Deputy Commander of the RCMP Namibian Contingent in Africa, as well as District Commander of 300 CIVPOL personnel. He faces a daunting challenge and will be responsible for controlling and managing a force of over 600 CIVPOL



OFFICIAL CHANGE OF COMMAND (Photo 1) C/Supt. O'Rielly (L) seen here with his predecessor, C/Supt. Kjell Johansen (Norway) who had been Commissioner since his arrival in the mission on March 2, 1992, and has since returned to his regular duties. **(Photo 2)** Ceremonies were conducted by UNPROFOR's Commander, Lt. Gen. Satish Nambiar (India).

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