It is with deep regret that we notify the passing away, on the 3rd October, 2019, of Ives de Barro, aged 84, ex-Captain 11 HAA Regiment, Royal Malta Artillery(T). He leaves to morn his loss his wife Anna Maria, née de Giorgio, his daughter Ana, his son Yves and his wife Sharon, his granddaughters Sophia and Isabella along with former colleagues and friends around the world. Lord, grant him eternal rest.
Ives was a prominent athlete when student at St Edward’s College, Malta, and later during the 1950s he served as Honorary Secretary to the “Malta Amateur Athletic Association” under the Presidency of the late Colonel Gerald Gatt, RMA.

Capt. Ives de Barro joined the British Territorial Army (Malta) in 1952 and commissioned into the 11th Heavy Anti Aircraft Regiment RMA(T) in 1954.
Capt. De Barro joined the Maltese Diplomatic Service in July 1967. As Second Secretary, he served in the Maltese Embassy in Tripoli, Libya between 1969 and 1974. From 1974 till 1978, he was posted to Rome as First Secretary.

In 1982 he was appointed Head of the Ministry’s Administration Division assisting in the coordination of the Maltese embassies overseas.

Ambassador De Barro re-joined the diplomatic service in 1987. He was posted to Paris during the same year as Deputy Head of Mission and simultaneously held the posts of Deputy Permanent Delegate to UNESCO in Paris and Deputy Permanent Representative to the Council of Europe’s Council of Ministers’ Deputies in Strasbourg.

Climbing the career ladder in 1989 as Counsellor, and as First Counsellor in 1991, he was already serving as Malta’s first resident Ambassador to Egypt. He was much loved by staff, some of whom still work at the Embassy today, and colleagues alike. His legacy lives on.

Concurrently to his tour of duty in Cairo, in 1994 he was nominated as Malta’s non-resident Ambassador to Turkey, Jordan, Syria and Lebanon.
In 1999, Ives De Barro was appointed as High Commissioner to Australia with residence in Canberra. In 2000, he presented his credentials as High Commissioner of Malta to New Zealand.

Following that, in 2002 he was appointed as Malta’s Ambassador to Tunisia, following which in 2005, Ambassador De Barro subsequently at the end of his career, in 2009, served as Adviser and consultant within the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. on the repatriation of immigrants.

Several dignitaries paid tribute to Mr De Barro as the news emerged. The Ministry for Foreign Affairs and Trade Promotion expressed its condolences to the family of former ambassador. "All those who knew Ambassador De Barro, knew him to be a gentleman of a jovial character. He loved culture, books, the arts, life itself and was a remarkable example of diplomatic behaviour," the ministry said in a statement.
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