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MINUTES OF THE ENGINEERING CONFERENCE DATED 24 NOV 94

1. The chairman started the meeting at 11:10 am, by welcoming the participants and presenting two new officers: the new FEO and the new Chief of BMS.

ZAMBATT REQUISITIONS, MATERIAL REQUISITIONS' STATUS

2. He proceeded with the verification of the execution of the obligations undertaken by participants in previous conferences. Concerning the ZAMBATT's material requirement, the chairman said that ZAMBATT should show more interest in collecting materials for themselves and that things should be done in time, when required. Then he asked Mr. Philip Cooper from UNPROFOR to report on his visit to Nairobi concerning materials status. Mr. Cooper said that he went to Nairobi indeed to see procurement about the progress of requirements. The equipment and materials were on the Nairobi airport waiting to be sent to Kigali. They are expected any time.

CREDIBILITY OF REPORTS, UNAMIR SELF-HELP PROGRAM

3. The chairman read two contradictory statements from ZAMBATT about their capabilities, one confirming their capabilities, another denying them. He asked the participants to avoid such things if they wanted their reports to be credible. The chairman showed a document concerning procedures to be followed when making requisitions for UNAMIR Self-Help Program for building engr services and reimbursement rules.

RECCE OF NYARUBUYE, KIGALI-GATUNA ROAD MAINTENANCE

4. The chairman announced a visit to Nyarubuye for Friday 25 Nov. The NICOY EOD tm accepted to go and do the EOD inspection. Concerning the NICOY engagement in the Kigali-Gatuna road maintenance the chairman asked them to make it clear about two options (UNAMIR's assistance and any other's). The Unit should state clearly which option is foreseen.

THE "BELGIAN VILLAGE" SECURITY FACILITIES IMPROVEMENT

5. The chairman said that he had tried to task BRITCON and B & R but that it was beyond their capabilities at the moment. Anyway he foresaw the possibility of tasking INDBATT Engineers. He advised Capt R CHETTY, from INDBATT who agreed to carry out the task, about how to do that, with the CBMS co-ordination for materials requirements.

THE NEW CHIEF OF BMS INTRODUCTION

6. Mr. Philip Cooper from UNPROFOR presented the new CBMS and defined the scope of his authority. He also presented Patrick Baudin, another BMS officer and defined his capabilities, particularly centered around in-coming mat. and eqpt. Then, Mr Cooper briefed the participants about ways and procedures to get things. A detailed document was distributed to the participants.

REQUIREMENTS' PRECISION AND THE PROCEDURE OF THEIR SUBMISSION

7. Mr Patrick Baudin first asked for more precision to units when making requirements. The CBMS thanked Mr Cooper and insisted on a number of items briefed by him. Then, he emphasized the fact that in order to help as much as possible, everybody down the line should be involved in the establishment of a procedure that makes things go smoothly and quickly. Thus he said that when a contractee was involved in self-help programs, the units should first of all get approval before contacting him because a lot of problems have already arisen in that matter. He then put emphasis on precision in requirements which would be honored for immediate needs, but propounded the long-term idea of submitting requirements for six months for all contingents. He added that for the next 2 or 3 weeks he would be going to every unit's location to see what their requirements might be.

MR.COOPER'S INSPECTION OF SECTORS, TUNBATT'S COMPOUNDS IMPROVEMENT AT MUTURA, BUSOGO AND NEMBA, AUSMED EOD ACTION IN TRAFIPRO (KIGALI)

8. Mr. Cooper announced for Friday Nov 25, their visit to three locations (Kibuye, Cyangugu and Gikongoro) and asked contingents' help in collecting them at the helipads. He gave the exact times of arrival and leave at and from every location. To a comment from CBMS advising units to ask for help to FEO in different aspects, the chairman responded insistingly that their capabilities for road building were now zero. But for urgent tasks, he advised CMBS to get into contact with ASTALDI who have some equipment which could be obtained if paid for. He also mentioned some slag found in Mutura and Busogo not far from TUNBATT's location. In his opinion, he was positive about TUNBATT's help. The chairman also advised INDBATT EOD tm leader to be involved in the process. The chairman also asked AUSMED to do some blasting in the B & R area (TRAFIPRO).

RECCE OF THE ROAD IN FRAFBATT AO, THE CO-ORDINATION MEETING BETWEEN FEO, MAJ UDE AND CAPT DEVEAU REGARDING EXPLOSIVES, GHANBATT'S ROTATION AND MOVEMENT FROM SECTOR 4 TO SECT 2, GHANBATT'S CURRENT NEEDS

9. Lt John Dione from FRAFBATT recognized having received a work order and promised to do a recce as soon as possible. The chairman asked Maj Ude if he had had any chance to meet Capt Devau about explosives. Maj. UDE answered that he had not, and suggested a meeting with himself, Capt Deveau and FEO. Maj. Ahialey from GHANBATT said that GHANBATT will be completing rotation the following week, moving from sector 4 to 2. He talked of needs in timber and other mat. for re-installation. CBMS advised him first to see availability on the local market and send info to BMS. Maj. Ahialey also asked if there was any excavator available, belonging to the Force. The answer was negative and to the question of CBMS regarding the availability of that machine on the local market, the chairman answered that there were 3 sources of mat. & equipment. First, he talked of the MINTRAPE list of eqpt scattered around the country. They can be used if only fuel was provided. Second, he mentioned ASTALDI and the Chinese company. He stressed the fact that ASTALDI could give away some things needed provided that they are paid for.


SL	ACTION	RESPONSIBLE	REMARKS
1.	SUBMISSION OF MAT. REQUISITION	CAPT INYAMBO	ZAMBATT
2.	SELF-HELP PROGRAMME FOR BUILD.	ALL UNITS	
3.	MAINTENANCE OF KIGALI-GATUNA ROAD (SUBMISSION OF 2 OPTIONS)	MAJ UDE	NICOY
4.	THE BELGIAN VILLAGE SECURITY FACILITIES IMPR.+TUNBATT'S COMPOUNDS SLAGGING AT MUTURA AND BUSOGO	CAPT CHETTY	INDBATT
5.	DETAILED CURRENT REQUISITIONS AND 6 MONTH REQUIREMENTS SUBMISION	ALL UNITS	
6.	MR.COOPER'S COLLECTING FROM HELIPADS AT KIBUYE,CYANGUGU AND GIKONGORO	LT DIONE MAJ AHIALEY	FRAFBATT GHANBATT
7.	THE ASTALDI EQPT ALOTTMENT FOR THE TUNBATT'S COMPOUNDS IMPROVEMENT	MR.LESSANU	CBMS
8.	THE EOD ACTION IN TRAFIPRO	CAPT HUGHES	AUSMED
9.	THE ROAD RUTSIRO-KAYOVE RECCE	LT DIONE	FRAFBATT
10.	MAJ UDE-CAPT DEVEAU MEETING REGARDING EXPLOSIVES.	MAJ UDE	NICOY

The chairman closed the meeting at 12:00.

The next engr conference is scheduled on 1 Dec 94 at 1100 hrs, at the Conference Room, UNAMIR FHQ.

THE FOLLOWING PERSONS TOOK PART AT THE CONFERENCE;

a.	Mr.Philip Cooper from BMS	-	Visitor (UNPROFOR)
b.	Mr.Nicolls " "	-	"
c.	Maj Agrawal	-	G3 Engr/FEO
d.	Maj Ahialey " GHANBATT	-	Engineer
e.	Maj W Ude " NICOY	-	EOD Tm Ldr
f.	Capt Hughes " AUSMED	-	Engineer
g.	Capt Inyambo " ZAMBATT	-	"
h.	Capt Chetty " INDBATT	-	"
i.	Lt Dione " FRAFBATT	-	"
j.	Mr.Minas Lessanu	-	CBMS
k.	Mr.Baudin " BMS	-	(resp.for req. proc.)
l.	Mr.Jack Parnell	-	Quality Assur.Manager
m.	Mr.Gabe Andino " B&R	-	Ops Offr


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MINUTES OF THE ENGINEERING CONFERENCE DATED 17 NOV 94

1. The chairman started the meeting at 11:10 am, welcoming the participants.

B & R TASKS PERFORMANCE, RECCE OF THE ROAD: BUTARE-WATER DISTRIBUTION POINT, WATER SUPPLY OF THE BELGIAN VILLAGE

2. He proceeded with the verification of the execution of the obligations undertaken by participants in previous conferences. He first reported his Nov 16 visit to Butare where he spoke to Capt Jeff from the Butare TAC HQ about their task on the road from Butare to the water distribution point. The info given seemed contradictory and there was no satisfactory answer concerning local materials for road building. The chairman took the opportunity to remind the participants about the importance of self-help and about the necessity of material Data Base establishment. Then, he reminded about the completion of the task on the Belgian Village Compound. Asked to report on the tasks to be carried out by B & R, the company's representative, Mr. Gabe Andino, said that not much had been done because they have no capacities at the moment, as the eqpt and materials expected from Somalia had not arrived. Thus, the rehabilitation of the Cyanguu and Gikongoro airstrips still had to wait. To a question from Mr. Cooper from UNPROFOR concerning a work order for the airstrips, Mr. Andino replied that he had not received any.

THE NICOY REQUIREMENT FOR EXPLOSIVES, MATERIALS FOR ZAMBATT

3. Maj Ude from NICOY said that there was no progress with their requirement for explosives. The chairman explained that UNAMIR Logistics had to wait for the UNNY approval of the Canadian explosives resale to UNAMIR and advised him to get in touch with Capt Deveau, who presumably was in the position to lend him required materials. Capt Inyambo from ZAMBATT, asked about the corrected, substantiated requirement referred to during the last meeting, said that it was not yet ready.

MATERIALS REQUIREMENTS, ASSIST FOR AMURT, ENGR INSPECTION, THE EOD TASK AT KIBUNGO

4. Mr. Seales from BMS said that their section was busy putting general materials order lists in order and he was emphatically asked to improve the system, in terms of rapidity. Thus, Mr. Cooper complained about a lot of job not being done because of the lack of materials due to slowness. He announced that he was going to Nairobi on Monday Nov 21, to try to speed up the process. The chairman reminded that he had a letter from AMURT asking for assistance and suggested that they would speak to the INDBATT about it. He also announced for Friday Nov 18 an engr inspection of Sectors HQs at Byumba, Gisenyi and Kibungo. By the way, he mentioned the Kibungo Technical School in need of EOD inspection. As BRITCON cannot be tasked because they are leaving, Major DIABA

from GHANBATT answered positively to the chairman's request to do the job. He asked the chairman to just process the work order and let them know.

BRITCON'S ENGR TASKS HAND OVER TO B&R, THE KAYOVE-RUTSIRO ROAD REPAIR

5. Asked about the hand over of BRITCON'S engr activities to B & R, Mr. Andino answered that it had been going on smoothly, in general. The chairman announced that he had received a letter from RPA requesting the repair of the road KAYOVE-RUTSIRO for which a recce is necessary.

THE AUSMED EOD TASKS RESUMPTION, THE KIGALI-GATUNA ROAD MAINTENANCE, NICOY FACILITIES IMPROVEMENT

6. Asked if they could resume the EOD inspection of the Kigali school compounds, Capt Hughes responded positively. Major Ude declared that there had been no task handover between BRITCON and NICOY as it had been said by the former. He also asked for additional info concerning the project recce on the Kigali-Gatuna road. The chairman promised the info and told him that what they had to do was concentrate on clearing the bush in the place pointed in Mr. Currier's recce report and be prepared for permanent maintenance of the road. Major Ude said that previous recces might be outdated as the road deteriorated, and that NICOY had made their own recce. He also reported on collected unexploded materials such as bombs, grenades, mines etc. He complained that they had no explosives to dispose of them. Major Ude also said that they had built one toilet facility but needed 1 or 2 more extra.


PETTY CASH ALLOTMENT SYSTEM FOR UNITS, THE GHANBATT'S FACILITIES IMPROVEMENT, CONTRACTS FOR UNAMIR PERMISES USE, THE MAJ DIABA'S REPLACEMENT INTRODUCTION, ENGR INSPECTION OF NICOY

7. The B & R officer said that they had a lot of things not done in a systematic way, but that they were trying to have all the problems addressed. He promised the presence of the Chief of BMS to the conference next Thursday. Maj Diaba from GHANBATT said that self-help was OK, but that the money allocated (2000\$) was too small for the needs. Mr Cooper replied that this sum was assigned to help do urgent work. When the money is finished and the work still on hand, more money can be given, depending on the amount of the work. Maj Diaba also talked of the premises occupied by his BATT needing improvement. Mr. Cooper said that when there is some agreement with the government or local authorities for occupation, UNAMIR should get a copy. He added that the kind of work to be done in the premises depended on how long the BATT/UNIT would stay there. Maj Diaba came back to the BMS system, complaining of its slowness and of a lack of follow-up. He then introduced Maj PK Ahialely who came to replace him. He thanked the participants for the co-operation they enjoyed together. The chairman also thanked Maj Diaba for his co-operation and especial availability. The chairman announced a Heli inspection on Friday, Nov 18, to Maj Ude, and said the message would be also carried to other units. He closed the meeting at 11:50.

The next engr conference is scheduled on 24 Nov 94 at 1100 hrs, at the Conference Room, UNAMIR FHQ.

THE FOLLOWING PERSONS TOOK PART AT THE CONFERENCE;

a.	Mr.Philip Cooper	from BMS	-	Visitor
b.	Mr.Brian Seales	" "	-	material requests
c.	Mr.Gabe Andino	" B&R	-	Ops Offr"
d.	Maj Diaba	" GHANBATT	-	Engineer
e.	Maj Ahialey	" "	-	"
f.	Maj W Ude	" NICOY	-	EOD Tm Ldr
g.	Capt Hughes	" AUSMED	-	Engineer
h.	Capt Inyambo	" ZAMBATT	-	"


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15 Nov 94

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MINUTES OF THE ENGINEERING CONFERENCE DATED 10 NOV 94

1. The chairman started the meeting at 11:05 am, welcoming the participants.

B & R TASKS PERFORMANCE, TUNBATT'S EXPLOSIVES REQUIREMENT

2. He proceeded with the verification of the execution of the obligations undertaken by participants in previous conferences. In response to the question concerning B & R tasks performance, the B & R representative, Mr. Sheppard, said that he was a new representative and so he could not report on the tasks carried out. The chairman reported that TUNBATT informed him that their EOD Tm was not useful now because they did not have any explosives. The chairman has started making contacts in order to help them to solve the problem.

THE GATUNA BRIDGE IMPROVEMENT, THE TARE BRIDGE REPAIR, CONGRATULATIONS FOR BRITCON ENGINEERS, THE BELGIAN VILLAGE WATER SUPPLY, ANOTHER UXO IN THE INDBATT'S COMPOUND, THE BRITCON'S ENGR TASKS AND EQPT HANDOVER TO B&R

3. The chairman asked about the progress in the improvement of the GATUNA bridge. Maj James from BRITCON said that it was completed on Nov 9 and that they were undertaking the repair of another, TARE bridge. The chairman showered congratulations on their unit. Next, he reminded the task regarding the Belgian Village water supply and he asked Maj James about the progress. Maj James replied that it would be completed by the end of the week. Furthermore the chairman asked major James why the EOD inspection of the INDBATT'S compound was not yet done. Maj James replied that to his knowledge the task had been done. The chairman stated that supposedly another UXO had been found there therefore Maj James promised to take care of it. Concerning the engr activity's hand over to B & R, the new B & R representative, Mr. Sheppard, said that it had not been done. Maj James added that some of BRITCON's eqpt had been handed over to them.

THE FEEDBACK INFORMATION CONCERNING A MATERIAL REQUIREMENTS

Asked about the feedback information requested concerning requirements, the BMS representative said that it had not been done.

SUBSTANTIATION OF REQUISITIONS, THE ZAMBATT'S EOD TERMS OF REFERENCE, EXPLOSIVES FOR NICOY, WEEKLY STATUS REPORT CONCERNING MATERIAL STORES

5. The chairman verified the ZAMBATT material requisition and asked for the provision of an appropriate substantiation when making requirements. He also reminded them that he had not yet received their terms of reference. Major Ude from NICOY talked about bomb disposal in their area of operation and complained that they did not have any explosives to help when the population or RPA

reported some bombs. He was reminded to submit a requirement to CLOGO after approval by G3 Engr/FEO and to agree with RPA what to do with the bombs in the meantime. Lt Dione from FRAFBATT announced that he had received on Nov 10 the eqpt and materials required for the MUBUGA installation, but not plumbing eqpt & mat. He also complained that there was no feedback info concerning his requirement list for the repair of 7 bridges. The chairman reminded that BMS should submit a weekly status report about all incoming eqpt & materials and about the progress in requisitions processing. Mr. Brian Seales confirmed the importance of that system and promised to initiate it. Mr Cooper from UNPROFOR said that they also had materials stores and they should know about the status of requirements in order to help. The chairman answered that he should know about their list of stores in order to know what to request.

REQUIREMENTS PROCESSING TIME, DEFENCE STORES AND A FREEZER FOR GHANBATT

6. Capt Inyambo from ZAMBATT said that he was at his first meeting and was busy reading the minutes of previous ones to get acquainted but anyway asked why the requirements took so long a time to be answered. Maj Diaba explained to him that things had to come from Nairobi. The chairman asked about the collection of defense stores from the Can. Log. Base. Maj Diaba confirmed that they had been already collected. Further, he recognized having received from BRITCON one fork lift, and a freezer, container-size.

MR. COOPER VISIT'S AGENDA, INDBATT'S ARRIVAL

7. Mr. Cooper from UNPROFOR briefed about their activity. They do such things as engr support in eqpt, materials and accommodation. He announced that next week he will be travelling to sectors, looking at civilian and military installation and all their opportunities. But he complained about the slowness of procedures with the UN: the UN buys but takes too much time to pay. The chairman announced that the INDBATT was expected today and hoped for a relief with their in-coming engr elements. He closed the meeting on this optimistic note at 11:35 a.m .

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MINUTES OF THE ENGINEERING CONFERENCE DATED 3 NOV 94

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SECURITY INSTALLATIONS, THE ROAD TO THE BELGIAN VILLAGE

2. He proceeded with the verification of the execution of the obligations undertaken by participants in previous conferences. In response to the question concerning the improvement of the CHEZ LANDO HOTEL and the BELGIAN VILLAGE security installations, Mr. Parnell said that task was not under way because he was still waiting for a recommendation from B&R. Concerning the road to the Belgian Village he said that the request to do the survey was being processed, but not the one to do the work. The chairman recommended diligence for the processing of both tasks.

THE FRAFBATT EOD TM's TERMS OF REFERENCE, SURPLUS OF EXPLOSIVES SPECIFICATION, EXPLOSIVE MATERIALS REQUISITIONS

3. Lt Dione was asked for terms of reference concerning FRAFBATT's EOD Tm. He responded that they had been given to his commander. Anyway he had a copy and promised one to the chairman. Next the chairman said that he had received a specification of surplus in explosives and other materials for blasting from CANSIGS. He said that he was also provided with the explosive materials requisitions for the next six months from GHANBATT and NICOY.

THE KANZENZE BRIDGE, THE GITARAMA-KIBUYE ROAD PROJECT CREDITING, MEETING WITH ASTALDI REPRESENTATIVE, FUEL FOR THE MINTRAPE EQPT, RECCE OF THE TUNBATT's COMPOUNDS, THE MABANZA EQPT's DETAILED INSPECTION BY B&R

4. The chairman reminded that the Kanzenze bridge had been operational since 1 Nov thanks to BRITCON, to whom congratulations must be addressed. He asked the participants to convey the information to their respective units. Next, the chairman announced that he had elaborated a first draft of the letter, on behalf of FC, to the World Bank to fund repair on the Chinese eqpt in MABANZA and to possibly open a credit line for ASTALDI. He also announced another meeting with the Astaldi Mr. Gasperin Giancarlo on 3 Nov, at 3pm. The chairman also emphasized that there was no answer so far regarding the acceptance for the fuel supply of MINTRAPE eqpt in the case of their engagement in the road GITARAMA-KIBUYE repair. The chairman then reported his visit to the TUNBATT compounds in MUTURA and BUSOGO. His conclusion was that they needed improvement: to be covered with aggregate or slag. He reported having seen some slag 2kms NW of MUTURA and 6 kms SW of BUSOGO, but he emphasized that there was no tractor and no low bed trailer. He suggested hiring after talks and agreement with TPT Offr, Maj Moore. He reminded that a detailed inspection on the MABANZA eqpt by B&R was necessary.

KES-MILOBS HQ ROAD, MATERIALS REQUIREMENTS

5. Concerning the KIGALI ENGLISH SCHOOL-MILOBS HQ road, Mr Parnell said that the works could not start because of water pipes within a 25cm layer. They will start on 14 Nov. The chairman asked the participants from conts/batts/units to substantiate their material requirements with details, to avoid misunderstandings.

BMS AND B&R MATTERS, THE B&R EOPT FROM UNSOM

6. Mr. Brian Seals emphasized that for requisitions and recces details must be furnished regarding the job order: who and what the job is for, who exploits the premises etc. This could speed up the procedure. Mr. Parnell from CMC mentioned the helipad improvement WOR, whose copy he had not received. The chairman promised him a copy. Mr. Gabe Andino, the B&R Offr, said that the eqpt expected from Somalia had not yet arrived.


FRAFBATT'S ENGAGEMENT IN A BRIDGE CONSTRUCTION, THE MATERIALS ARRIVAL

7. Lt Dione from FRAFBATT asked a question concerning his previous requirements about a list of 7 bridges to be repaired on the road to a power station. The chairman answered that there were no capabilities at the moment as BRITCON can only deal with the GATUNA bridge improvement and that his approved requirements had been sent to BMS. Lt Dione said that their unit could do the job provided that they had the materials. The chairman said that they were allowed to do so as soon as they had them.

Mr. Brian Seals mentioned a recognition of reception of materials but needed a translation of the document. Assistance on this matter was promised him.

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THE KANZENZE BRIDGE, THE GITARAMA-KIBUYE ROAD PROJECT CREDITING, MEETING WITH ASTALDI REPRESENTATIVE, FUEL FOR THE MINTRAPE EQPT, RECCE OF THE TUNBATT's COMPOUNDS, THE MABANZA EQPT's DETAILED INSPECTION BY B&R

4. The chairman reminded that the Kanzenze bridge had been operational since 1 Nov thanks to BRITCON, to whom congratulations must be addressed. He asked the participants to convey the information to their respective units. Next, the chairman announced that he had elaborated a first draft of the letter, on behalf of FC, to the World Bank to fund repair on the Chinese eqpt in MABANZA and to possibly open a credit line for ASTALDI. He also announced another meeting with the Astaldi Mr. Gasperin Giancarlo on 3 Nov, at 3pm. The chairman also emphasized that there was no answer so far regarding the acceptance for the fuel supply of MINTRAPE eqpt in the case of their engagement in the road GITARAMA-KIBUYE repair. The chairman then reported his visit to the TUNBATT compounds in MUTURA and BUSOGO. His conclusion was that they needed improvement: to be covered with aggregate or slag. He reported having seen some slag 2kms NW of MUTURA and 6 kms SW of BUSOGO, but he emphasized that there was no tractor and no low bed trailer. He suggested hiring after talks and agreement with TPT Offr, Maj Moore. He reminded that a detailed inspection on the MABANZA eqpt by B&R was necessary.

KES-MILOBS HQ ROAD, MATERIALS REQUIREMENTS

5. Concerning the KIGALI ENGLISH SCHOOL-MILOBS HQ road, Mr. Parnell said that the works could not start because of water pipes within a 25cm layer. They will start on 14 Nov. The chairman asked the participants from conts/batts/units to substantiate their material requirements with details, to avoid misunderstandings.

BMS AND B&R MATTERS, THE B&R EQPT FROM UNSOM

6. Mr. Brian Seals emphasized that for requisitions and reces details must be furnished regarding the job order: who and what the job is for, who exploits the permits etc. This could speed up the procedure. Mr. Parnell from CMC mentioned the helipad improvement WOR, whose copy he had not received. The chairman promised him a copy. Mr. Gabe Andino, the B&R Offr, said that the eqpt expected from Somalia had not yet arrived.


FRAFBATT'S ENGAGEMENT IN A BRIDGE CONSTRUCTION, THE MATERIALS ARRIVAL

7. Lt Dione from FRAFBATT asked a question concerning his previous requirements about a list of 7 bridges to be repaired on the road to a power station. The chairman answered that there were no capabilities at the moment as BRITCON can only deal with the GATUNA bridge improvement and that his approved requirements had been sent to BMS. Lt Dione said that their unit could do the job provided that they had the materials. The chairman said that they were allowed to do so as soon as they had them.

Mr. Brian Seals mentioned a recognition of reception of materials but needed a translation of the document. Assistance on this matter was promised him.

8. The chairman closed the meeting at 11:35.

The next engr conference is scheduled on 10 Nov 94 at 1100 hrs, at the Conference Room, UNAMIR FHO.


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MINUTES OF THE ENGINEERING CONFERENCE DATED 20 OCT 94

1. The chairman started the conference at 11:00 am, welcoming the participants.

BUDGETARY AND B & R ESTIMATIONS, BRITCON'S ENGR TASKS HAND OVER TO B&R, SECURITY FACILITIES IMPROVEMENT

2. He proceeded with the verification of the execution of the obligations undertaken by participants in previous conferences. He urged them to hurry up with the road and bridge repair requirements from their conts/batts/units for B & R and budgetary purposes, as only the Senegalese one came in. Further he said that he was promised to be provided with the Material and Eqpt Data Base by MINTRAPE representatives on the recent meeting with them. In the response to the question of engr tasks hand over to B & R by the 9 Para Sqn RE, Mr Parnell stated that all was almost done and that he would have one more meeting concerning the matter. Next, the B&R representative said that repair of the road to the Belgium Village was well under way and that there was no major obstacle. The chairman returned to the matter of the Chez Lando and the Belgian Village security facilities improvement. Capt Hemings confirmed that more than 8 people would be needed for that task.

EOD INSPECTION OF THE KIGALI SCHOOL COMPOUNDS, CONTS' MATERIALS SURPLUS, THE KIGALI ENGLISH SCHOOL-MILOBS HQ ROAD REPAIR, EOD TERMS OF REFERENCE

3. Capt Hughs said that the inspection in the Kigali school compounds was being done and that it would come to an end soon, but made a reserve that not the list of all schools had been handed by the Ministry. Next, concerning conts' materials surplus report, the chairman expressed his satisfaction for those who performed the task and advised those who did not to do so quickly. For the Kigali English School-MILOBS HQ an official answer from BRITCON is needed. Capt Hemings said that the grader was fixed already and that the work would begin next week. The chairman came back to the EOD problems and said that the Senegalese and Ethiopian EOD Tms' terms of reference had not been handed in and asked for a quick reaction.

JOINT VISIT THE MABANZA TECHNICAL BASE AND PASSIBILITY OF THE KIBUYE-GITARAMA ROAD

4. The chairman reminded that in the recent meeting between MINTRAPE and UNAMIR agreed the respect of UNAMIR's priority concerning road and bridge repair, but he wished for the integration of both MINTRAPE's and UNAMIR's priorities. He also added that the meeting with the Chinese let know that the major problem for them was looting and damage of their eqpt in the base Mabanza. A joint visit with the participation of the Chinese and UNAMIR mechanics was agreed upon. The chairman asked for 2 mechanics. The Canadians promised one, as well as B&R whose confirmation should come on 21 Oct. The chairman stressed that the

priority was to make the road passable during the present rainy season and then to improve it later. He added that the Chinese agreed to do so.

THE REVISION OF THE NICOY REQUISITION FOR THE DEMOLISHING ACCESSORIES, THE SURPLUS OF EXPLOSIVES IN THE CANSIG, TASKING OF THE NICOY EOD TM

5. The chairman said that the NICOY requisition for the demolishing accessories must be rewritten because that one was composed in the form which suggested the use of required items only for one action. In the case unremunerativeness is obvious. The chairman added that if needed, Capt Devon could give a brief regarding the surplus of explosives. He advised Maj Ude to contact him after the conference. Next, Maj Ude complained of the slowness of the supply procedures: that his contingent had been on the ground for long but the eqpt was not. The chairman insisted on handing in the exact location of the suspected mined area mentioned in NICOY's requisition and asked for the estimated date of the work to be began. Maj Ude answered generally, that it will be when everything is in position.

BRITCON's REQUISITION FOR TIMBER, MARITIME OPERATIONS, MATERIAL DATA BASE, SECURITY FACILITIES

6. Capt Hemings was asked by the chairman if they already got demanded timber. He answered that he had no exact information at the moment. Therefore he would provide the information after the conference. The question of Maritime Operations on the Kivu Lake was risen by the chairman. In the response the BMS Offr said that the eqpt was still in Somalia. The B&R representative added that a team of 15 technicians was also expected from Somalia. The chairman said that only 2 papers came in concerning information on collection of Material Data Base. He urged for a speeding up of the process. Maj Diaba mentioned the Gikongoro helipad which required repair. The chairman added that the same situation existed in Gitarama. Next he went on asking the Ausmed if it was possible to use their engr capabilities on the Belgian Village and Chez Lando security facilities. The answer was negative.

RESALE OF CULVERTS BY THE CHINESE, MATERIALS REQUESTS, THE ROAD CYANGUGU-KIGALI REPAIR, QUALITY OF DRINKABLE WATER, SCHOOL COMPOUND EOD INSPECTION

7. Concerning opinions, proposals and questions, Capt Hemings expressed a negative opinion about the repair of the road leading to the Belgian Village. Lt Dione asked about his last week request of a chain saw and culverts from the Chinese base in Mabanza. The chairman answered that the Chinese were not interested in selling anything. He promised to put this request into the official procedure channel after receiving their dimensions. He also advised him to contact the Ghanaians to borrow the chain saw. On his other request concerning the pay of local workers from the Kibuye power plant, he was advised to contact the UNICEF representative, Mr. Don Toole, Programme Coordinator, in charge of electric power problem. The Ethiobatt representative introduced three problems; the reply request for materials which was sent and remained unanswered; the Cyangugu - Kigali road (25 km from their HQ), which required to be repaired; and the unpaid power plant workers. For the first

problem, the chairman said that everything received was sent to BMS and that the BMS representative responsible for requisitions processing, who should explain it was invited but he did not come. The chairman suggested the MINTRAPE and B&R options for the provision of the road passibility, because the local road building material can be used as well as bitumen stored at the MINTRAPE Gikondo base. Maj Ude introduced a water problem for his 57 tm men in Kibungo. He asked if B&R could have a look at the condition of the water. The B&R representative's answer was that there were men to do the testing, but no eqpt. Maj Diaba asked about his last week request about accessibility of school compounds in the Gikongoro, Cyangugu and Kibuye prefectures. The chairman answered that in his meeting with the Ministry's officials he was told that local authorities in prefectures should allow them accessibility. Maj Diaba was asked to see them again.

8. The chairman closed the meeting at 12:05.

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