Read the text and decide whether the statements are true (T) or false (F).

**THE TORNADO**

The day had started out stormy and the radio stations had been broadcasting weather warnings throughout the region. Wind storms and possibly hail had been expected. Then suddenly the tornadoes hit. The Barrie twister left eight people dead and more than 200 injured.

At the base, a tornado had touched down on the ranges and in the training area, limiting damage to trees and grounds. But at the base operations centre and the military police duty desk, there was a flurry of activity in response to a call for assistance from the Barrie police. They needed police and medical help.

Immediately the recalls system was put into effect and even though it was late on a Friday, people were quick to respond. Within three hours the operation was well underway. At the height of the operation there were more than 700 servicemen and women taking part, says Maj Ray Hook, the base operations and training officer. “And that doesn't include the volunteers who showed up at the disaster sites to do whatever they could to help."

Even those who had suffered losses of their own showed up.

Capt. Doug Eaton, his house in Barrie destroyed, checked that his family was safe, and reported to the police command post to help organize the search for survivors. Other military members did the same thing and worked through the night providing invaluable assistance and liaison.

At the base the operation continued until Saturday evening. Manpower was provided, essential services maintained and relief supplies loaded and sent to the areas most in need. But even with the military organization, there were problems to overcome.

Intermittent power shortages and downed telephone lines hampered coordination of the operation, but ways were found to work around problems, search parties were organized and teams were despatched to provide security for the devastated areas.

Crowd and traffic control became a problem and the military police assisted the local police. And, of course, medical assistance was badly needed. The local militia armouries were used to help provide relief and victims were fed and comforted.

The immediate assistance provided by the military was a great help to the civil authorities in the region.

"The presence of uniformed troops on the ground was a source of strength to civic officials and to the victim”, said base commander BGen Jim Hanson after the operation.

l. Because of the weather forecast people knew about the coming bad weather. **T F**

2. There were fatal injuries in the training area. **T F**

3. The Barrie police asked the military police for help. **T F**

4. The tornado came on Friday night. **T F**

5. About 700 people who participated in the operation included volunteers. **T F**

6. Even people whose own property was destroyed responded to the call for help. **T F**

7. Military personnel helped to organize search parties. **T F**

8. The operation at the base finished on Sunday. **T F**

9. The military police and the local police worked separately. **T F**

10. The help of the military was later appreciated by the mayor of Barrie. **T F**