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MINUTES OF MILOBS OPS CONFERENCE HELD AT
SECTOR 4A HQ (GIKONGORO) ON SAT 12 NOVEMBER 1994

PRESENT : BRIG	H A	ANYIDOHO	-	DFC/CMO (CHAIRMAN)
COL	U	MOEEN	-	DCMO
LT COL	A	ANOCHKINE	-	SDO1
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MAJ	T	MURIRO	-	SECT 4B (OPS OFFR)
MAJ	A	PETROUNOVSKI	-	SECT 6 (OPS OFFR)
CAPT	WKC	BLEBOO	-	SECRETARY

GENERAL

1. In his opening address, the Comd Sect 4A warmly welcomed the DFC/CMO and all present to the HQ Sect 4A GIKONGORO. He thanked the CMO for giving him the opportunity to host the conference.

2. The Conference started at 0850hrs.

ITEM 1 - CMO'S COMMENTS

3. The CMO, in his remarks, craved the indulgence of all present to allow him to comment of some pertinent issues affecting MILOBs operations and administration.

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4. <u>Minutes</u> . He said that certain points discussed	<u>ACTION BY</u>
at MILOBs Conference which required the attention of	
UNAMIR higher authorities which were not actioned	
because copies of Minutes of these Conferences were	
not forwarded to the appropriate quarters. He directed	
that copies of minutes of MILOBs Conferences should	
be forwarded to the highest possible office for	SOO
required actions to be taken.	

5. <u>MSA</u> . On MSA, the CMO said the issue had amply	
been explained by Mr Medilli at the previous conference	
to the understanding of all. He said that he and other	
authorities concerned had done all that was necessary	
to resolve the issue. He was optimistic that the	
necessary actions would be taken to refund the monies	
deducted. He continued that he was informed that some	
MILOBs were communicating the MSA issue directly to	
their permanent mission in New York. He said this was	
not in anybody's interest and added that it was better	
to follow laid down procedure and present a united	
front in dealing with such problems. He said there was	
no way any MILOB could lose MSA but the individuals	
could be blamed at times. He warned that financial	
issues were very sensitive and therefore must be	DCMO
handled well.	

6. <u>Postings</u> . The CMO said that no MILOB had the	
right or would be given the chance to decide or	
influence where he should be posted to unless on	DCMO
extreme compassionate grounds. He added that MILOBs	
were posted to where they should be for fairness and	
operational efficiency of the MILOB GP as a whole.	SMPO
He said that Sect Comds should keep MILOBs informed of	SECT COMDS
issues discussed at conferences so as to prevent	
misconception of important issues.	

7. MILOBs Rotations. The CMO said that a lot of information on rotations had been circulated. He said UN HQ, New York noted that Ghana and Bangladesh observers were too many in UNAMIR that there was the need for national balance. As such other countries were to provide observers and some of whom have started arriving. He said some observers will repatriate without replacement.

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8. In his contribution, the DCMO said MILOBs postings was meticulously done and no individual's interest was considered. He said the necessary actions have been taken to solve every issue affecting the welfare of MILOBs. He said no individual's interest was paramount and urged Sect Comds to pass on all necessary information to MILOBs in their various Sectors.

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9. Complaints. On complaints, the CMO said MILOBs who went about complaining about issues which could be discussed with him or the DCMO personally, had no justification for doing so. He said that any MILOB who was not clear with anything should see him for a tête à tête discussion. He added that this might not be the best means for addressing individual MILOBs problems but unnecessary complaints were not acceptable.

MILOBs

ITEM 2 - MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS CONFERENCE

10. The main decisions taken during the previous conference were read and deliberated upon. The following points were accepted by all present:

- a. Four Samples of the Souvenir for MILOBs would be circulated and one of them selected. This would be made and sold to all MILOBs before their DDM.

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| b. | Sector 1 MILOB patrols should cover KAGITUMBA border every other day. MILOBs should also go with NICOY to convey returnees from time to time. Comd Sector 1 was to establish a post at RWAMAGANA. | ACTION BY
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| c. | Sector 2 MILOB patrols were to cover RUSUMO border daily. | COMD
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| d. | Sectors were to submit returns on MILOBs accommodation as soon as possible for further action on the refund of the deducted MSA. | ALL SECTORS |
| e. | Declaration of KENYA as part of the AO was to be supported with a document. | SMPO |
| f. | All Sectors were to draw fuel from formed units. | |
| g. | Mr Medilli was making efforts for MILOBs to repatriate with 100kg accompanied baggage. | SMPO |
| h. | UN HQ New York would soon state whether MILOBs could accumulate CTO or not. | SMPO |
11. The Minutes of the previous conference was adopted.

ITEM 3 - SECTOR BRIEFS

12. Sector 1

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| a. | <u>Gen Sit.</u> The Sect Comd said the situation in his Sector was calm and the RPA was in control of general security of the area. | |
| b. | <u>Borders.</u> The Sect Comd said GATUNA border which had been closed following the BRITCON troops misbehaviour at the post, has now been re-opened | |

to all traffic. He said MILOBs were to cross the border in civil clothes and with valid travel documents.

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c. Unexploded Ordinance Devices (UXD). The Sect Comd said a lot of EOD were scattered all over the Sector and locals especially children and farmers were being killed and injured every day. He requested for Field Engineers assistance to locate and clear these devices.

d. Humanitarian Sit. The Sect Comd said there were no refugees/displaced persons camps in the Sector. He said RPA units in the Sector carried out an exercise and the displaced persons were conveyed to where they chose to go. He continued that he had arranged with NICOY which provided trucks for conveying returnees to destinations within the Sector and beyond. He said it was realized Ugandans were using this facility just to go to KIGALI for business but efforts were being made to stop that. The Sect Comd touched on the outbreak of Malaria in the Sector. He said NGOs were contacted and they were reaching the affected areas with drugs. He said the situation was under control.

e. Logistics. The Sect Comd said his logistics problems were solved. He said the Sector now operates on Channel 5 and communication with the KAGITUMBA border post was good.

13. DCMO's Response. On unexploded devices, the DCMO said that NGOs also talked about it and the SRSG was informed. He said actions were initiated to send specialists on contract to all Sectors to clear these dangers in order to make the country-side safe for

farming and other economic activities. The CMO remarked | ACTION BY
 that unexploded bombs were common in the capital also. |
 He said unless something positive was done about this, | SOO
 we would be failing in our duties. The DCMO said |
 that Sector 1 has the greatest concentration and UN HQ |
 New York was aware. He said a contract had already been |
 awarded as a long term solution to the problem. |

14. On the issue of malaria and dysentery, he said the |
 NGOs, UNAMIR medical staff and Ministry of Health and |
 Hygiene were visiting the affected areas throughout the |
 country. |

15. Sector 2 |

a. Gen Sit. The Sect Ops Offr said that the sit |
 in the Sector could only be said to be relatively |
 calm. He said fresh killings were being carried |
 out. He said the locals were scared to the extent |
 that even children scattered when they saw RPA |
 troops. |

b. Own Activities. The Ops offr said when |
 the UN fuel tanker was hijacked, RPA denied having |
 any knowledge of it. However, when hel search was |
 conducted and the tanker found in one of their |
 camps, they wrote a letter indicating they had |
 arrested and confiscated the tanker. He said the |
 vehicle has since been retrieved and sent to |
 KIGALI but the RPA claimed that the tanker belonged |
 to an enemy so it would be confiscated to the |
 state. Commenting on hel support, the Sect Ops |
 Offr said it was necessary to put one hel at the |
 disposal of the Sector for patrolling | SOO
 inaccessible areas. |

c. RPA. The Ops Offr said the RPA in the | ACTION BY
Sector could not be said to be open and co-opera- |
tive with MILOBs. He added that they have attached |
a Liaison Officer to the Sect HQ but their co-op- |
eration was seriously lacking. |

d. NGOs. The Ops offr said there was regular |
meeting between the NGOs in the Sector. He said |
the NGOs were receiving VIPs regularly and their |
organization of refugee camps was quite good. |

16. CMO's Response

a. The CMO in his response commented on the |
inability of the helicopter to respond to their |
call on time. He said the poor reaction by the |
helicopter crew to the call was not good enough. |

b. On the issue of RPA not co-operating with |
MILOBs in the Sector, the CMO said there would |
soon be a weekly meeting for their Principal Staff |
Officers at the Force HQ. He said all such issues |
would be discussed and resolved at these meetings. |

c. The DCMO said more returnees were being |
evacuated to Sector 2 and this may complicate |
the security situation in the Sector. |

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d. On CTO/Leave, the DCMO reminded Sect Comd to |
ensure that only 25% of their strength went on CTO |
at any given time so that more MILOBs remained on |
the ground to continue the work. He emphasized that |
pers on posting to the Sectors should not be all- |
owed to proceed on CTO/Leave until they reported |
for work in the Sectors. However, MILOBs with |
extreme humanitarian problems could be allowed to |
take their CTO before reporting. |

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e. The CMO talked on security of MILOBs in the Sector and said that a battalion would soon be deployed in the sector to provide security to MILOBs.	<u>ACTION BY</u> CMO
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17. Sector 3

a. Gen Sit. The Sect Ops Officer said the sit in the Sector deteriorated over the period. He said killings, banditry and mass arrests were on the increase. He mentioned that although the sit was not stable, more returnees continue to enter the Sector. He said 2,112 persons crossed the Burundi border into Rwanda in the last 2 weeks.

b. Political. The Sect Ops Officer said that the Minister of Labour and Social Welfare visited GITARAMA on 9 Nov 94, met local leaders and talked to about 15,000 locals at a durbar. He said the Minister explained Govt programme for national reconstruction and urged the people to assist the Govt to rebuild the country.

c. RPA. The Ops Officer said the RPA have been the main cause of insecurity in the Sector. He said that RPA troops have been involved in killings, arrests, robbery and molestation of civilians. He added that there were unexploded devices scattered all over the Sector killing and injuring children and farmers. He said RPA troops were making efforts to prevent infiltration by militias and armed elements from Burundi and Zaire.

d. Own Activities. The Ops Offr said Sector MILOBs carried out regular patrols, escort duties, monitoring, investigation and assisted NGOs during the period.

e. Humanitarian Activities. He said NGOs | ACTION BY
 have stepped up their relief efforts in the Sector |
 and as a result more food, seeds and farm imple- |
 ments were reaching the people. He mentioned that |
 the rate of land cultivation was not encouraging. |
 He talked about displaced persons in the Sector |
 and said there were 7 DPs Camps in the Sector. He |
 added that the DPs were reluctant to return home |
 due to the security situation in the area. | HAC

18. CMO's Response. The CMO said that Human Rights |
 teams seemed not to have known exactly what to do in |
 the present human rights situation in the country. He |
 urged all Sect Comds to monitor and report human rights | SECT COMDS
 violations in the Sectors. |

19. Sect 4A |

a. Gen Sit. The Sect Ops Officer said the situ- |
 ation in the Sector has not changed during the |
 period. He said there was increased flow of people |
 from adjacent Prefectures to the DPs Camps. |
 He attributed this flow of people to the dete- |
 riorating security situation in other Prefectures. |
 He said a lot of former INTERAHAMWE were hiding |
 inside the Camps committing acts of banditry, |
 looting and killing the witnesses to of their |
 atrocities. |

b. RPA. The Ops Officer said the former RPA |
 Battalion was rotated. He said the incoming Bn |
 Comd promised more coordination and cooperation |
 with the Sect Comd. The local population was very |
 sensitive to rumours and RPA troops' misconduct |
 and thus making the situation in the Sector very |
 unstable. He said MILOBs were doing everything |
 possible to encourage the locals to have confi- |
 dence in UNAMIR. |

c. Own Activities. The Ops Officer said | ACTION BY
 routine patrols, route recce, escorts, monitoring |
 and evacuation of DPs, investigations and monito- |
 ring of border crossing were the main activities |
 of MILOBs in the Sector. There was also constant |
 liaison with NGOs and Human Rights Teams. He said |
 the deployment in the South had not yet been |
 carried out due to communication problems. |
 Constant UNAMIR presence was shown in the area by |
 MILOBs patrols who went as far as to the borders. |
 He mentioned that there may not be the need to |
 deploy MILOBs in that area because of absence of |
 population and activities. |

d. OP HOMEWARD. The main concern of the Sector |
 was the numerous DPs Camps with about 300,000 |
 people. The Ops Offr said OPERATION HOMEWARD was |
 not making the desired impact because the latest |
 influx of people into the Camps exceeded the |
 number evacuated. |

e. Logistics. The Sector requested for 6 |
 spare tyres and 4 Runners but received no |
 response. He said the tyres were needed in |
 order to forestall situations where patrols |
 could get stranded because of lack of spare |
 tyres. |

20. DCMO's Response. The DCMO said the problem of |
 spare tyres and tools for the vehicles has been taken |
 care of and a quantity of spare tyres, jacks and |
 tools made available. He instructed the SLOGO to |
 submit returns on vehicles which had no spare tyres | SLOGO
 and tools. He directed that the SLOGO should organize |
 these items for the Sectors and advised the Sect Comds | SECT
 to go for the items without delay. | COMDS

21. Sect 4B.ACTION BY

a. Gen Sit. The situation in the Sector was calm. The Sect Ops Officer said the locals in the Sector were apprehensive of the RPA because of the manner in which RPA troops handled issues in the area. He said there were arrests and summary executions by the RPA troops who also burnt down the DPs Camp at RUGABANO.

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b. Treats in the Sector. The Sect Ops Officer said infiltration across Lake KIVU by armed elements remained the main concern for the RPA in the Sector. He added that the RPA claimed there were elements of the INTERAHAMWE operating in the area.

c. Political. The Ops Officer said a new Prefect had taken office on 9 Nov 94. He said the Prefect requested the NGOs operating in the area to streamline their modus operandi and introduce FOOD FOR WORK programme.

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d. RPA. The Ops Officer said the RPA troops were carrying out indiscriminate arrests with the allegation that the victims were members of the INTERAHAMWE. He said it was common knowledge in KIBUYE that the RPA were carrying out summary executions at the Gendarmerie Camp (R 276718). He said the RPA forced DPs out of the RUGABANO Camp and burnt it down on 29 Oct 94. On RPA deployment, he said there has not been any change. He said the RPA continued to train recruits at the KIBUYE Camp.

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e. Own Activities. The Ops Officer said that the current rains rendered most roads in the Sector unmotorable. This, he said reduced MILOBs

routine operations in the Sector. He said hel patrols were conducted on 6 and 8 Nov 94. He commented on the establishment of Observation Posts (OP) in the Sector and suggested that the problem of communication be solved and a contingency plan for extricating MILOBs from the OPs be put in place before MILOBs were deployed at the OPs.

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f. Humanitarian Matters. The Ops Officer said there were about 1,600 DPs in NYAMISHABA Camp although the Camp had been closed down for some time. He said some of the people in the Camp claimed they had been out of the country since the 1959 crisis. He mentioned that there were about 500 orphans who were being taken care of by NGOs in 4 towns in the Sector.

g. NGO Activities. He said NGOs continued to distribute food, drugs and seeds in the Sector WFP officials indicated that they would open an office in the Sector and start the FOOD FOR WORK programmes. He mentioned that Human Rights teams visited mass grave sites and conducted investigations into alleged killings by RPA.

22. DCMO's Response. The DCMO commented on the establishment of OPs in the Sector and said that Hel would drop MILOBs at the OPs and wait on call at KIBUYE. Whenever there was a problem, the hel would extricate the MILOBs from the OPs.

23. Sect 4C

a. Gen Sit. The Sect Comd said although there had been some killings, the situation in the Sector remained calm during the period. He said

there was a new Prefect for CYANGUGU. He mentioned that social activities were going on and schools were running normally at CYANGUGU. He said there were reports of INTERAHAMWE activities along the Burundi and Zaire borders.

b. RPA. The Sect Comd said the RPA was in control of the area and holding meetings with the people within the Sector. He said through these meetings, the RPA was explaining certain actions they took and were trying to win the confidence of the local population.

c. Own Activities. The Sect Comd said routine operations were conducted during the period. He said although the local population continue to distrust UNAMIR in the Sector, efforts were being made to harness their confidence. He mentioned that co-operation by the RPA would be improved by holding weekly meetings with the leadership in the Sector.

d. Logistics. The Sect Comd said few logistics problems continued to hamper operations in the Sector. He said the Sector had no office equipment and furniture. He requested for a photocopier and asked for authority to be changing batteries at Ethiobatt location.

24. CMO's Response. The CMO said he would emphasize the need for cooperation between MILOBs and Ethiobatt. He said the Ethiopia Army was yet to be transformed into a well seasoned Regular Army. He added that language was another problem facing Ethiobatt. He implored MILOBs in the Sector to relate with Ethiobatt persons with tact and patience.

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25. Sect 5

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a. Gen Sit. The Sect Comd said the situation in the Sector was calm but there has been increase in robbery over the past two weeks . He said the rich, traders and locals working with NGOs were being targeted. This led to fear and feeling of insecurity among the locals.

b. Political. The Sect Comd said new Prefects were appointed for RUHENGARI and GISENYI. He said the two Prefects were former Rwandese Diplomats and were working towards reconciliation and reconstruction.

c. RPA. The Sector Comd said MILOBs' relationship with the RPA has been good. He added that the RPA has attached a liaison officer to the RUHENGARI Sub-sector.

d. Own Activities. The Sect Comd said because of problems with vehicles and to avoid duplication, MILOBs had to carry out joint patrols with Tunbatt.

e. Refugees. The Sect Comd said the rate of influx of returnees remained at about 1,000 per day. He added that "boat people" were mainly the 1959/60 Rwandese refugees who were in Zaire. He said 100 returnees came from Uganda and 100 entered the country by footpaths.

f. Logistics. The Sect Comd said vehicles continued to breakdown due to the condition of roads in the Sector. He said frequent posting of MILOBs needed to be carefully looked at

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because MILOBs have been making advance		<u>ACTION BY</u>
payment for hired accommodation. He said too		SMPO
frequent changes in postings made things a		S PLANS
bit difficult for MILOBs.		& TRG

g. <u>Confidential Report.</u> The Sect Comd said		
the issue of Confidential Reports should be sorted		
out so that MILOBs could read them before leaving		SMPO
the mission area.		

26. <u>CMO's Response.</u> The CMO said there would be		
the need to establish coordinating points along Sector		SOO
boundaries and along the borders. On confidential re-		
ports, the DCMO said that it had now been streamlined.		SMPO
He said Sect Comds would write for MILOBs to read and		
initial. He said these should then be forwarded to the		
MILOB GP HQ where the MILOBs would be call on DCMO or		SMPO
DFC/CMO's interview.		

27. Sect 6

a. <u>Gen Sit.</u> The Sect Ops Officer said the sit-		
uation was calm during the period.		

b. <u>RPA.</u> The Ops Officer said KIGALI should		
be considered as the largest training centre for		
the RPA. He said large number of recruits were		
being trained in Camps located in the capita. He		
added that the RPA had also increased patrol and		
other activities in KIGALI especially during the		
the night.		

c. <u>Local Population.</u> On local population, he		
said KIGALI served as the largest transit centre		
through which thousands of displaced persons were		
passed to other destinations in the country-side.		
He said utility services had been improved,		

social and economic activities were also spreading | ACTION BY
 throughout the capital. He said although life in |
 the capital has improved, other areas in the |
 Sector lacked basic amenities like potable water, |
 medical care and education facilities. He said |
 people living outside KIGALI lived in poor sanitary
 conditions, had problems of malaria and dysentery
 and lacked food. | HAC

d. Own Activities. He said MILOBs tasks were |
 mainly escorts of displaced persons, UN and other |
 convoys. MILOBs also conducted a few patrols and |
 established contacts with authorities of the |
 KIGALI Prefecture to facilitate coordination
 and co-operation between MILOBs and the authori-
 ties. |

e. NGO Activities. The Sect Ops officer said |
 about 120 NGOs operating in Rwanda had their |
 offices in KIGALI but were not operating in the |
 capital itself. He added that locals living out-
 side the capital needed humanitarian aid just as
 those living in the country-side. |

28. CMO's Response. The DCMO said MILOBs of the |
 Sector should know all the streets within the capital |
 so as to be able to escort anybody any time to any part | COMD
 of the capital. He urged Sector MILOBs to report any | SECT 6
 unusual incident especially mine explosions and located
 unexploded bombs to the MILOB GP HQ. He said formed | SOO
 troops would share escort tasks with MILOBs. |

ITEM 4 - STAFF BRIEFS

29. A/SOO. The A/SOO said Sectors must adhere to the |
 SITREP format and details must be clear. He said incid- |
 ents being reported should indicate " what, when, where | SECT COMDS

who and what done about it". He said all escorts tasks | ACTION BY
 would be co-ordinated so that one sector was not | SECT
 over-tasked. He advised against misuse of the MILOBs | OPS OFFRS
 Ops Net and said conversations on the radio should be |
 brief. He reminded Sect Comds to keep stand-by teams | SECT COMDS
 for emergencies. |

30. SLOGO. The A/LOGO said MILOBs vehicle holding |
 was 75 and that it was not possible to have additional |
 vehicles before December 1994. He said maintenance was |
 a problem and advised Sect Comds to keep to servicing | SECT COMDS
 schedules. He said jacks were available at the new |
 UNAMIR workshop. On stores, he said Sectors should |
 submit returns before 15 Dec 94. He mentioned that some |
 stores including generators, computers and photocopiers |
 were being expected from Somalia to augment the current |
 stock. |

31. SMPO. The SMPO commented on channel of commu- |
 nication and said Sectors should desist from sending |
 certain documents directly to HQ. He elaborated on the | CMO/DCMO
 CTO/Leave issue and said CTO remained 6 days for 30 |
 days of continuous duty. He said MILOBs who were due |
 for repatriation have been catered for so they could be | SECT COMDS
 granted CTO even if the individual did not perform 30 |
 days continuous duty. On repatriation, he said many |
 MILOBs would be repatriated between November and |
 December without replacement. He said this would reduce |
 MILOBs total strength so CTO would be granted according |
 to the exigencies of work. |

32. HAC. The A/CHAO commended MILOBs for excel- |
 lent reporting of humanitarian issues in the Sectors. |
 He said most UNREO staff were new in the AO and there- |
 fore needed assistance from MILOBs. He said a command |
 post would be set up to keep track of humanitarian |

events and that Hum Teams would be formed to liaise with MILOBs. He mentioned that HAC now had an Ops Officer to co-ordinate HAC ops.

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| HAC33. Summary of Decisions

a. Sector HQs will be collocated with formed troops but Sectors 2 and 3 will remain. MILOB LO from Sectors 2 and 3 will be attached to formed troops HQs in the sectors.

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b. Formed troops are not under comd to MILOBs but under control. MILOBs were to co-ordinate their activities and operations.

c. Formed units would assist in escorting Brown and Roots convoys.

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d. Channel of communication should be adhered to. All MILOB Sector mails should pass through MILOB GP HQ.

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e. MILOBs/CIVPOL Training School would be moved from GITARAMA to KIGALI.

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f. Sect Comds should pass on information to all MILOBs in the various Sectors.

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g. Sector Comds should collect jacks for Sector vehicles as soon as possible.

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h. Sector 4B should map out pick-up-points for helicopter to be lifting MILOBs for patrols and recce missions.

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i. Sect Comds should forward correct details on MILOBs' accommodation for action to be taken

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quickly to avoid MILOBs losing their money.

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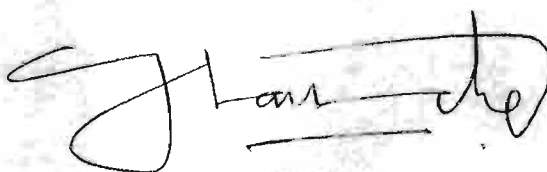
j. The next Conference to be hosted by MILOB GP
HQ in KIGALI on 03 December 1994.

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CONCLUSION

34. The CMO expressed his gratitude to all present and said the conference could be started at 0800hrs so that it could be ended earlier. He re-emphasized some points raised by the DCMO and said personal records should be straightened to enable administrative issues be pursued effectively in the interest of all MILOBs.

35. The Conference ended at 1410hrs.



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SUBJECT: SITREP COVERING THE PERIOD 12 NOV 03 DEC 94

1. a. Situation in the area of Sector 1 remained calm and unchanged.
b. Border Situation: Both main entry points at GATUNA and KAGITUMBA are open for UNAMIR, NGOs and civilian traffic, from and to Gatuna. Gatuna Border mainly used by NGO convoys, business traffic and visitors.
2. a. On 01 Oct 94 a ceremony was held in Byumba to celebrate the Rwandese Liberation and memorial day. Approximately 3000-4000 people attended the rally. The Deputy Prefect and the RPA Commander addressed speeches groups from various communes and schools carried out folkloristic performances during the celebration ceremony.
b. Military activities of RPA: In general there is no change in the deployment of RPA in Sector 1. The area of GUESTHOUSE GABIRO is used as a training camp for new recruits.
Attitude of RPA: The cooperation with RPA in our Sector is generally good.
3. OWN ACTIVITIES
a. During the period MILOB Sector carried out short and long distance patrols throughout Sector 1. The situation in the area was calm. Following observations were made:

-Schools: Have opened in most of the communes. There is a general shortage of books, furniture and other equipment, however UNESCO has carried out a survey in the area and promised supply with required items. Up to now this has not materialized.

-Farming activities and restoration of houses can be observed in most of the areas.

-Tea Factory KINIHIRA: The factory is under renovation. According to local workers it is planned to reopen this facility.

-Mines and unexploded devices: These remains of the past wars are a hazard in some of the areas in Sector 1. Especially civilians working off mains roads are exposed to these devices. Sector has identified such locations have been cleared.

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-Bridges: Along the main roads KIGALI - RUKOMO - GATUNA and KAYONZA - GABIRO - KAGITUMBA the bridges are in good conditions.
British Engineers replaced Gatuna border wooden bridge by Bailey Bridge.

b. ESTABLISHMENT OF A TEAM AT RWAMAGANA

Team at Rwamagana was not deployed. This is because the contract for Office accommodation for the Team is not concluded by Force HQ. Meanwhile the Team is stand by.

4. HUMANITARIAN ACTIVITIES

-At present there are not refugees / displaced people camps in Sector 1. There are "Short Time" camps created for returnees (Tabagwe, Rukomo, Muvumba, Gatuza)

-Various UN and NGOs continue to provide relief assistance throughout the Sector.

-UNHCR is operating a reception centre in Nyagatare and Tabagwe. Incoming returnees are handed over to civil administration for further resettlement.

-German Medical Team established a new hospital at Kiziguro.

-There is a general shortage of trained local staff in dispensaries and hospitals. Main diseases treated are diarrhoea, malaria, tuberculosis, bronchitis.

-No dispensary at Mukarange Commune.

-Hospital at Rutongo needs assistance in terms of drugs and even staff.

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6. LOGISTIC

The Sector is facing an acute vehicle shortage. Two vehicles had been in the workshop at Kigali.

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7. PERSONNEL STATE

a. Posted Strength: 41
b. Present Strength: 28
c. CTO/Leave: 2
d. Total: 30
e. Repatriation:
 (1) Nov 94: 3 Officers
 (2) Dec 94: 4 Officers
 (3) Jan 95: 4 Officers

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MINUTES OF MILOBS SECTOR COMMANDERS CONFERENCE

HELD AT SECTOR 4B HQ (KIBUYE ON 29 OCTOBER 1994)

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PRESENT :	BRIG	H K	ANYIDOHO	-	DFC/CMO/CHAIRMAN
	COL	A	MOEEN	-	DCMO
	COL	C B	YAACHE	-	CHAC
	LT COL		DIARRA	-	CIVPOL COMMISSIONER
	LT COL	S	ILIYA	-	SOO
	LT COL	K	OPONG-KYEKEYEKU	-	SMPO
	LT COL	M J	MASANGANISE	-	S PLANS & TRG O
	LT COL	P K	NYAAKU	-	SLOGO
	LT COL	W	PURTSCHER	-	COMD SECT 1
	LT COL	R	GORG	-	COMD SECT 2
	LT COL	B K	GBORGLAH	-	COMD SECT 3
	LT COL		DOUNKOV	-	COMD SECT 4A
	LT COL	E C	QUIST	-	COMD SECT 4B
	LT COL	M	AUSTDAL	-	COMD SECT 5
	LT COL		MUSTAFIZ	-	COMD SECT 6
	MAJ	KONE	BROULAYE	-	A/COMD SECT 4
	MAJ		LENHARDT	-	SECT 4A
	MR		MIKE MINTA	-	LEGAL ADVISER/OSRSG
	MAJ	C F	BARI	-	SECRETARY

IN ATTENDANCE : MR MEDILLI - DD FOD (DPKO)
MR GOLO - OIC ADMIN
AND 4 OTHERS

GENERAL

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| 1. The conference began at 0945hrs with a welcome address by the Sect Comd Lt Col EC Quist. He expressed his gratitude for the opportunity given to him to host the MILOB HQ Conference. | |
| 2. In his remarks, the DCMO thanked the CMO for being present at the conference inspite of his busy schedule. He reiterated the aim of the conference which was to provide an indept analysis on the activities of the Military Observer Group on the ground. He was particu- | |

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larly pleased that Mr Medilli who had recently arrived from New York was to attend the conference. ACTION BY

3. The DFC/CMO expressed his happiness for being at the conference. He also expressed his satisfaction about the good job MILOBS were doing in various Sectors. He told Sect Comds that MILOBS should work in cohesion in order to achieve results. He said he was not happy about the way MILOBS leave for home without reading their efficiency report nor coming on his interview before their departure. He warned he would not accept incompetent MILOBS and was ready to repatriate incapable ones. He urged all to work hard in order to achieve good working relation with the contingents and the RPA.

ITEM 1 - REVIEW OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

5. Souvenirs for MILOBS. At the last conference, Sect Comds were given the responsibility to submit the design for souvenirs which could be presented to MILOBS on termination of their tour of duty. It was gathered that only KIGALI Sector had responder. The DCMO proposed that 3 or 4 designs out of these be selected and circulated to all others for their comments. ✓

6. Decision. Four designs out of those submitted by KIGALI Sector were to be circulated to the sectors for comments. ✓

7. Comms for Sect 5. Comd Sect 5 inform the house that comms in his Sector had improved.

8. MILOBS Postings. Comd Sect 2 said he was not happy that MILOBS especially those at Force HQ had not yet joined. The DCMO said all was being done to get all released to report to their sectors. No

9. Functioning of Schools in Sectors 4A & B. Comd Sect 4B said most schools though opened were not

functioning either due to lack of teachers or equipment. Comd Sect 4A said that he could not say much on this issue. The DCMO asked him to go back and work on this. The DCMO further urged Sect Comds to encourage parents through the Prefects to let their children go to school.

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10. MSA. The SMPO informed the house that the MSA of those MILOBs which was cut will be adjusted in the current month. He however informed all that, those who travelled outside the mission area will lose 50% of their MSA.

11. Efficiency Report. The SMPO reminded all Sect Comds about the writing of efficiency report on each MILOB when posted away or completion of tour of duty. He informed all that on completion of the tour of duty all the reports would be compiled and sent to the CMO for writing of the final report. The DCMO emphasized this point and said MILOBs would be interviewed by DCMO on arrival, and on completion of tour of duty, be interviewed by both the DCMO and CMO. He said all MILOBs would be given 12 days time off for clearance and preparation before their DDM.

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12. The minutes of the previous conference was adopted.

ITEM 2 - SECTORS BRIEF

13. Sect 1

a. General. The Sect Comd said the general situation was calm in the area. Both GATUNA and KAGITUMBA border posts remained opened to all traffic during the day. Between 01 May and 15 Oct 94, about 4,000 people were registered entering Rwanda

through KAGITUMBA border post. In addition, about one million cattle entered Rwanda through the northern frontier with Uganda. ACTION BY

b. Political. No remarkable change other than the division of BYUMBA into two administrative centres namely BYUMBA and NGARAMA.

c. Military Activities. The Sect Comd said that he expected to meet the RPA Bde Comd in the coming week at MURAMBI. He further said no clearance had been obtained from RPA to set up a sub-sector headquarters at NYAGATARE.

d. Own Activities. Besides routine patrols, MILOBs provided assistance to NGOs and continued to liaise with local civilian authorities. MILOBs patrolled the border areas on regular basis to monitor the security situation. He said that GATUNA Border crossing remained an important exit/entry point between Uganda and Rwanda. MILOBs were not allowed to remain at these check points for long periods due to the demand from Rwandese border authorities for a letter of authority from the Govt or RPA liaison officer. He said the daily monitoring of KAGITUMBA border crossing was not feasible from BYUMBA due to the distance and that it would be better done from NYAGATARE or KAGITUMBA but the problem of suitable accommodation had prevented this.

14. DCMO's Response. The DCMO said that the RPA had been approached to allow MILOBs to deploy at NYAGATARE. He instructed S Plans Offr to contact the RPA LO to get the necessary clearance. He directed that till such a time, MILOBs should go there every alternate day in order to collect the needed data that would enhance planning. He also instructed that an outpost be located at KAGITUMBA so that teams could stay on longer to

monitor the border post.

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15. Sector 2

a. General Sit. The Sect Comd said the area had been calm during the period. He said relations with the Prefects of KIBUNGO and BUGESERA had been good.

b. RPA. No remarkable RPA activity in the area except RPA securing the general area NASHO near Tanzania Border. Efforts were being made to get in contact with RPA Bde and Bn Comds to enhance better co-ordination/Liaison.

c. Own Activities. He said that he had deployed 3 teams at RILIMA and 4 teams at KIBUNGO and would maintain a good working relationship with the Prefect and also make contact down to commune level.

d. Hum Activities. He said there were no refugee camps in his sector. NGOs were working in KIBUNGO and BUGESERA area.

e. Problems. The problem of furniture, accommodation and office equipment existed and these needed to be supplied soonest. He also talked about lack of potable water in the area. In his response, the DCMO promised him some furniture and instructed SLOGO to issue other items whenever available. The CHAO informed the Sect Comd that a German Engineering Company was working on the water facilities.

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16. Sect 3

a. Gen Sit. The general situation in the area has been calm. There was however a state of fear among the population due to RPA activities and arbitrary arrests.

b. Military Activities. The Sect Comd said he had identified 3 types of threats in the area, namely the militia, RPA and banditry. He reported a couple of grenade incidents in the area. He said MILOB teams have been conducting routine patrols in the area. He reported theft of a veh antenna and a UN flag and the removal engine and parts of an accident UN veh.

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17. Sect 5

a. Operations. A total of 90 patrols tasks were carried out during the period. The Sect Comd said that the barge operations remained suspended. He said there were evidence of new mines in the area of KAREBA (4125).

b. Returnees. He stated that a lot of returnees were coming back from Zaire as the sit in GOMA continued to deteriorate and NGOs were planning to withdraw. He further said these could lead to a massive refugee traffic in the sector. The local authority he said was looking at the possibility of resettling some returnees at some identified areas. It was decided that the Sect Comd should follow the events closely.

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c. Relationship With RPA and Other Agencies. The sector comd said this was excellent.

18. The DCMO in his response asked the Sect Comd whether he was aware of a planned Hutu meeting at GOMA. The DCMO then asked the Sect Comd to monitor and confirm this information. On when a new sub sector HQ would be established at RUHENGARI, the Sect Comd said this would be done by Mon 31 Oct 94.

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18. Sector 6

a. Gen Sit. The Sect Comd said the situation i

KIGALI city and the whole area of responsibility remained calm during the period.

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b. Military. AOR remained under the firm control of the RPA, Gendarmerie and local admin. In the remote areas of the country however, banditry and other crimes are prevalent due to the absence of RPA and local police.

c. RPA Activities. RPA was recruiting new soldiers from different places of Rwanda. Large numbers of recruits were brought to KIGALI Military Camps for training and the reinforcement of units deployed in the city.

d. State of Local Population. There was no refugee camp in the sect. One orphanage with 250 children was located in RUBANGO. The population in KIGALI was increasing. Life in the city was improving as more shops were opening and many foreign businessmen had returned to the country. Schools and hospitals in the city were functioning

e. MILOB Activities. Emphasis were laid on patrolling and getting acquainted with the area of responsibility. Priority was also given to assistance to UNHCR to convey displaced persons to their homes.

f. Admin. The Sect Comd stated that the morale of MILOBs has been affected to the arbitrary deductions in MSA by the finance section. MILOBs felt the deductions were unjustifiable.

19. Sector 4A

a. Gen. The general situation remained calm with acts of banditry in certain areas. The RPA continued to conduct searches for arms and ammo and also manned road blocks.

b. Operations. Besides routine patrols and route recce, they had monitored and provided assistance to DPs in camps. The Sect Comd said there were total of 35 Camps with about 300,000 DPs in his area. One or two teams were detailed for OP HOMEWARD every day. So far 3,460 DPs had been evacuated. He said some refugees were not interested in leaving the camps. The 4 crossing points to Burundi in the area of responsibility were manned by RPA. It had been observed that not than 20 to 30 pers crossed the border every day.

c. RPA Activities. There were 5 RPA Coys deployed in the area. Contacts with RPA were not maintained regularly due to unco-operative attitudes of the RPA Comds. The situation with the Prefect was no different. He said the RPA believed there were quite a number of Interahamwes in the camps being shielded by UNAMIR and NGOs from prosecutions and punishment. It was for this reason they wanted the DPs Camps closed.

d. Problems. The Sect Comd said there was problem of water in GIKONGORO. The generator for pumping water needed 200 litres of fuel every day. The issue of who should provide fuel remained unresolved. He also needed 4 more vehicles and 2 base stations and requested for a forward repair team at BUTARE.

20. DCMO's Response. The DCMO directed the Sect Comd to establish a sub-station in the Southern part of his Sector. He asked the SLOGO to give the Sector one more Four Runner so that the office could be opened by Wed 02 Nov 94. On the issue of fuel for pumping water, Col Yaache said Ghanbatt should continue to supply the fuel for the time being. Sect Comd should follow this up.

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21. Mr Medilli and his team from New York arrived at this point and were received by the DCMO. ACTION BY

22. Sector 4B

a. Gen Sit. The Sect Comd stated that the situation in the Sector had deteriorated in the past 3 weeks. A number of incidents were reported including the driving away of DPs from NDABA Camp. He reported that tension had risen between the RPA and locals GISOVU and KARONGI.

b. RPA Activities. The Sect Comd reported that a 22 year-old lady was killed by the RPA at BIRAMBO on 15 Oct 94. On 18 Oct, RPA cordoned off NDABA Camp and fired indiscriminately wounding 4 persons, expelled DPs from the camp and set fire to the huts. On the night of 18/19 Oct, RPA soldiers and shot wounded a man for refusing to answer questions about the whereabouts of his brother. In another incident at GISOVU on 19 Oct, an RPA soldier was killed and another wounded in an incident where they went to demand money from the villagers. In an apparent retaliation, on 25 Oct, the RPA was reported to have killed 19 people in RUSHISHI and GISOVU. The RPA was also alleged to have shot a 15 year old boy at KARONGI on 25 Oct 94.

c. Formed Troops Activities. The Sect Comd said during the period, the RPA Bde Comd wrote a letter to FRAFFBATT HQ asking them to withdraw from GISOVU and BIRAMBO. FRAFFBATT has since withdrawn from the area and the situation was deteriorating.

d. MILOBs Activities. Routine patrols were conducted during the period. Investigations were also conducted into reports received as mentioned. MILOBs also escorted DPs as well as Brown and Root trucks to KIGALI.

23. DCMOs Response. The DCMO wanted to know | ACTION BY
 whether the Sect Comd required more MILOBs due to the |
 general situation in the area. The Sect Comd said he |
 did not since he maintained close contact with Fraff- |
 batt and the local RPA Comd. |

24. Sector 4C |

a. Gen Sit. The Acting Sect Comd said that the |
 area of responsibility was calm, but a state of |
 fear still existed among the population. He said |
 that the local population were being harassed by |
 some uniformed people in the area. He said before |
 the French troops left, the locals were assured |
 that security would be provided by UNAMIR but this |
 had not been the case. |

b. RPA. The Sect Comd said RPA troops were |
 causing insecurity in the area and this was making |
 people to go back to the camps. He also said the |
 relationship between RPA and Ethiobatt had not |
 been very cordial. |

c. Logistics. The Sect Comd requested the |
 use of the INMARSAT phone of CAN SIGS by MILOBs. |
 He also raised the point of MSA deduction from |
 MILOBs in the name of house rent. |

25. DCMO's Response. The DCMO informed the house |
 that the CAN SIGS officer has been approached to work |
 out the modalities of using these phones. |

ITEM 3 - STAFF RESPONSE |

26. SOO. In view of inadequate time only the SOO was |
 allowed the chance to make remarks. He raised the issue |
 of conducting night patrols. He conceded that there |
 were some equipment and vehicles constraints these |
 should not prevent the conduct of night patrols. The |
 subject was debated at length. The problems of identi- |

fication and night vision devices were highlighted. It was suggested that night patrols could start in the urban areas before going down to the communes. The DFC agreed that these patrols could serve as deterrent to would be criminals.

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ITEM 4 - DISCUSSION WITH FOD (DPKO) STAFF

28. The DCMO after welcoming the Deputy Director, FOD, Mr Medilli and his team, highlighted on a few points of worry to MILOBs. These were as follows:

- a. Inadequate vehicles for the performance of duties.
- b. Inadequate equipment.
- c. The need for having Forward Repair Teams in all the Sectors to avoid driving all vehicles to KIGALI for repairs and maintenance.
- d. The hiring of local guards to provide security at MILOB Sector HQ buildings.
- e. The issue of MILOBs being repatriated without replacements.

29. He asked the SMPO to present to the team, the administrative and welfare problems that were lowering the morale of MILOBs. The SMPO highlighted on the following:

- a. Loss of Personal Effects. On the loss of personal effects the SMPO told the team that necessary procedures for claims by MILOBs who lost their personal effects during the war had been forwarded. He requested that these claims should be processed in New York on time since most of these MILOBs would be ending their tour of duty soon.
- b. Reduced Baggage Allowance. The SMPO said the new regulation by UN HQ for returning MILOBs to have their 100kg baggage sent to them unaccompanied poses a lot of problems to MILOBs. These

include problems of clearance when these items arrived, the long time some airlines take to forward these items which sometimes results in possible losses and the fact that most MILOBs would be sending their military kit unaccompanied might create problem for them on their return home.

c. He suggested two options:

- (1) To go with 50kgs accompanied or
- (2) Opt for 100kgs unaccompanied.

d. Leave/CTO. The SMPO requested that the policy on leave being earned should be reviewed so that MILOBs could take leave in advance. He recommended that the CMO should be granted powers to grant a minimum of 6 days leave advance to MILOBs

e. Compensatory Time Off (CTO). The SMPO said the new policy on CTO which states that CTO could not accumulated by MILOBs is reducing the operational efficiency of MILOBs. He therefore suggested that a maximum of 12 days be accumulated and this could be carried forward from one month to the other to allow for flexibility in the planning of CTO for MILOBs to ensure efficiency.

f. MSA. The SMPO then talked about the thorny issue of deductions in MILOBs MSA. He said the Finance Section was deducting \$27 per diem across the board from MILOBs MSA for having stayed in UN hired accommodation. He stressed that not all MILOBs lived in UN accommodation during the period 21 Sep - 31 Oct 94 and so it would be unfair to treat all like that. He also requested that MILOBs HQ be notified in advance of any deductions and justifications before deductions are effected.

g. Deputy Director FOD/CAO Response. Mr Medilli praised MILOBs for the good job they did and are

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still doing to bring stability to Rwanda. He said | ACTION BY
everything was being done to equip UNAMIR with the
the required number of vehicles and and this would | SLOGO
materialize soon. On the inadequate communication
equipment, he said he was not aware of the
inadequacy, and asked that this be submitted to UN
HQ- soonest.

h. He agreed with the suggestion on having
Forward Repair teams in all Sectors and asked that
the CTO be instructed to open these as soon as | CTO
feasible. On the hiring of local guards, he said
the possibility of locating MILOB HQs with the | SECT COMDS
formed troops should be exploited. He asked that
the issue be studied and a paper submitted on it.

i. He promised to take up the issue of MILOBs
being repatriated and not being replaced with
Maj Gen Baril at UN HQ. | MR MEDILLI

j. Mr Medilli agreed with the problems returning
MILOBs are likely to encounter with their unaccom-
panied baggage and promised to take up the issue.

k. On accumulation of CTO for a period of 12
days, he said that was not a problem and could be
arranged.

l. Mr Medilli then handed over to Mr Keypulton
to dilate on the issue of MSA. Mr Keypulton first
spoke on the issue of the definition of "MISSION
AREA". He said that a Mission Area could be
defined based on the administrative or operational
reasons. He said NY had the problem of which
countries could be considered as the Mission Area,
particularly in the case of UNAMIR. He asked for
recommendations on this issue and added that KENYA
for now has been made part of the Mission Area
purely due to administrative reasons.

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m. On the issue of MSA, Mr Keypulton explained the circumstances under which deductions could be made from ones MSA. These he said were:

- (1) When an observer is accommodated by UN.
- (2) When an observer is fed by the UN.
- (3) When both accommodation and feeding are provided.

n. He said that it was wrong for across the board deductions to be made and asked that information be provided by all MILOBs on who occupied UN buildings during the period for this anomaly to be corrected.

o. Mr Medilli summarized by directing the CAO that before cuts in MSA or major administrative changes are made, these should be coordinated with the CMO before they are effected.

p. The DFC/CMO said at this point that the whole exercise looked punitive and was happy that the issue had been well explained by Mr Keypulton.

30. Summary of decisions

a. Samples of 3 or 4 Souvenirs out of the ones submitted by Kigali Sector be circulated to all Sectors for comments.

b. MILOBs to cover the border of KAGITUMBA every other day until the outpost is located. The outpost be reconnoitred by the Sect Comd.

c. Sector 2 had deployed in both KIBUNGO and RELIMA but lacked essential items and furniture. The SLOGO was to look the furniture.

d. NGOs in GOMA threatening to withdraw due to deteriorating security. Local authority looking

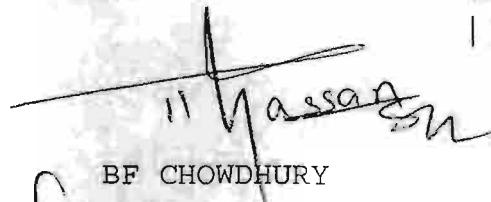
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into ways of resettling refugees in some areas of Sector 5. Sect MILOBs to monitor the situation.	<u>ACTION BY</u>
	SECT 5
e. The alleged planned HUTU meeting at GOMA be monitored.	COMD
	SECT 5
f. MILOBs to liase and monitor the supply of Diesel by GHANBATT.	COMD
	SECT 4A
g. The CTO to set up Forward Repair Teams as soon as possible.	CAO
h. Decision would be taken on the accumulation of CTO up to maximum of 12 days by MILOBs.	CAO
i. Returns on MILOBs residential accommodation should be forwarded to CAO for action.	CAO
	SLOGO
j. Kenya accepted as part of the Mission Area.	CAO
k. Major administrative changes or cut in MSA be coordinated by both admin section and CMO before they are effected.	CAO
	CMO

CONCLUSION

31. The DCMO thanked the DD (FOD) for coming and urge all to keep up the good work inspite of the logistics inadequacies. He also thanked the Comd Sect 4B for the efforts put into hosting the conference.

32. The conference ended at 1545hrs,


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MINUTES OF MILOBS COMMAND AND STAFF CONFERENCE HELD AT
SECTOR 2 HEADQUARTERS - KIGALI ON SAT 24 SEPTEMBER 1994.

PRESENT :	COL	MOEEN	DCMO/CHAIRMAN
	COL	CB YAACHE	CHAO
	LT COL	ILIYA	SOO
	LT COL	DOUNKOV	SMPO
	LT COL	N AAKU	SLOGO
	LT COL	MASANGANISE	S PLAN & TRG O
	LT COL	PURTSCHER	COMD SEC 1
	LT COL	MUSTAFIZ	COMD SEC 2
	LT COL	GEORGLAH	COMD SEC 3
	LT COL	QUIST	COMD EC 4B
	LT COL	GORG	D/SEC COMD 3
	MAJ	RACINE	A/SEC COMD 4A
	SQN LDR	ADELAKUN	A/SEC COMD 4C
	MAJ	MCCOMBER	A/SEC COMD 5
	COM	OUATTARA	CIVPOL REP
	SQN LDR	NAIM	SECRETARY

INTRODUCTION

1. The sec comd welcomed the participants to the conference at 0900 hrs. He was also happy to be the host of the meeting. In the opening address the chairman thanked the sec comd for hosting the conference. He then handed over the floor to SOO for reviewing the minutes of the last conference.

ITEM NO 1 REVIEW OF THE MINUTES OF PREVIOUS CONFERENCE

2. SOO went through the decisions and suggestions of the last minutes.

a. SOO informed that none of the vehicles of UNOMUR had been handed over to MILOBS. SLOGO said that

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total 5 vehicles had been brought from Kabale and handed over to CTO.

Decision: The chairman advised SLOGO to get all the vehicles from CTO and distribute them to the sectors as per the requirement. He also added that if SLOGO failed to recover the vehicles the issue should be referred to him.

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b. SOO spoke about the shortage of UN flags. SLOGO informed the members that some flags were received and already distributed to the sectors. He was awaiting for more flags.

Decision: The chairman advised SLOGO to pursue the case immediately.

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c. SOO said that at least three repeaters along with base stations were urgently required for sectors.

Decision: The chairman asked SLOGO to take up the case with CCO urgently.

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d. SOO informed the house that the free movement of MILOBS in the different sectors was solved to a great extent after a meeting between DCMO and RPA Brig comd.

e. It was discussed that a letter on the deployment of MILOBS to Nyagatare and Kibungo had already sent to RPA authority by the Plans/Trg cell.

f. It was discussed and agreed that the posting and appointments of MILOBS within the sectors be reviewed by S PLAN/TRG O.

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ITEM 2 - SECT COMDS AND STAFF BRIEFING

3. a. Sector - 4A The acting sec comd stated that the general security situation remained calm throughout the week. He said that some camps and villages were victim of banditry actions. He said that more than one thousand RPA had been deployed at Kitabi, Nshili, Remera and Gikongoro and carried out cordon and search ops in the town areas to find out unauthorized weapons ammo or other military items that might be used by criminals. He also said

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that the accessibility to RPA commander at Gikongoro was difficult. The sec comd said that MILOBS of his sector were continuing with routine patrols on regular basis, monitoring and assisting with the evacuation of the displaced people and liaison with NGOs and local administration on humanitarian matters. He also added that with the availability of log support the sec was going to deploy two teams permanently at Kaduha and Runyombi. The sec comd informed the house that there were 28 camps with 424,000 peoples in his sector. He said that on an average 500 persons were evacuated everyday. The sec comd requested to provide more log support to carry out the assigned task more efficiently and promptly.

b. Sector - 4B The sec comd informed the members that the gen security situation remained calm during the week, however, locals were still apprehensive about the deployment of RPA in the sector. He said that RPA was continuing with their deployment along the shore of the lake to counter any infiltration into the area through the lake. RPA also conducted cordon and search ops at Kibuye and Mabaraza to find out unauthorized weapons and ammo. The sec comd stated that the people of Kibuye were having mixed feelings about the RPA presence because of their behavior. He said that MILOBS of his sec continuing with patrols, escort duties, monitoring and assisting different agencies on humanitarian matters. About the displaced people, sec comd said that people had started returning to their homes. Presently there were 13,900 refugees available in different camps. He said that different NGOs were helping returnees by providing food and other necessary items and also for their evacuation.

c. Sector - 4A. The acting sec comd informed the house that sec 4C was most volatile in Rwanda due its geographical location and threat from militia across the Zairian border for last few weeks. He also added that in conjunction with Zairian authority they had been harassing, extorting properties and money from the Rwandese returning home. Their activities were mostly identified at Ruzizi bridge and border near Bugarama town. The sec comd said that RPA were continuing with their deployment and cordon and search operation in the town. He said

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that initially locals were happy with the arrival of RPA but subsequently became dissatisfied with the activities of RPA. The sec comd informed the members that MILOBS of sec 4C were continuing with the normal ops like patrols, monitoring, evacuation of displaced people and liaison with different agencies on humanitarian matters. He informed the house that a total of 13,298 refugees entered to Rwanda which made total of 24200 in sec 4C. However at the same time 1,367 refugees went back to Zaire.

d. Sector - 3 The sector comd informed the house that his area remained calm during the week. He said that two weeks back there were some reports on militia activities at Gutungia where local RPA were deployed. The sec comd said that NGOs were being assisted by UNMOS on humanitarian issues. The daily life in the sec was coming normal. Total of 5000 refugees had returned to Rwanda out of which many of them were evacuated to their homes. The sec comd said that because of the meeting of DCMO and HAC with RPA Brig Comd the RPA had relaxed their restrictions. He informed the house that NGOs were continuing with the humanitarian activities in collaboration with MILOBS.

e. Sector - 5 The acting sec comd informed the house that the gen situation remained calm in his sector during the last week. It was reported that app 4 Bn RPA had been deployed in sec 5. 600 recruits were also under going military trg in commando school at Gisenyi. The sec comd said that 25 persons were arrested by RPA for different allegation who were waiting for trial by civil court. He said that Zairian border was closed for any UNAMIR pers. It was reported that many Rwandese were harassed, killed and looted by Zairian army while returning to Rwanda from Zaire. Sec comd said that app 900 refugees were returning daily from the neighboring countries. He also added that refugees were being looked after by NGOs and MILOBS for their accommodation, food and evacuation.

f. Sector - 2 The sec comd of sec 2 informed the house that the security situation in his sector including Kigali remained calm throughout the week. He said that extensive recce/patrol missions were carried out in different parts of the sector and it

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was noticed that people were gradually returning to their homes. He said that there were some reports of subversive activities of Militia in the camps who prevent people by force or threat to their life from returning. Food, medicine and water supply in the camps were not adequate as hardly any NGOs works in the sector. Sec comd said that during recce missions few small units of RPA were noticed in different parts of the sector. He also mentioned that 3 x MILOB teams would be deployed at Kibungo permanently.

g. sector - 1 The sector comd informed the house that security situation remained calm during the week. He also added that there were no change in the political situation and deployment of RPA in his sector. He mentioned that MILOBS of this sector continued with routine patrols, recce, evacuation of displaced persons and liaison with different agencies on humanitarian matters. The sec comd said that recce was done to find out the location of the sub sector and Nyagatare was found the most suitable place on tactical point of view. On humanitarian matters, he mentioned that displaced persons were taken care by different NGOs and MILOBS in the sector.

h. CIVPOL During his briefing, the CIVPOL rep said that the org chart of CIVPOL had been sent to all the sec comds. He also mentioned that CIVPOL would be working under sec comds till the organization was fully established. He informed the house that Trg of 100 Gendarmerie would be finishing soon. Regarding newly arrived CIVPOLs he stated that they were already posted out to different sectors and would report to their location soon.

i. S Plan & Trg The S Plan & Trg O said that very soon HQ was going to bring out the policy letter on posting/reposting and deployment of MILOBS in different sectors. He asked all the sec comds to submit their deployment plan to his branch for scrutiny. He informed the house that SOP for MILOBS would be sent for approval soon. The S Plan & Trg O requested that all people or instructors assigned lectures should endeavor to take lectures.

k. SMPO The SMPO talked about the confusion of

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CTO/leave of the UNMOS. He mentioned that according to the latest rules by the UNAMIR Finance section, an Observer would be allowed to take 6 days CTO after every 30 days of duty. No accumulation of CTO would be permitted. Regarding leave he said that an Observer was to earn leave and no advance leave would be granted. He requested all the members of the house to process the cases of extension of duration of period in UNAMIR for the observers well in advance to reduce the administrative problems.

1. SLOGO The SLOGO informed the house that he was trying to meet the requirement or the demands sent by the sectors. Regarding vehicles, he mentioned that few vehicles had already been collected from UNOMUR which would be distributing soon. He said the demands for signals equipment and generators had already been submitted to FHQ and waiting for the supply. The SLOGO asked all the sectors to send their returns accurately and timely.

m. SOO The SOO in his brief said that he was happy with the sectors for achieving the tasks given by the HQ. However, he mentioned that the sectors should send information more in details with facts and figures. He emphasized on sending the numbers of refugees entering/out to Rwanda day wise. He added that after any investigation preliminary report should follow immediately. The SOO asked the sectors to maintain close liaison with NGOs and local administrations to achieve the task on humanitarian matters more effectively.

4. Summary of Decisions/Suggestions. The following decisions/suggestions were made:

a. All the sec comds asked for the vehicles to mobilize their MILOBS more effectively.

Decision: The chairman said that every effort would be made to receive more vehicles specially those arriving from UNOMUR.

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b. Sec comds of sec 1 and 2 suggested for reapeaters and base station with generators for their sub-sectors.

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Decision: The chairman advised SLOGO to take up the matter with CCO, UNAMIR on urgent basis. SLOGO

c. All the sec comds asked for the clarification of latest CTO/Leave policy.

Decision: The chairman informed the house that he was trying to settle down the matter with higher up but he advised that till this matter was finalized everyone would continue with the procedure told by SMPO.

d. The sec comd of sec 4A asked for computers as the computer of his sec was partially serviceable.

Decision: The chairman asked the SLOGO to look after the matter immediately. SLOGO

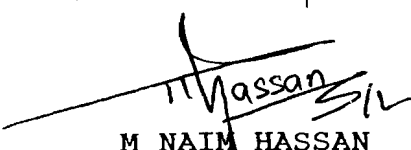
e. The sec comd of sec 2 said that there was no means to communicate to our families at home.

Decision: The chairman informed him that he was personally looking after the matter and he expected that soon one telephone would be provided for general use on rent basis. He also added that for emergency purpose any one can use the telephone of duty officer at FHQ by filling up the register. DCMO

f. The CIVPOL rep asked for furniture and other office equipment.

Decision: The chairman advised him to contact the CAO regarding CIVPOL log support as this org would be working directly under SRSG. COMM CIVPOL

5. Closing Address by the Chairman. In his closing address, the chairman advised that without ensuring the appropriate security, no MILOB deployment would be done in any place. He also added that to ensure security either UNAMIR troops or RPA must be consulted or available in the location. He advised all the sectors to extend maximum support on humanitarian matters. The chairman instructed that in absence of sec comd the next senior most would take over as acting sec comd. He said that henceforth the sec comd conference would be held forth nightly instead of weekly. There being no other point, the meeting was adjourned at 1400 hrs.


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MINUTES OF MILOBS COMMAND AND STAFF CONFERENCE HELD AT
SECTOR 1 HEADQUARTERS - BYUMBA ON FRI 16 SEPTEMBER 1994

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	COL	CB	YAACHE	-	CHAO
	COL		DIARRA	-	CIVPOL
	LT COL	S	ILIYA	-	SOO
	LT COL		MUSTAFIZ	-	COMD SECT 2
	LT COL	EC	QUIST	-	COMD SECT 4B
	LT COL	BK	GBORGLAH	-	COMD SECT 3
	LT COL		PURTSCHER	-	COMD SECT 1
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INTRODUCTION

1. The Sector Comd welcomed participants to the conference at 0915hrs and wished all a fruitful deliberations. In his opening remarks, the DCMO who chaired the conference, thanked the Sect Comd for hosting the conference which he said was a good forum for exchange of ideas.

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2. The SOO touched on the following points:
 - a. Sect Comds were yet to put in demands for maps.
 - b. The vehicle state has not improved.

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c. Comms in Sects 3 and 4 has improved with the restoration Channel 12. Comms in the area South of BUGESERA is still a problem.

d. Comd problems in the area where MILOBs are co-located with formed troops discussed by CMO with FC. The DCMO came in and said that all MILOBs will be made directly responsible to MILOB HQ to eliminate this problem.

e. Local initiative required when Ex-RGF soldiers surrender. The DCMO added that any surrendered wpn should be kept and handed over to the government and not to the prefect of the area.

ITEM 11 - SECT COMDS AND STAFF BRIEFING

3. Sect 4A

a. The Acting Sect Comd said that the general situation in the area was calm although there were rumours of the presence of militias. He said the RPA have intensified their activities to convince the people to stay in Rwanda. He observed that the liaison with the Prefect was not easy since he is the sole authority and therefore has a tight schedule. He said that the Prefecture cannot handle the CIVPOL training which is scheduled to begin soon due to the lack of qualified personnel.

b. On the humanitarian front, he said that there were 26 main camps and 6-7 smaller ones in the Sector with about 420,000 persons. He said that the Sector finds it very difficult to coordinate activities with the NGOs due to the problem of transport.

c. The A/Sect Comd requested for additional transport to facilitate their operations, a photocopier, UN flags, the servicing of the computer and the payment of the full MSA for the newly arrived MILOBs. The DCMO reacted that 20 UNOMUR vehicles will soon arrive for distribution at BYUMBA and promised that the sector will not be left out. He directed that all the UN flags being held in stock be distributed immediately.

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4. Sector 4B

- a. General Sit. The general situation was calm but the population was still apprehensive of increased RPA unannounced presence in the area.
- b. Relationship with FRAFBATT. This has improved. The FC and DCMO visited the Sector during the week.
- c. Patrols. Patrols were conducted up to MABANZA (North-west of KIBUYE) and along the road KIBUYE-KIRAMBA-CYANGUGU and discovered new RPA Check Points within the last three days. FRAFBATT also reported a coy strength of RPA at MYUDO.
- e. A 10yr old boy was beaten to death on Wed 14 Sep 94 at the outskirts of KIBUYE. In another incident a man was arrested for possessing RGF uniform. Investigations in progress.
- f. CIVPOL. CIVPOL training in the Sector may not materialize due to lack of qualified pers who can speak English and French.
- g. Comms. Comms in the Sector has improved with the installation of a base station. He requested for 4 more handy-talkies for the teams.
- h. Humanitarian Affairs. The Sect Comd said that 9 more camps have been identified with approximately 82,000 displaced pers. He said that the movement of displaced pers to the west is virtually ceasing. He added that a meeting is held once a week with the Contact Committee. A total of 5 NGOs are operating in the area. He said that most displaced pers are desirous to go home but the lack of transport is holding them up.

5. Sector 4C

- a. General Sit. The A/Sect Comd said that the situation in the Sector was generally calm.
- b. Deployment of MILOBs. On MILOBs deployed at BUTARE, he said that the team is enjoying very good working relations with the local armed police.

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He said that the team which monitors the Burundi-Rwanda/Zaire-Rwanda border has discovered the presence of militias who were preventing the displaced pers from returning.

c. Humanitarian. On the humanitarian front, he said that few displaced pers returned home due to lack of transport. He said that the UNHCR has promised 3 trips a week. A total of 1041 returnees were evacuated from CYANGUGU to KIGALI while 648 pers used their private means . A total of 4,109 returned from Zaire, 74 moved out to Zaire 2,861 pers were awaiting evacuation at CYANGUGU. He said that a lot of displaced pers at BUGARAMA were eager to return home but were scared of bandits and the Zairean authorities who may confiscate their property. According to the Sect Comd, UNHCR has suggested that UNAMIR takes over the payment of the salaries of the locally employed staff at the borders. The CHAO reacted that this may take a long time to materialize and advised Comds to exploit the possibility of getting some NGOs to take care of that.

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d. Political. On the political front, he said that the Prefect has established contact with the Interim Prefectorial Commettee which was set up by the French with very good results. He said that the RPA which has increased its strength in the area are holding rallies frequently at BUGARAMA to build confidence in the people.

e. Admin. The Sect Comd requested for additional vehicles to facilitate his operations and a base station at BUGARAMA to improve on communication in the Sector.

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6. Sector 5

a. General Sit. The Sect Comd said that the situation in the sector was calm and the RPA continued their routine activities.

b. Operations. The Sect Comd said that routine foot and mobile patrols were conducted. The Tunisian Recce Team located RPA company/platoon within the area. He said UNAMIR has launched it's ferry boat from GISENYI to KIBUYE. The ferry moves on Tuesdays.

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He said that the Sector maintained liaison with the French. On mines, the Sect Comd mentioned that one child died everyday in the BUTARO area. He said that the sector was not yet tasked to take over the GISORO border crossing from UNOMUR and added that the Zairean authorities no longer insisted on visas before MILOBs crossed into GOMA. He said due to comms problems the move to RUHENGARI will be delayed. He therefore, requested for installation of a repeater and 2 patrol boats to patrol the lake. The DCMO assured that all efforts will be made to meet his request.

c. Humanitarian Sit. He said that there were about 600,000 refugees in 6 Camps at GOMA, 8,000 ex-RGF pers with an effective fighting force of about 4,000 soldiers with HQ at GOMA. On the average, 1,600 returnees enter Rwanda daily. He said that weekly meetings were held with NGOs who intend to organize technical training for certain medical staff in the sector.

7. Sector 3

a. General Sit. The Sect Comd said that the situation was generally calm and devoid of political activities during the period. The RPA deployment continued from this sector to sector 4 and they conducted cordon and search operation at the KABGAYI Mission area during the period. The aim for the operation was not disclosed. He said about a Bn str of RPA moved from BUTARE to GIKO-NGORO.

b. Operations. The Sect Comd said that MILOBs and Malawian Coy conducted routine ptls. He said some displaced pers were moved from Sect 3 to 4 to find their families. He pointed out that comms in the sector improved but radios needed some technical inspection. On relationship with RPA, the Sect Comd said that restrictions were placed on MILOBs movement until authority was sought from their comds. He mentioned the incidents at KIBEHO and NYAKIZU on 13 Sep 94 and the experience of the Malawian Coy who were stopped for security reasons. He requested that the issue of restriction on movement be taken up. In his remarks, the DCMO expressed surprise at the RPA's acts and said that instructions from the Govt on this issue will be sent to the RPA Bde Comds.

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c. Humanitarian Sit. On the humanitarian situation, the Sect Comd said that, UNHCR reported on the 13 Sep 94 on the presence of about 250,000 Rwanda refugees in Northern Burundi willing to return but apprehensive of likely RPA retaliation. He said efforts were however, being made to move them in soon. He said 1,600 pers returned from Burundi and that the situation has improved. He praised ICRC for doing a good job in the GITARAMA area. He said food was supplied to the 1,300 displaced pers at KABGAYI who were desirous to leave but have no homes. This issue he said, came out during the FC's visit to the camps. The Sect Comd said that the NGO (CONCERN) came out during the week that they were solely responsible for the distribution of seed and farming implements and not food. Finally, he said that 45 pers were tpt from WAKIRA area to GITARAMA and KIGALI.

d. Sector 2

(1) General Sit. The Sect Comd said that the situation was generally calm and the Govt was getting hold of the situation. He said the RPA continued their secret deployment during the week. Effort to get the RPA Comd at KIBUNGO to meet the CMO failed. He said this would be pursued.

(2) Operations. He said Sector MILOBs executed 57 missions during the period and requested that Ops Branch should scrutinize requests for escorts before passing them on. He said he intended to deploy teams at BUGESERA and KIBUNGO but certain logistics issues including comms, transport and generator must be tackled first.

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(3) Humanitarian. He said that MILOBs monitored Tanzania and Burundi crossing points for 72hrs and observed that there was no large scale movement of returnees/refugees in the area. He said that NGOs activities are only limited to KIGALI and very inactive at the outskirts.

(4) Admin and Log. On admin and log he reiterated the need for good quality tpt, quick

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release of vehicles from the garage and the improvement of comms in the eastern part of the Sector. In addition, the Sect Comd requested for tents and MRE for monitoring teams to the borders, postal and telephone contact with families at home, mission souvenirs and official declaration of Kenya as part of the mission area so that MILOBs who spend CTO/Leave in NAIROBI do not lose part of their MSA. The DCMO said that it is a difficult problem but efforts would be made again to get it done. On the issue of tents and MRE, the DCMO said that UNAMIR will soon receive worn out tents from UNOMUR for distribution to the Sector HQs and promised some reserved MRE will be issued to the Sect HQs for monitoring teams soon.

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9. Sector 1

a. General Sit. The Sect Comd said that the Sector remained calm and the RPA were training new recruits in two camps with approximately 50 recruits in each camp. He said that there was no RPA presence at TUMBA, MOYEMEBI and KINIHIRA after their secret withdrawal from the area. He that according to NGOs there were suspected minefields at RUHENGE and KIYAME.

b. Own Activities. He said that patrols and escort missions were executed with the newly arrived MILOBs participating. He said that comms among the patrols continued to be difficult.

c. Humanitarian Sit. The Sect Comd said that there were 19 NGOs in the area and food distribution to the displaced camps at KIVUYE and RUGARAMA was good. He added that there was urgent need for med staff and drugs for the big hospital at NGARAMA. He said that the ICRC was trying to re-activate the water system in NYAGATARE. On the activities of the Nigerian Contingent, he said that the Medical Officer was organizing a programme to provide consultancy services to the locals. The humanitarian re said that no NGO is taking care of the orphanage at RUTARE which has 400 children and complained about an Asian NGO which makes empty promises to the population in the Sector. The CHAO requested for the name of the NGO for a follow-up in KIGALI.

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d. Admin and Log. The Sect Comd requested for additional vehicles and a photo-copier machine.

10. a. SMPO. The SMPO said he was not happy about the inability of Sect Comds to submit their daily pers returns. He said that since Sect Comds were given the authority to grant CTO/Leave, his outfit has been neglected totally and requested that MILOB HQ is informed about all CTO/Leave granted by Sect Comds. On postings, he said that a system of pers record was being implemented to avoid the concentration of certain nationals in one sector and added that the newly arrived MILOBs were sent to GITARAMA because they were yet to be issued with UN ID Cards. He said that MILOBs request for advance MSA takes time before all requests reach NAIROBI for action. The SMPO requested all Sect Comds to write the confidential reports of all MILOBs under comd and advised that MILOBs were interviewed before reports were written on them. On the distribution of mails, the Comd of Sect 4B suggested the use of hel to drop official mails at least once a week at distant Sectors. The CHAO said that the Force Signals Officer was exploring the possibilities of running a regular courier service within the AO.

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b. Plans and Trg. The OIC Plans and Trg said the outfit is now operational and requested all comds to respond to the instructions that will be released soon. He said that the HQ was not satisfied with the distribution of appointments in the Sectors and requested for the returns from the comds for an eventual re-organization. The Comd of Sect 4B requested the Plans outfit to come out with a contingency plan to meet any eventuality.

c. SLOGO. The SLOGO was happy about the returns from the various Sectors. He said that a message has been sent to the DFC to retrieve 10 MILOBs vehs currently being used at the FHQ and frantic efforts were being made to collect more computers and photocopiers for MILOBs. On ration and water, he said that the demand has been put in for reserve ration to meet any eventuality. He informed all about the monthly logistics confere-

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nce and requested all to submit returns during the conference. The A/Comd of Sect 4C requested for fragmentation jackets for some newly arrived MILOBs. The DCMO directed that immediate issues are made to the Sector.

d. SOO. The SOO, in his brief, mentioned the anticipated amendments in Sector AOs and the submission of SITREP and returns. He said the Sect Comds should closely monitor RPA deployment and advised Comds to maintain close liaison with all the Prefects and suggested that where possible comds can attach monitoring teams to the various prefectures. On deployment, he said that plans were afoot to do some redeployment and amendment in some Sectors cited Sectors 2 and 3 as examples. He requested for the deployment of the Nigerian Contingent Comd to assist in planning his deployment. The Comd said that he was encountering some problems with the RPA especially in the NYAGATARE area where they have refused UNAMIR deployment. The OIC Plans said that a letter will be forwarded to the RPA High Comd to that effect. On the submission of returns/SITREP, the SOO was quite satisfied with the weekly SITREP from the Sectors and requested for returns on all main entry/exit points on daily basis where possible, as well as more reports on the political situation in the various Sectors. In his contribution, the DCMO said that pers at the various Sector HQs will be reduced to 7 during the impending reorganization exercise.

11. CIVPOL. During his briefing, the CIVPOL rep requested all Sect Comds to get the various Prefects informed about the deployment of the CIVPOL to train the communal police. He said that the lack of adequate transport is holding up the deployment. The Sect 3 Comd suggested that proper liaison was done with the govt to get the message down to the Prefects to save UNAMIR from all administrative problems.

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12. Humanitarian Sit. In his brief, the CHAO once again advised Sect Comds to use local resources to assist the people. He said that his cell intended to carry out a massive exercise in Sect 4A to evacuate the displaced pers. He tasked the Sect Comd to ensure that all the people were registered, and the necessary security checks were carried out in the camps on the

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day of the evacuation and if possible to get the NGOs to issue food to the people in the camp before take-off. He asked all Sect Comds to forward their tpt requests to his outfit. He said that BRITCON, IOM and UNHCR had enough tpt to meet their requests and added that he was seeking authority from the FC to use the tpt resource of ZAMBATT.

13. Summary of Decisions/Suggestions. The following decisions/suggestions were made:

- a. 20 vehs from UNOMUR to be sent to BYUMBA for distribution.
- b. 20 UN flags to be distributed immediately.
- c. Sect 5 to be provided with a repeater.
- d. Copies of letters on the free movement of UNAMIR pers in Rwanda to be forwarded to the Bde Comd of RPA.
- e. Tents from UNOMUR to be distributed to Sector HQs when they arrived.
- f. Reserved MRE too be issued to Sect HQs for monitoring teams.
- g. OIC Plans to write to RPA High Comd on the deployment of UNAMIR in the NYAGATARE area.
- h. Returns to be submitted on the distribution of appointment in the Sectors.

14. Closing Remarks. In his closing remarks, the DCMO implored all to do their possible best to assist the returnees. He admitted that due to the lack of logistics, MILOBs will continue to be less committed and suggested joint patrols with formed troops and an increase in the strength of pers per veh during missions.

15. He announced that KIGALI Sector would host the next conference. The conference ended at 1515hrs.


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MINUTES OF MILOBS COMMAND AND STAFF CONFERENCE

HELD AT SECTOR 4 CHARLIE HEADQUARTERS - CYANGUGU

ON FRI 09 SEPTEMBER 1994

PRESENT :	COL ID TICOKA	-	CMO
	COL CB YAACHE	-	CHAO
	LT COL ILIYA	-	SOO
	LT COL TRAORE	-	CIV POL
	LT COL MUSTAFIZ	-	COMD SECT 2
	LT COL QUIST	-	COMD SECT 4 B
	LT COL B GBORGLAH	-	COMD SECT 3
	LT COL PURTSCHER	-	COMD SECT 1
	LT COL DOUNKOV	-	SMPO
	LT COL NYAAKU	-	SLOGO
	LT COL MASAGANISE	-	PLANS&TRG
	MAJ AWADEY	-	COMD SECT 4 A
	MAJ KONE	-	COMD SECT 4 C
	CAPT WEISSENBOCK	-	COMD SECT 5
	10 MILOBS		
	CAPT NAT DANQUAH	-	SECRETARY

INTRODUCTION

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1. The participants to the conference were welcomed to the Sector by Maj Kone, the Acting Sector Commander who expressed his gratitude to the CMO for selecting his area as host to the second conference. He said that his Sector is the most volatile in our area of operation due to the refugees situation in the area. He wished all a happy and fruitful deliberation.	MAJ KONE

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2. In his opening remarks, the CMO thanked the Sector Comd and his staff for hosting the Conference and seized the opportunity to welcome Colonel Yaache and all other participants to the Conference. He also introduced Lt Cols Dounkov and John Masaganise who have been appointed as CMPO and OIC PLANS and TRAINING respectively to the gathering. ACTION BY
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3. He urged all participants to be specific in their briefing and directed that any decisions made at the Conference must be implemented immediately. The Conference started at 1125hrs. ALL

ITEM II - MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS CONFERENCE

4. The SOO who read through the previous Minutes, touched on selected important decisions arrived at during the maiden Conference. SOO
- a. Provision of Vehs. He said that the situation has not changed much since only one vehicle each has been provided to the various Sectors.
- b. Comms. He remarked that the problem with comms remains the same and reiterated the need for repeaters to be installed at vantage points to facilitate comms between base stations and patrols. He advised all to continue to rely on the facilities of the Canadian Sig Sqn and other formed units until a solution is found by Force HQ to the problem. On the provision of Satellite Telephone, the SOO admitted that the issue is a big problem since the facilities available belong to the Canadians and not UN. He assured all that efforts will be SOO

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made to get users of the Canadian facilities to probably pay a token fee.

c. Stationery and Maps

(1) The SOO said that the issue of provision of Maps and Stationery has been reasonably solved. He advised all Sector Comds to call at the MILOB GP HQ for Maps of their Sectors.

(2) The CMO disagreed and directed that all demands should be put in immediately and the Ops Cell must despatch the Maps to the various Sector locations.

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ITEM III - SECTOR COMDS AND STAFF BRIEFING

5. The various Sector Comds and Staff Officers at the MILOB GP HQ took their turns and briefed.

a. Sector 4 B

(1) The Comd who took over on Mon 5 Sep 94, admitted that his Sector has been inactive. He said that the general situation has been quite calm. According to him, the acts of banditry and killings which were reported by the Congolese tps have abated and he is conducting a recce of the Sector to send out patrols to cover whole Sector. He however observed that the cooperation between MILOBs and the formed troops has not been the best and promised to deal with the overall comd to streamline the issue.

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(2) Political Front

(a) On the political front, the Sect Comd said that the newly appointed prefect escorted by a platoon of RPA troops and an LO, arrived in KIBUYE Prefecture on Wed 07 Sep 94. He said that the Prefect visited GISHITA on Thu 08 Sep 94 to establish his maiden contact with the population.

(b) He said that the overall impression is that the population is still scared and very apprehensive of the RPA presence in the area and assured the gathering that he will continue to monitor all political activities in the Sector with keen interest.

(3) Humanitarian Activities

(a) According to the sector commander, only two agencies are operating in the area. These are the Adventist Relief Agency (ADRA) which runs a hospital in KIBUYE and Medicins Sans Frontieres which has a camp at BABANZA. He said that the population in the area are in dire need of food, medicals and water. He said the humanitarian assistance efforts subsided after the departure of the French although the Senegalese contingent still provide certain needs such as drinking water.

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- (b) He observed that there is no relationship between MILOBS and the NGOs in the sector but promised to liaise with them so that all essential requirements of the population will be collected and forwarded to the HQ for further action. | SECT COMD
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- (3) Administration. The sector commander said that his main administration problem is accommodation for his MILOBS. He said that no hotels were functioning due to the security situation. He therefore requested that the eleven newly posted MILOBS be held up in GITARAMA until the situation improves. He also requested for office equipment although he has no office yet for the sector. | SOO
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- (4) Sitreps. The Sector Comd questioned the rationale behind the decision that his sector should not send SITREPS to MILOB HQ. The SOO said that all SITREPS from the sector should be sent to overall comd in the area but requested that an info copy be forwarded to MILOB HQ. He tasked the Sector Comd to confirm whether certain displaced persons are still moving towards the island in his sector. | SECT
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- b. Sector 4C. The Sector Comd's briefing covered the general situation in the sector, the activities of the Ethiopia Contingent, MILOBs' activities, admin and logistics and the security situation in the area.
- (1) General Situation. He said that the general situation was relatively calm.

He said that the working relationship between the MILOBs, the NGOs and the Ethiopian Contingent was quite good.

- (2) Ethiopian Contingent activities. On the activities of the Ethiopian Contingent, the Sector Comd said that after two weeks of hesitation, the contingent is now fulfilling its functions very well with the setting up of Check Points to control movement in the area. He was however of the view that they go to extremes on certain issues. He said that the Ethiopians for instance do not want the francophone battalions to enter their AO without prior notice. The Sector Commander said that the Ethiopian Contingent also refused to provide escorts for UNHCR convoys claiming that the area was safe. UNHCR therefore had to cancel the transportation of displaced persons. On the attitude of the Ethiopians towards the francophone troops, the CMO said that all UN vehs and pers are free to go to any territory of their choice. He therefore did not see the problem with the Ethiopians. He however, suggested that the various Battalion Comds can exchange routine patrol programmes. BN COMDS

(3) MILOBs Activities

- (a) MILOBs continued with their routine activities. The Sect Comd said that with arrival of new MILOBs, he has organized his set up into humanitarian and security cells. He said that the humanitarian cell attends all NGO meetings. He said that during the week,

they recorded 6839 returnees while 970 crossed into Zaire. In addition, the British transported 186 persons to KIGALI. UNHCR evacuated 285 persons to and 3221 used public transport to KIGALI.

(b) On the issue of command, the Sect Comd requested the CMO to give clear instructions to eliminate the rift between him and the Comd of the Ethiopian Contingent. He cited the example of the refusal of the contingent comd to host the prefect and 45 RPA soldiers on 8 Sep 94 claiming that the responsibility was not his. On the problem of command, Col Yaache said that the Ethiopian Comd must be made to understand that he is in control and as a result should not shirk his responsibilities.

(c) The Sect Comd requested that he is given prior warning on the move of any of the RPA authorities and the government. He was not particularly happy about the unorderly manner in which the movement of the Prefect and his escorts was organized. The SOO intervened and the problem on the deployment of the Prefect and was a result of lack of coordination by the RPF and promised that efforts would be made to give prior information in future.

(4) Admin and Logistics. On admin and logistics, the Sect Comd said that he is presently holding 4 vehicles for 22 MILOBs.

Due to the lack of vehicles, he intended to deploy one team at the Coy HQ at the Tea Factory and the other at NYAMASHEKE. Each of the teams was to be given one veh. The SOO disagreed with him and suggested that he deploys a team in the Tea Factory with two vehs and leave out the northern part which can be covered by the team in the Tea Factory until he receives more vehs. The Sect Comd requested for a computer and a photocopier to set up his office. The SLOGO said that he did not have any in stock so the CMO directed that the computer in his office should be given to the Sector. He asked the SLOGO to follow up the returns on office equipment so that he can get a computer for the Sector. The Comd Sector 2 promised to release one of his computers to Sector 4C. SLOGO

(5) Security

- (a) The Sector Comd said that during the week, all the gendarmes were disarmed by the Ethiobatt and this has created a big security gap since the Ethiopians cannot provide adequate security for the area.
- (b) The CMO admitted that they are thinly deployed and said that he will raise the issue up at FHQ to probably request for an additional company to boost up the strength of the troops on the ground. The Sector Comd was asked to advise the commander of the formed troops on all security matters but must not however go too far so as not to interfere with command. CMO
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c. Sector 4A. The briefing was done by the acting Sector Comd Maj Perry Awadey. He covered the general sit, poitical, humanitarian, civilian affairs, MILOBs activities, admin and logistics.

(1) General Sit. He said the situation was calm and acts of banditry also reduced. Those arrested had been handed over to the prisons authorities. He said that the Prefect of GIKO-NGORO arrived and the people were apprehensive about the presence of 58 RPA soldiers. According to the Sector Comd, the RPA have given indications that their strength is inadequate and by next week, they will receive about 4000 troops.

(2) Political. He said that, politically, all seems to be going on quite well in the Sector. Meetings were organized with Commune leaders, priests, doctors and other opinion leaders. He added that the Bourgmater has already toured the northern part and his next tour would be in the south. He said the displaced people at KIBEHO were happy about his visit.

(3) Humanitarian Sit
 (a) He said the Sector has about 504,000 displaced pers in 30 Camps with 10 NGOs administering them. 2,000 displaced pers left for other parts of the country during the week. The evacuation op was however, suspended on 8 Sep 94 due the outbreak of meningitis among the displaced pers. He said the evacuation would resume on 19 Sep 94.

(b) The Sect Comd said that the main problems facing the humanitarian action are the supply of POL and the state of some of the roads which still deteriorating. He said UNAMIR used to supply POL to the NGOs but this has ceased so the distribution of food generally has been adversely affected. He added that British Engr Det has started repairing some of the roads. According to the Sect Comd, repair works on all the bridges have been completed and the only problem is with a bridge in the north which repairs was estimated to cost 2,500,000RWF. He said about \$200,000 would be required for the repair works. He said CARITAS and some NGOs are assisting with the funding.

(4) Civilian Affairs. The Sect Comd said that rumours were spreading in the area that some judges who were evacuated to help set up the national judicial system have been detained at BUTARE so one of the judges who was to be evacuated to join them has refused to be to evacuated. He said that all Commune Police were disarmed prior to the arrival of the RPA. This issue, he said, was being discussed with the Prefect because the Bourgmasters are scared and unhappy about the absence of low level security system. He was of the view that since the RPA lacked local knowledge of the area, it will be advisable to rearm the Commune Police to continue their security duties.

(5) MILOBs Activities. Routine activities were carried out during the period.

(6) Admin and Log. The Sector Comd complained about the veh state and the stoppage of issue dry ration and water. He said that despite the size of the Sector and the presence of a lot of displaced pers, he has only 3 vehs which road-worthy. He, therefore, requested that the newly posted MILOBs should be kept at GITARAMA until additional 5 vehicles were issued to the Sector. He said food and water were could not be found on the local market except the relief food for the displaced pers. The CMO advised that all Sect Comds could use a day to arrange for food and water from other towns outside their sectors. The Sect Comd requested that reps from UNAMIR Log Cell should be invited to the sectors to assess the food situation.

d. Sector 5. Capt Weissenbock deputised for the Sect Comd and did the briefing.

(1) General Sit. He said the sit was calm. He added that the deployment at RUHENGARI would be done when comms facilities were put in place. He said that information received indicated that the Tunisian Platoon was not expected to deploy within the next one month.

(2) Capt Weissenbock mentioned that the RPA Northern Bde deployed 7th Bn at RUHENGARI with C Mobile Force to the south of the town. The CMO directed that all Sectors should up-date their maps showing the current strengths and dispositions of the RPA. The CMO said that RPA have 5 Bdes deployed almost in line with the UNAMIR Force. In addition, Capt Weissenbock said that the RPA hinted that letters received

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indicate clandestine grenade attacks in RWERERE and other key positions in the sector. This, he said brought about extra security measures by the RPA. The RPA intensified patrols and placed restriction on movement except UNAMIR pers. He said that about 4,000 former RGF troops were reported to be in a camp north of GOMA.

- (3) Humanitarian Activities. He said the humanitarian situation has been good and a lot of medical and food supply points were set up on the road GISENYI-RUHENGERI. He added that the NGOs have transport problems especially when it comes to transportation of displaced pers to other parts of the country. He mentioned that 1,200 returnees were awaiting evacuation at GISENYI. He said that the NGOs have started recce of the Northern and Southern parts of the Sector for supply of drugs, food and seeds for farming. Col Yaache advised that the NGOs should be told to ensure that the staging areas do not become permanent refugee camps.

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- (4) Civilian Affairs. About 2,000 returnees crossed into Rwanda from Zaire and about 300 come by foot through the volcano areas daily. He mentioned that water and electricity supply are working at GISENYI and RUHENGERI areas under the supervision of ICRC. These would be handed over to the local administration by 8 Sep 94.

- (5) Ops and Admin problems. On these problems he said that the main points of concern are the presence of mines in the N En Sector.

He said that there are also the problems of Zairean Immigration officials demanding that UNAMIR pers should possess visas before crossing into Zaire, and the need for additional veh. He requested for mine clearing team to clear all mines in the area and educate the locals on mines awareness. He also requested that efforts should be made at higher level to clear the issue on visas for UNAMIR pers since there is still liaison with the French and NGOs at GOMA.

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e. Sector 3

(1) Gen Sit. The was relatively calm but there were few sporadic shooting and grenade explosions carried out by pers. There were also allegations against the RPA for killings and arrests. The RPA's relationship with the local population has not been good.

(2) On the political situation, the Sect Comd said that the election of the Bourgmater and advisers was in progress and that only about 50% had been completed. He said that the Prefect of the area held his first meeting with his subordinates and the issues raised include security and humanitarian situation in the prefecture.

(3) RPA, RGF and Militia Activities. The Sect Comd said that held a meeting with local commander at GITARAMA. He said that the local commander complained of about inadequate humanitarian activities in the area and threatened to hijack all food trucks crossing his territory.

He said that the RPA were alleged to have arrested 50 suspects at RUHANGO before and on 4 Sep 94. He said that according to the ICRC, arrests are also going in the BUTARE area. MILOBs are investigating these arrests. The Sect Comd added that a lot of shooting was recorded in BUTARE and MILOBs complained to the RPF LO. He said that RPA once came to the Sect HQ looking for the owner of the Fuel Station that UNAMIR intended to use. The man was evacuated to KIGALI.

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On the RGF, the Sect Comd said that defectors were still coming in and 19 ex-RGF soldiers were handed over during the week. On the issue of RPA pers refusing to sign handing/taking over papers on the defectors, the CMO tasked Plans & Trg branch to liaise with FHQ to ensure that UNAMIR SOP covers all categories of defectors.

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He said that the RPA hinted that militias who took refuge in the marshlands and the NYABARANGO valley were still a treat and the source of harassment to the people of MUGINA and other communes. He mentioned that two pers were killed in grenade explosions at VUNGA on 5 Sep 94 and the RPA intended to launch an operation to flush them out of the area. The CMO said that the situation is a complex one and wished that the judicial system is put in place to deal with such cases.

(4) MILOBs Activities. The Sect Comd said that MILOBs discovered 3 more mass graves each suspected to have about 40 bodies. Further investigation was being carried out into RPA

allegation that about 2,000 bodies have been buried in the MEKAJURE forest.

(5) Humanitarian Sit. The humanitarian aid to the people in the area was said to be poor. He said that there was an element of discrimination in the distribution of humanitarian aid about 50,000 pers were in dire need of aid. He said that 10 pers needed evacuation to GISENYI. According to the Sect Comd, Pharmaciens Sans Frontieres and Bernard Kouchner's relief organization came on recce to house 250 orphans from GOMA the rainy season begins. On the current sit in GITARAMA, Col Yaache said that he would follow up and that the NGOs have sectorised their activities.

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received specific order from their high command because they have a big training camp in the area. According to the Sect Comd all mines on the main road near KINIHIRA have been cleared. He said MILOBs investigated a report of an explosion at RUSIKA on 7 Sep 94. In his reaction to the deployment of issue, the CMO tasked Plans & Trg branch to write to the RPA high comd. PLANS

(2) Humanitarian Situation. According to the Sector Commander, food distribution by the WFP and ICRC although limited, is still in progress. He said that returnees continue to arrive and some petty trading is going on. The Sector Commander added that on 7 Sep, the owner of the HQ premises requested that MILOBs should occupy the whole building for safety reasons. He said that BYUMBA Prefect has to authorize. The CMO tasked Plans & Trg Officer to get more details on the issue and write to the authorities. PLANS

(3) Admin and Log. The Sector Comd raised the issues of transport and generator for MILOBs. The CMO tasked SLOGO to provide a generator to the Sector and get UNAMIR technicians to inspect the big generator at the BYUMBA Catholic Church for use by MILOBs. SLOGO

g. Sector 2

(1) Gen Sit. The situation was reported calm and normal life returning to the area. The Sect Comd said that a lot of NGOs were still operating in the city.

According to the Sect Comd, the rapport between the RPA and MILOBs at KIBUNGO was not healthy. The CMO requested that the Sect Comd arranged a meeting between him and the RPA Comd at KIBUNGO as soon as possible. The Sect Comd said that some areas in the sector established a system of local government to handle local admin issues.

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(2) MILOBs Activities. The Sect Comd said MILOBs strength for the sector was 44 and 6 attached to KIGALI Airport ATC outfit. 9 MILOB were yet to join from GITARAMA. He said that most tasks for the sector were to the North and West so there was no time to monitor the East since tasks for the sector were so much. The CMO tasked the SOO to streamline the tasking procedure so that tasks could be given to MILOBs in the sectors in which they fall. The CMO also tasked the Sect Comds to submit re-returns on movement of displaced pers into and out of Tanzania and wished that a team be deployed at the entry point for this task.

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(3) Admin and Log. The Sector Comd talked about the state of UNOMUR vehs on charge to him and the time taken to service a veh in the garage. He pointed out that the UNOMUR veh were not good for long distances and asked for their replacement. The CMO agreed and tasked the SLOGO to liaise with FHQ for Land Cruisers and 4 Runners for exchange.

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h. Humanitarian Cell. In his brief, the Chief Humanitarian Officer, Col Yaache dilated on the

current humanitarian situation in the country and said that it had improved a lot. He implored all Sect Comds to use local initiative and rely on the local resources available to carry out certain humanitarian tasks instead of falling^m the FHQ. | SECT COMDS

j. CIVPOL. The Comd CIVPOL said that CIVPOL strength was low and that the deployment would start the following week in Sectors 4A, 4B and 4C with 4 monitors each. He asked the MILOBs to do the initial liaison with the Prefects prior to the arrival of the police monitors. The CMO said that the CIVPOL have now been mandated to train people down to commune level. He said that they also have the primary role of maintaining law and order and added that they would be deployed alongside MILOBs who would be responsible for their admin. He tasked Sect Comds to liaise with the Prefects for accommodation and training areas for the CIVPOL. In addition, he tasked Sect Comds to liaise with the RPA and local authorities and the Bn Comds for details about the Bourgmasters and local police commanders where necessary. | SECT COMDS

k. Response by SOO. The SOO pointed out command problems especially when dealing with formed units. He requested all Sect Comds to submit details on reaction of people to the deployment of Prefects, refugee camps, number of refugees in the sectors, NGOs in the areas and the various entry points being used by the returnees. He highlighted the deployment plan of MILOBs and said that some MILOBs in Sector 5 would be deployed at RUHENGARI. He asked for the details of RPA deployment, up to platoon level, in each sector. The CMO tasked the SOO to | SECT COMDS

liaise with the RPA to provide a LO for MILOB GP HQ | SOO
to work with the Info Cell. |

1. SLOGO. The SLOGO said that he distributed |
5 vehicles and issued some stationery to all sectors |
during the week. He requested all Sect Comds to |
ensure prompt submission of requests and returns on |
trip tickets. |


m. Brief by SMPO. The SMPO said that henceforth, |
personnel returns should be submitted daily. He |
also asked for the submission of monthly balance of |
accumulated leave to enable the HQ to appreciate |
the leave situation so that at least 75% of MILOBs |
can be maintained at each particular time. He said |
that Leave/CTO for MILOBs from other mission areas |
has been cancelled. He said that any MILOB sick |
case should be reported only to the nearest UN |
Medical Centre to facilitate easy transfer of pat- |
ients for treatment outside Rwanda in case of re- |
ferral. On repatriation of MILOBs, he said that all |
MILOBs are entitled to 100kgs unaccompanied baggage. |
However, efforts were being made to make the 100kgs |
accompanied baggage. On the finances of MILOBs, he |
said that there has been a big mess due to the se- |
curity situation in Rwanda. In view of this, he |
said an appointment of MILOBs Finance Officer to |
streamline all financial issues. |

ITEM IV - CLOSING REMARKS BY CMO

6. In his closing remarks, the CMO thanked all presen |
for their contribution and reiterated that all decision |
taken should be implemented immediately. He requested |
Sect Comds and Staff Officers to put their briefing on |
paper to ease the work of the secretary. |

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7. He announced that the next Conference will be held at BYUMBA. The conference ended at 1600hrs


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