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SSFHQ PETAWAWA/G3/BSURG//

SURG GEN OTTAWA/DMO//

2 FD AMB PETAWAWA/CO//

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3 CSG KIGALI/OC//

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5 AMB DE CAMP VALCARTIER/CO//

4 ESR GAGETOWN/CO//

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SUBJ: OP PASSAGE SITREP 21 FOR SUNDAY 28 AUG 94

1. GENERAL: THIS DAY BEGAN, AS EVERY OTHER DAY, WITH PLATOONS OF
RPA SERANADING US AT DAWN WITH THEIR RUNNING CHANTS. THIS MORNING

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THERE WERE SEVEN PLATOONS. THIS IS UP FROM THREE PLATOONS LAST WEEK. VISITS WERE DOWN AS NGO AND UNAMIR UNITS OBSERVED SUNDAY ROUTINE. EVEN THE PATIENT LOAD REFLECTED THE LOCAL RELIGIOUS CUSTOMS.

2. MED COY SITREP:

A. GENERAL: EARLY THIS MORNING THE COY RESPONDED TO A MVA, HOWEVER, THE TWO CASUALTIES DIED AT THE SCENE. AS IT WAS SUNDAY THE VOLUME OF REFUGEES VISITING BOTH FACILITIES WAS DOWN. IN TOTAL THE COY SCREENED 390 PATIENTS (MARERU 254, RUHENGARI 136). FIFTEEN WERE ADMITTED AND 10 DISCHARGED LEAVING 55 INPATIENTS. THERE WAS ONE BIRTH TODAY, UNFORTUNATELY THERE WERE ALSO THREE DEATHS. A 10 HOUR OLD MALE WAS BROUGHT TO THE MAIN FACILITY LATE THIS AFTERNOON AND DIED SHORTLY AFTER. DEATH WAS ATTRIBUTED TO HYPOTHERMIA AND PULMONARY IMMATUREITY. IN ADDITION, A TWO MONTH OLD FEMALE WITH SEVERE BILATERAL PNEUMONIA AND AN EIGHT YEAR OLD MALE WITH SEVERE KWASHIORKOR AND EXPOSURE, PASSED AWAY. TOMORROW WE ARE TRANSFERRING TWO PATIENTS TO THE MSF OPERATED KING FASSEL HOSPITAL IN KIGALI (A 16 YEAR OLD MALE WITH TETANUS AND A 32 YEAR OLD FEMALE WHO REQUIRES A TRANSFUSION FOLLOWING AN EMERGENCY C-SECTION). A RECCE OF THE AUSTRALIAN HOSPITAL IN KIGALI HAS CONFIRMED THAT THEY HAVE SURGERY,

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ICU, LAB, X-RAY, PHYSIOTHERAPY AND DENTAL CAPABILITY. THEY ARE IN SUPPORT OF UN, MILITARY AND NGO AND ARE NOT ESTABLISHED TO CARE FOR REFUGEES.

B. PRIMARY DIAGNOSIS OF OUT PATIENTS FROM 27 AUG ARE:

	RUHENGARI	MARERU
(1) BLOODY DIARRHOEA	18	73
(2) NON BLOODY DIARRHOEA	9	47
(3) CHOLERA	0	0
(4) TYPHOID	0	0
(5) MENINGITIS	0	2
(6) MALARIA	17	7
(7) YELLOW FEVER	0	0
(8) PNEUMONIA	4	6
(9) MEASLES	0	0
(10) FEVER UNKNOWN ORIGIN	0	0
(11) MOTOR VEH ACCIDENT	0	0
(12) GUN SHOT WOUND	0	0
(13) ANIMAL BITE	0	0
(14) BLAST INJURY	2	0

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(15) MALNUTRITION	0	3
(16) DEHYDRATION	3	11
(17) SCABIES	16	5
(18) WORMS	65	48
(19) URINARY TRACT INFECTION	5	16
(20) STDs	5	2
(21) TYPHUS	0	0
(22) ACUTE PNEUMOPATHY	3	7
(23) TRAUMA	26	7
(24) OTHER	51	62
(25) UNKNOWN	3	5

3. ENGR:

A. THE ROWPU DISTRIBUTED 32,000 LITRES OF WATER FROM LAC KARAGO
DISPITE INCREASED OBSTRUCTION FROM RPA. WATER DISTRIBUTION VEHICLES
WERE TWICE DELAYED AT CHECK POINTS AT ACCESS TO LAKE.

B. THE FD SECT CONSTRUCTED A NEW FIRE PIT AND CONTINUED WITH THE
DRAINAGE TASK AT THE TMT FACILITY. THE CONSTRUCTION SECTION
COMPLETED MISC TASKS AND TROUBLE CALLS.

4. PERSONNEL SUMMARY:

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	MARERU	NAIROBI	KIGALI	TOTAL
HQ	5/20	0/0	1/0	6/20
MED COY	28/95	0/0	0/0	28/95
DS PL	1/36	0/0	0/0	1/36
SVC PL	1/33	0/0	0/1	1/34
ENGR TP	1/23	0/1	0/0	1.24
TOTAL 37/209				

5. SUPPORT:

A. GENERAL: THERE ARE STILL TWO CUCV AND THREE MLVW VOR AWAITING PARTS.

B. NEW REQUIREMENTS: 3 CSG IS SOURCING KEROSENE TO FUEL HEATERS DEMANDED IN SITREP 20.

C. NONE.

D. PERSONNEL CONCERNS:

(1) SECOND STAFF MEMBER WITH DYSENTRY IS BACK TO WORK.

(2) H13 144 494 CPL BROWN PC 041 OF 4 ESR GAGETOWN WAS REPATRIATED ON COMPASSIONATE GROUNDS TO NAIROBI AND EXPECTED TO LEAVE FOR CANADA TO Y.

E. NONE.

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SUBJ: OP PASSAGE SITREP 20 FOR 27 AUG 94

1. GENERAL:

(A) THERE WERE TWO RPTS OF RPA UNITS MARCHING WITHIN THE IMMEDIATE

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VICINITY OF MARERU IN THE EARLY MORNING. ONE GROUP WAS 400 THE OTHER 800 MEN.

(B) THE CO AND RSM OF 1 CDHSR VISITED AND MEMBERS OF 4 ESR KIGALI DELIVERED A MUCH NEEDED DUMP TRUCK TO OUR LOCATION.

(C) CFFC TRENTON PROVIDED AN EXCELLENT CLIMATE SUMMARY OF RWANDA FOR THE RAINY SEASON (SEP TO MAY).

(D) CONCERN OCCUPIED A BUILDING IMMEDIATELY ADJACENT TO OUR CAMP WITH THE AIM OF ESTABLISHING A REFUGEE FOOD DISTRIBUTION CENTRE.

2. MED COY SITREP:

A. GENERAL: THE COY HAD TO TRANSFER A FEMALE IN LABOUR TO THE GERMAN SURGICAL TEAM IN GISENYI FOR AN EMERGENCY C-SECTION. THE OPERATION WAS PERFORMED BY AN ORTHOPAEDIC SURGEON AND ASSISTED BY ONE OF OUR MEDICAL OFFICERS. THE GERMANS ARE NOT ABLE TO PROVIDE 24 HOUR POST OP CARE AND WE HAD TO READMIT THE PATIENT TO OUR FACILITY THIS EVENING. LAST NIGHT A THREE YEAR OLD CHILD DIED FROM PNEUMONIA COMPOUNDED BY HYPOTHERMIA. WE TRANSFERRED SEVEN PATIENTS TO KIGALI CENTRAL HOSP/THE AUSTRALIAN MED GP. THE PATIENTS INCLUDED A 13 YEAR OLD MALE WITH A SEPTIC HIP, A 25 YEAR OLD MALE WITH A BROKEN FEMUR, A THREE YEAR OLD MALE WITH PHIMOSIS, A 41 YEAR OLD MALE WITH A BOWEL

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OBSTRUCTION AND A 13 YEAR OLD FEMALE WITH A FISTULA. THE COY
SCREENED 541 PATIENTS (314 IN MARERU AND 227 IN RUHENGRI), ADMITTED
21, DISCHARGED 13 AND TRANSFERRED 7. THERE ARE 51 PATIENTS ON THE
WARD.

B. PRIMARY DIAGNOSIS OF OUT PATIENTS FROM 26 AUG ARE:

	* RUHENGRI	MARERU
(1) BLOODY DIARRHOEA	41	85
(2) NON BLOODY DIARRHOEA	12	55
(3) HOLERA	0	0
(4) TYPHOID	0	0
(5) MENINGITIS	0	0
(6) MALARIA	10	8
(7) YELLOW FEVER	0	0
(8) PNEUMONIA	10	11
(9) MEASLES	0	0
(10) FEVER UNKNOWN ORIGIN	0	0
(11) MOTOR VEH ACCIDENT	0	0
(12) GUN SHOT WOUND	2	0
(13) ANIMAL BITE	0	0

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(14) BLAST INJURY	0	0
(15) MALNUTRITION	3	3
(16) DEHYDRATION	10	8
(17) SCABIES	18	8
(18) WORMS	60	67
(19) URINARY TRACT INFECTION	3	5
(20) STDS	4	1
(21) TYPHUS	0	0
(22) ACUTE PNEUMOPATHY	0	9
(23) TRAUMA	18	1
(24) OTHER	63	73
(25) UNKNOWN	1	2

3. ENGR:

A. THE ROWPU DIST 23000 LITRES OF WATER FROM THE WP AT LAC KARAGO

B. THE FD SECTION CLEARED THE MSF AREA IN NYUNDO. ONE RIFLE GRENADE WAS FOUND AND DISPOSED OF.

C. THE CONSTRUCTION SECT SERVICED A GENERATOR, CONSTR A WATER BOWSER STAND FOR AN MLVW AND REPAIRED HEATERS.

D. AN 8T DUMP TRUCK WAS PROVIDED BY CCUNAMIR FOR LOCAL ENGR TASKS.

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4. PERSONNEL SUMMARY:

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SVC PL	1/33	0/0	0/1	1/34
ENGR TP	1/23	0/1	0/0	1.24
TOTAL 37/209				

5. SUPPORT:

A. GENERAL: THERE ARE STILL TWO CUCV AND THREE MLVW VOR AWAITING PARTS.

B. NEW REQUIREMENTS: THIS UNIT WILL DRINK FROM ROWPU AS OF 28 AUG. PMED TECHS REPORT LOWER BACTERIA COUNTS IN ROWPU WATER THAN IN UGANDAN BOTTLED WATER. WATER BLADDERS, TRAILERS AND JERRY CANS HAVE BEEN SUPER-CHLORINATED TO HOLD DRINKING WATER.

C. VISITS: THE FOUR MAN CBC PRIME TIME NEWS TEAM IS SPENDING ITS SECOND NIGHT WITH 2 FD AMB. JEAN SIMON CBC RADIO CANADA STOPPED IN TODAY AND ADVISED THAT HE INTENDS TO VISIT THE UNIT ON 31 AUG.

D. PERSONNEL CONCERNS:

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(1) OUR FIRST UNIT MEMBER TO CONTRACT DYSENTRY IS BACK TO WORK BUT A SECOND CASE HAS NOW OCCURED AMONG THE STAFF.

(2) H13 144 494 CPL BROWN PC 041 OF 4 ESR GAGETOWN WAS REPATRIATED ON COMPASSIONATE GROUNDS TO TO NAIROBI.

(3) B65 066 421 SGT YUNACE FY WAS REPATRIATED TO CANADA FOR PREVIOUSLY STATED MEDICAL REASONS AND HAS BEEN STRUCK OFF STRENGTH.

E. NONE.

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1 FD AMB CALGARY/CO//

5 AMB DE CAMP VALCARTIER/CO//

4 ESR GAGETOWN/CO//

CDN AB REGT PETAWAWA/COMD//

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SUBJ: OP PASSAGE SITREP 19 FOR 26 AUG 94

1. GENERAL: MARERU WAS PACKED WITH VISITORS TODAY. REPRESENTATIVES
OF UNHCR, SAVE THE CHILDREN, CARE, AMERICARE, CONCERN, AND CCUNAMIR

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ALL CONVERGED ON US WITHIN FOUR HOURS. CBC PRIME TIME NEWS ARRIVED LATE IN THE AFTERNOON AND BEGAN FILMING THE HOSPITAL SITE.

2. MED COY SITREP:

A. GENERAL: MED COY WAS VISITED BY REPRESENTATIVES FOR THE ICRC CHILD TRACING PROGRAM AND FROM UNHCR. BOTH VISITS WERE PRODUCTIVE AND WORTHWHILE. THERE ARE MANY CHALLENGING CASES DAILY. TODAY, AT RUHENGRI THE STAFF TREATED A VICTIM OF A SEVERE MACHETE ATTACK. THE VICTIMS PARENTS ARE SUSPECTED TO BE DEAD OR MISSING. HE WAS TREATED AND RELEASED. A FEMALE PATIENT WITH A CLOSED HEAD INJURY WAS TRANSFERRED FROM MSF RUHENGRI TO OUR MAIN FACILITY IN MARERU. UNFORTUNATELY SHE DIED SHORTLY AFTER ARRIVAL. THERE WERE TWO OTHER DEATHS TODAY, AN INFANT DIED OF BILATERAL PNEUMONIA AND A ONE YEAR OLD MALE DIED OF CEREBRAL MALARIA. OC MED COY WILL COORD WITH THE MSF IN RUHENGRI FOR THE POTENTIAL TRANSFER OF SEVERAL PATIENTS TO UGANDA FOR NEEDED SURGERY. IN TOTAL TODAY THE COY SCREENED 591 PATIENTS, ADMITTED 15, DISCHARGED 7 LEAVING 53 PATIENTS ON THE WARD. OF NOTE IS THE FACT THAT 40 PERCENT OF THE PATIENTS ADMITTED TODAY ARE LESS THAN FIVE YEARS OF AGE.

B. PRIMARY DIAGNOSIS OF OUT PATIENTS FROM 25 AUG ARE:

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RUHENGERRI MARERU

(1) BLOODY DIARRHOEA	33	83
(2) NON BLOODY DIARRHOEA	7	45
(3) CHOLERA	0	0
(4) TYPHOID	0	0
(5) MENINGITIS	0	0
(6) MALARIA	4	10
(7) YELLOW FEVER	0	0
(8) PNEUMONIA	0	4
(9) MEASLES	0	0
(10) FEVER UNKNOWN ORIGIN	2	5
(11) MOTOR VEH ACCIDENT	0	0
(12) GUN SHOT WOUND	0	0
(13) ANIMAL BITE	0	0
(14) BLAST INJURY	0	0
(15) MALNUTRITION	13	2
(16) DEHYDRATION	11	11
(17) SCABIES	16	2
(18) WORMS	60	26

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(19) URINARY TRACT INFECTION	0	0
(20) STDS	0	1
(21) TYPHUS	0	0
(22) ACUTE PNEUMOPATHY	12	46
(23) TRAUMA	2	4
(24) OTHER	82	70
(25) UNKNOWN	0	0

3 ENGR:

A. THE WP DISTRIBUTED 23000 LITRES OF WATER.

B. A MINEFIELD PROBE WAS CONDUCTED AT NYUNDO, FUTURE LOC OF AN MSF GROUP. THE PROBE PROVED NEGATIVE EVEN THOUGH THERE ARE A FAIR NUMBER OF TELLTALE SIGNS OF MINE ACTIVITY. THE RESULTS OF THE PROBE INDICATED A LOW THREAT LEVEL THEREFORE A CLEARANCE SWEEP WILL BE CONDUCTED TOMORROW. THIS WILL ALLOW THE MSF TO USE THE REQR AREA.

C. GIVEN THE FORECASTED SCOPE OF WATER DEMAND A WATER BLADDER WILL BE BE TRANSFERRED TO OP LANCE AS THEY HAVE REQUESTED.

4. PERSONNEL SUMMARY:

	MARERU	NAIROBI	KIGALI	TOTAL
HQ	5/20	0/1	1/0	5/21

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MED COY	28/94	0/0	0/0	28/95
DS PL	1/36	0/0	0/0	1/36
SVC PL	1/32	0/0	0/2	1/34
ENGR TP	1/24	0/0	0/0	1.24
TOTAL 37/210				

5. SUPPORT:

A. GENERAL:

(1) VEH TASKINGS HAVE STRETCHED AVAIL CAPACITY TO THE LIMIT. DELAY OF IOR PARTS IS A CRITICAL ISSUE. 3 CSG HAS ATTEMPTED TO ENCOURAGE USE OF COMMERCIAL AIR FOR IOR ITEMS FM CANADA TO OP THEATRE. USE OF THIS MEANS IS CONSIDERED ESSENTIAL TO CONTINUANCE OF OP PASSAGE MSN GIVEN DELAYS AT AMU TRENTON.

(2) DELAY OF VOLTAGE REGULATOR FOR 60 KW GEN ORDERED IOR IS CRITICAL TO MSN OF HOSP.

(3) 3 CSG HAS OFFERED TO PROVIDE TWO DRUMS OF HIGHER OCTANE, JP8 FUEL TO RUN LBD DRYER AND DIESEL HEATERS. CURRENT SUPPLY OF LOCAL DIESEL APPEARS TO BE HALF GAS, HALF USED OIL AND HAS REPEATEDLY GUMMED UP EQ RESULTING IN PROLONGED DOWN TIME.

B. NEW REQUIREMENTS:

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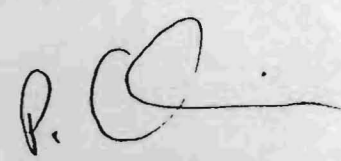
(1) A NEED FOR HEATERS FOR THE HOSPITAL HAS BEEN IDENTIFIED BECAUSE OF UNEXPECTED LOW TEMPERATURES IN THIS AREA OF OPERATION. TEMPERATURES AS LOW AS 10 DEGREES CELSIUS HAVE CONTRIBUTED TO PATIENT DEATHS OVERNIGHT. IOR WILL BE FWDED TO 3 CSG FOR TORPEDO AND VACON HEATERS. THESE ARE ALREADY AWAITING SHIPMENT FM 2 FD AMB AND LBD SECT 2 SCV BN PETAWAWA. IT IS VITAL THAT THESE ITEMS BE SHIPPED FM TRENTON ASAP.

C. VISITS: NONE.

D. PERSONNEL CONCERNS:

(2) H13 144 494 CPL BROWN PC 041 OF 4 ESR GAGETOWN WAS REPATRIATED TO KIGALI ON COMPASSIONATE GROUNDS AND WILL BE ROUTED THROUGH NAIROBI ON 29 AUG.

E. NONE.



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SUBJ: OP PASSAGE SITREP 18 FOR 25 AUG 94

1. GENERAL: THE CO AND RSM ATTENDED THE WEEKLY CRISIS COMMITTEE

MEETING IN GISENYI TODAY. THE MEETING IS ATTENDED BY REPRESENTATIVES

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OF THE LOCAL AND NATIONAL GOVERNMENT, THE U.N. AGENCIES, AND NONGOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS (NGO) WORKING IN THE FIELDS OF WATER, HEALTH, FOOD, AND REFUGEE MOVEMENT.

(A) WATER SUPPLY IN GISENYI HAS BEEN ESTABLISHED WITH CHLORINATED WATER FROM THE PUMPING STATION AND BEGINNING THIS DATE WILL BE PUMPED 15 HOURS A DAY. SOME OF THE WORKERS AT THE WATER TREATMENT PLANT, WHO HAD FLED TO ZAIRE AND WERE RECENTLY RECRUITED IN GOMA HAVE BEEN FOUND TO BE RESPONSIBLE FOR SOME SABOTAGE OF THE OPERATION. THIS PROBLEM HAS BEEN DEALT WITH AND SERVICE SHOULD NOW BE DEPENDABLE. THE QUALITY OF THE WATER AT THE POINT OF USE, SUCH AS THE GISENYI HOSPITAL AND AT UNAMIR SECTOR 5 HQ GISENYI, IS HOWEVER QUESTIONABLE. 2 FD AMB (RWANDA) AGREED TO DETACH A PMED TEAM TO UNAMIR SECTOR 5 HQ ON 26 AUG 94 TO OBTAIN WATER SAMPLES FOR TESTING.

(B) THE 2 FD AMB WATER POINT CONTINUES TO PROVIDE A POINT OF PICKUP FOR NGOS NEAR THE MIDPOINT BETWEEN GISENYI AND RUHENGERI. MANY NGOS ARE UNABLE TO UTILIZE THIS SOURCE FOR LACK OF WATER TRANSPORT. CONSEQUENTLY DEMAND AT THE WATER POINT REMAINS LOW.

(C) WATER AND ELECTRICITY SERVICES IN RUHENGERI ARE BOTH OPERATIONAL.

(D) GERMAN EMERGENCY DOCTORS HAVE BEGUN TO WORK OUT OF GISENYI

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HOSPITAL. THEY HAVE OPENED 100 BEDS AND ARE SEEING APPROXIMATELY 150 OUTPATIENTS A DAY. THE HOSPITAL HAS ELECTRICAL SERVICE FOR ONLY ABOUT 15 HOURS A DAY AND DIESEL FUEL FOR A GENERATOR IS IN VERY SHORT SUPPLY AND SO CAN ONLY BE RUN DURING EMERGENCY PROCEDURES. THERE ARE NO BLOOD, NO LAB, AND NO XRAY SERVICES AVAILABLE AT THE MOMENT. THE STAFF INCLUDES AN ANAESTHESIOLOGIST AND ORTHOPAEDIC SURGEON BUT THEY HAVE LITTLE IN THE WAY OF ANAESTHETIC OR SURGICAL SUPPLIES.

(F MEDICINS SANS FRONTIERS (MSF) BELGIUM COORDINATES CLINICS IN RUBAVU, KANAMA, BIRUNGA, KABAYA, AND NKULI. MSF HOLLAND COORDINATES CLINICS IN MUKINGO AND RUHENGARI AND 8 OTHER OUTLYING POINTS NORTH AND EAST OF RUHENGARI. ONLY THE FACILITIES AT RUBAVU AND RUHENGARI HAVE LIMITED INPATIENT CAPABILITY. ALL THE OTHER CLINICS RUN BY MSF OPERATE AS DAYTIME CLINICS ONLY. WITH THE WITHDRAWAL OF 23 (UK) PARACHUTE FIELD AMBULANCE FROM RUHENGARI HOSPITAL, ALL MSF LOCATIONS UTILIZE 2 FIELD AMBULANCE (RWANDA) AS AN INPATIENT REFERRAL CENTRE. MSF HOLLAND IS NEGOTIATING WITH THE RWANDAN MINISTRY OF HEALTH TO TAKE OVER RUHENGARI HOSPITAL OPERATION IN TOTAL. MSF FUNDING FOR THIS IS SECURE BUT SOURCING THE MEDICAL PERSONNEL TO INCLUDE A SURGICAL SERVICE WILL TAKE APPROXIMATELY 2 WEEKS. 2 FIELD AMBULANCE

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(RWANDA) HAS AGREED WITH UNAMIR, THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH, AND MSF TO PROVIDE DAYTIMEOUTPATIENT SERVICES AT THE RUHENGARI HOSPITAL AND TO TRANSFER ANY INDIVIDUAL REQUIRING INPATIENT CARE TO OUR FACILITY AT MARERU UNTIL MSF ARE OPERATIONAL AT RUHENGARI HOSPITAL. IN THE PAST 7 DAYS SEVEN PEOPLE HAVE BEEN INJURED BY MINES AND HAVE BEEN BROUGHT TO THE RUHENGARI HOSPITAL.² WITHOUT A SURGICAL CAPABILITY, THESE CASUALTIES ARE EVACUATED TO KISORO UGANDA WHICH IS THE CLOSEST SURGICAL SERVICE.

(F) AMERICARES OPERATES A CLINIC WITH LIMITED INPATIENT CAPABILITY 20 KM SOUTH OF RUHENGARI ALONG THE ROAD TO KIGALI. THEY ARE LOCATED DISTANT FROM ANY POTABLE WATER SOURCE, ARE CRITICALLY DEFICIENT IN WATER TRANSPORT AND BECAUSE OF THEIR LOCATION ARE NOT ON A ROUTE OF OTHER AGENCIES WATER TRAILER RUNS.

(G) SAVE THE CHILDREN (SCF) UNITED KINGDOM (UK) ARE CURRENTLY OPERATING FROM A HOSPITAL IN NEMBA, APPROXIMATELY 40 KM SOUTH OF RUHENGARI 2 KM OFF THE ROAD TO KIGALI. SCF (UK), IN COOPERATION WITH UNICEF, THE INTERNATIONAL COMMITTEE OF THE RED CROSS, AND THE MINISTRY OF REHABILITATION HAVE BEGUN A REGISTRATION PROGRAM FOR UNACCOMPANIED CHILDREN THAT ARE IDENTIFIED AT ORPHANAGES, HEALTH OR

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FEEDING CENTRES. THIS REGISTRATION PROGRAM WILL BE FOLLOWED IN DUE COURSE WITH A TRACING PROGRAM TO REESTABLISH CONTACT WITH THEIR FAMILIES. UNACCOMPANIED MINORS IS A CONTINUING CONCERN. ALTHOUGH THE REQUIREMENT TO PROVIDE DEFINITIVE CARE FOR THESE CHILDREN IS ACKNOWLEDGED BY ALL THE APPROPRIATE AGENCIES, GOVERNMENTAL AND NGO, A LONGTERM SOLUTION IS YET TO BE PROVIDED.

(H) CARE IS PREPARING TO OPEN 6 WAYSTATIONS, GISENYI, NYUNDE, BIGOGWE, BUSOGA, GATARAGA, AND RUHENGERI, TO PROVIDE FOOD AND NONFOOD ITEMS TO REFUGEES RETURNING FROM ZAIRE. THE WAYSTATION AT BIGOGWE, APPROXIMATELY 6 KM TO THE EAST OF 2 FD AMB AT MARERU, WILL OPEN 26 AUG 94. THEY WILL PROVIDE BISCUITS, WATER, JERRY CANS, AND BLANKETS TO RETURNEES.

(I) CONCERN OPERATES A FEEDING CENTRE FOR UP TO 400 PERSONS AT KORA, APPROXIMATELY 12 KM TO THE EAST OF 2 FD AMB AT MARERU. THEY WILL ALSO OPEN IN THE NEXT FEW DAYS A FEEDING CENTRE IN A BUILDING ABOUT 500 METERS TO THE WEST OF THE 2 FD AMB (RWANDA) MEDICAL FACILITY.

(J) ACTION INTERNATIONAL CONTRE FAIM (AICF) HAS A FEEDING CENTRE IN NYUNDE AND ON 26 AUG 94 WILL OPEN A THERAPEUTIC FEEDING CENTRE IN RUHENGERI. THIS WILL BE A REFERRAL CENTRE FOR CHILDREN WHO ARE BELOW

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70 PERCENT OF THEIR HEIGHT AND WEIGHT FOR AGE.

(K) UNHCR ZAIRE REPRESENTATIVE REPORTED ON THE SECURITY SITUATION IN REFUGEE CAMPS IN ZAIRE. THERE IS INCREASING VIOLENCE IN THE GOMA REGION AND IN THE REFUGEE CAMPS. THERE IS APPARENTLY INCREASING SENTIMENT IN THE CAMPS THAT THEY WANT TO GO HOME BUT MILITANTS WILL OFTEN KILL SOMEONE JUST FOR SAYING HE WILL RETURN TO RWANDA. U.N. INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATION OF MIGRATION (IOM) AND UNHCR VEHICLES THAT HAVE ATTEMPTED TO GO TO CAMPS TO PICK UP REFUGEES TO BRING THEM OUT TO RWANDA HAVE EITHER BEEN ATTACKED OR THE INDIVIDUALS WAITING FOR THE TRANSPORT HAVE BEEN ATTACKED. UNHCR MONITORING AT 7 OF 8 BORDER CROSSING POINTS IN THE KIBUMBA AREA (10 TO 15 KM STRAIGHT NORTH OF 2 FD AMB LOCATION) RECORDED 8612 REFUGEES CROSSING INTO RWANDA BETWEEN THE 18 AND 21 AUGUST 1994. NEGOTIATIONS BY UNHCR WITH THE LOCAL AND REGIONAL GOVERNMENTS IN ZAIRE REFERENCE SECURITY FOR THE MOVEMENT OF PEOPLE CONTINUES.

(L) IOM, WHICH PROVIDES TRANSPORT FOR LARGE NUMBERS OF THE REFUGEES FROM THIS CORRIDOR TO RUHENGERI AND BEYOND HAS A CURRENT PROBLEM WITH 50 PERCENT VOR RATE. ALTHOUGH MORE TRUCKS ARE EXPECTED TO BE DELIVERED IN THE NEAR FUTURE, VEHICLES ARE BEING SENT TO THE

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SOUTHWEST SECTOR OF THE COUNTRY.

2. MED COY SITREP:

A. GENERAL: MED COY HAD SOME VERY SERIOUS CASES TODAY WHICH REQUIRED EXTENSIVE TREATMENT. A TEENAGE BOY WAS ADMITTED TO THE FACILITY WITH BURNS TO THE FACE, NECK, CHEST AND ARMS (30 PERCENT, SECOND AND THIRD DEGREE). HE HAD BEEN COOKING A GOAT IN OIL OVER AN OPEN FLAME WHEN IT EXPLODED. THE STAFF WORKED FOR OVER TWO HOURS TO REMOVE FOOD PARTICLES AND TISSUE FROM HIS FACE AND UPPER BODY. HE WILL REQUIRE DEDICATED CARE AND CONSTANT MONITORING. AN 18 MONTH OLD GIRL WAS ADMITTED WITH SEVERE MALNUTRITION AND DEHYDRATION. ACCORDING TO HER FATHER, THE MOTHER DIED IN A REFUGEE CAMP IN ZAIRE AND THE GIRL HAD NOT EATEN FOR AT LEAST SIX DAYS. THERE WERE TWO DEATHS AT MARERU TODAY. AN 18 MONTH GIRL DIED OF PNEUMONIA AND THERE WAS A STILL BIRTH. AT THE HOSPITAL IN RUHENGERI THE STAFF TREATED AN EIGHT YEAR OLD GIRL WHO HAD BEEN GORED IN THE SIDE BY A BULL. SHE WAS TRANSPORTED TO THE MAIN FACILITY AND ADMITTED. THE COY SCREENED 505 PEOPLE, ADMITTED 20 AND DISCHARGED 18. ON THE ISOLATION WARD THERE ARE THREE MENINGITIS PATIENTS AND A PATIENT SUSPECTED OF HAVING HIV WITH TB. ON THE OTHER WARDS THERE ARE TWO BROKEN FEMUR CASES, ONE

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BROKEN TIBIA, ONE PATIENT WITH A SEPTIC HIP, A SEVEN YEAR OLD GIRL WITH HEART FAILURE AND SIX INFANTS REQUIRING ONE ON ONE CARE.

B. PRIMARY DIAGNOSIS FIGURES OF OUT PATIENTS FROM 24 AUG ARE:

	RUHENGERRI	MARERU
(1) BLOODY DIARRHOEA	75	81
(2) NON BLOODY DIARRHOEA	48	98
(3) CHOLERA	0	0
(4) TYPHOID	0	0
(5) MENINGITIS	0	1
(6) MALARIA	1	7
(7) YELLOW FEVER	0	0
(8) PNEUMONIA	0	12
(9) MEASLES	0	0
(10) FEVER UNKNOWN ORIGIN	1	3
(11) MOTOR VEH ACCIDENT	0	0
(12) GUN SHOT WOUND	2	0
(13) ANIMAL BITE	0	0
(14) BLAST INJURY	0	0
(15) MALNUTRITION	13	2

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(16) DEHYDRATION	1	21
(17) SCABIES	15	8
(18) WORMS	75	28
(19) URINARY TRACT INFECTION	0	5
(20) STDs	1	1
(21) TYPHUS	0	0
(22) ACUTE PNEUMOPATHY	6	16
(23) TRAUMA	0	3
(24) OTHER	97	71
(25) UNKNOWN	2	0

3. ENGR:

A. THE WP DISTRIBUTED 19000 LITRES OF WATER AND ONE ROWPU WAS SERVICED. THE LIMITING FACTOR IN DIST OF WATER IS THE EVER DECREASING NUMBER OF PRIME MOVERS.

B. THE BURN PIT FOR CAMP WASTE WAS RELOCATED, SOME UXO WAS DISPOSED OF AND WATER DISTRIBUTION STANDS WERE BUILT FOR USE AT REHYDRATION POINTS.

C. MINOR IMPROVEMENTS WERE DONE TO THE DRAINAGE AT THE TMT CENTRE HOWEVER WITH THE HYDRAULIC JACKHAMMER AWAITING PARTS THE ESTIMATE FOR

COMPLETION OF THIS TASK IS TWO WEEKS. ALTN METHODS HAVE PROVEN FRUITLESS IN THE VOLCANIC ROCK OF THE COMPOUND.

4. PERSONNEL SUMMARY:

	MARERU	NAIROBI	KIGALI	TOTAL
HQ	5/19	0/1	1/1	6/21
MED COY	28/94	0/0	0/0	28/95
DS PL	1/36	0/0	0/0	1/36
SVC PL	1/32	0/0	0/2	1/34
ENGR TP	1/24	0/0	0/0	1.24

TOTAL 37/210

5. SUPPORT:

A. GENERAL:

(1) VEH SERVICEABILITY REMAINS OUR GREATEST SP CONCERN. PRESENTLY 2 CUCV CARGO AND 4 OF 8 MLVW CARGO ARE VOR AWAITING PARTS. MOUNTAIN DRIVING AND HEAVY TASKING SPREAD OVER AN EVER DECREASING FLEET WILL SOON IMPAIR OUR ABILITY TO COMPLETE OUR PRIMARY MISSION. NOTWITHSTANDING EVERY EFFORT OF NSE TO ACQUIRE IOR PARTS, DELIVERY IS NOW NOT LIKELY TO KEEP UP WITH THE REQUIREMENT. IF VOR RATE CONTINUES TO MOUNT CONSIDERATION SHOULD BE GIVEN TO PROVIDING FOLLOW

UP CARGO VEHICLES.

(2) THE 100 PERCENT STOCKTAKING HAS BEGUN AND WILL TAKE APPROXIMATELY THREE WEEKS WITH INTEGRAL PERSONNEL.

B. NEW REQUIREMENTS: NONE.

C. VISITS: THE FOLLOWING CCUNAMIR STAFF WILL VISIT MARERU ON 26 AUG:

(1) OPS O CCUNAMIR MAJ SPRINGER

(2) OC NSE MAJ BLOUIN

(3) PROVOST MARSHAL (UNKNOWN)

(4) A FOUR MAN TEAM FROM CBC PRIME TIME NEWS TO FILM 2 FD AMB OPERATIONS UNTIL 28 AUG.

D. PERSONNEL CONCERNS:

(1) B65 066 421 SGT YUNACE FY WAS ADMITTED TO THE NAIROBI HOSPITAL, NAIROBI ON 21 AUG. HIS CONDITION IS STABLE AND HE WILL BE REPATRIATED TO CANADA ON B707 DEPARTING NAIROBI 260800Z AUG.

(2) H13 144 494 CPL BROWN PC 041 OF 4 ESR GAGETOWN WILL BE REPATRIATED ON COMPASSIONATE GROUNDS 29 AUG THROUGH NAIROBI.

(3) THE FIRST OF OUR STAFF MEMBERS HAS COME DOWN WITH DYSENTRY. IT IS EXPECTED THAT HE WILL RETURN TO DUTY WITHIN THREE DAYS.

E. NONE.

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SUBJ: OP PASAGE SITREP 17 FOR 24 AUG 94
1. GENERAL: DROP IN VISITORS TODAY INCLUDED THE RECCE PARTY OF THE
TUNISIAN CONTINGENT TO UNAMIR, TWO MEMBERS OF THE LOCAL CARE

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ESTABLISHMENT AND A REPRESENTATIVE OF UNHCR GISEYNI WHO WAS INTERESTED
IN COORDINATING THE DISTRIBUTION OF HUMANITARIAN RELIEF SUPPLIES.
2. MED COY SITREP:
A. THERE WAS A CONSTANT FLOW OF PATIENTS THROUGH THE TWO FACILITIES,
RUHENGRI AND MARERU. IN TOTAL 714 PEOPLE WERE SCREENED WITH
RUHENGRI SEEING 350 AND MARERU SEEING 364. OF THOSE, 15 WERE
ADMITTED TO THE MAIN FACILITY, 15 WERE DISCHARGED INCLUDING TWO
TRANSFERS TO THE GERMAN MEDICAL TEAM IN GISENYI. THERE ARE NOW 50
PATIENTS REMAINING ON THE WARDS.
B. A DETAILED BREAKDOWN BY PRINCIPLE DIAGNOSIS WILL BE INCLUDED IN
THE NEXT SITREP.
3. ENGR:
A. THE WP DISTRIBUTED 3800 LITRES OF WATER.
B. IMPROVEMENTS TO DRAINAGE AROUND THE TMT FACILITY THAT BEGAN
YESTERDAY WERE HAMPERED BY A BREAKDOWN OF THE HYDRAULICA JACK HAMMER.
THIS WORK IS SUSPENDED PENDING ARRIVAL OF PARTS ORDERED ON IOR BASIS.
C. CURRENT METHOD OF INCINERATING CAMP AND HOSPITAL WASTE IS PROVING
UNSATISFACTORY. ALTERNATE DISPOSAL METHODS ARE BEING EXPLORED.
4. PERSONNEL SUMMARY:

	MARERU	NAIROBI	KIGALI	TOTAL
HQ	5/18	0/1	1/2	6/21
MED COY	28/94	0/0	0/1	28/95
DS PL	1/36	0/0	0/0	1/36
SVC PL	1/32	0/0	0/2	1/34
ENGR TP	1/24	0/0	0/0	1.24
TOTAL	37/210			

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5. SUPPORT:
A. GENERAL: UNHCR KIGALI PROVIDED 2000 BLANKETS AND 2000 KG F
CORNMEAL FOR REFUGEES AND 3 CSG DELIVERED THEM TO MARERU. 3 CSG ALSO
DELIVERED SPARE PARTS FOR THE MLBU. THE SP PL PROVIDED TPT FOR 30
REFUGEES TO TMT IN MARERU. TWO CUCV AND ONE MLVW ARE AWAITING PARTS
AND ONE MLVW POD BROKE DOWN IN KILGALI. 1 CDHSR EXPECTS TO HAVE THE
POD TRUCK ROAD WORTHY FOR RTN TO MARERU ON 25 AUG.

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B. NEW REQUIREMENTS: NONE.
C. VISITS: THE FOLLOWING CCUNAMIR STAFF WILL VISIT MARERU ON 26 AUG:
(1) OPS O CCUNAMIR MAJ SPRINGER
(2) OC NSE MAJ BLOUIN
(3) PROVOST MARSHAL (UNKNOWN)
D. B65 066 421 SGT YANACE FY WAS ADMITTED TO THE NAIROBI HOSPITAL,
NAIROBI ON 21 AUG. HIS CONDITION IS STABLE AND HE WILL BE

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REPATRIATED TO CANADA ON B707 DEPARTING NAIROBI 260800Z AUG.
E. NONE.

6. DCO COMMENTS ON LOG SP:
A. AS DISCUSSED WITH J4 LOG OPS, NDLCC, 241600B AUG 94, 3 CSG HAS
GIVEN THIS UNIT EXCELLENT ALL-ROUND SUPPORT. THE IOR PARTS FOR THE
MLVW AND CUCV REPORTED IN UNIT SITREPS ARE NOT AVAILABLE IN AO/OP
LANCE. NOTWITHSTANDING THAT 3 CSG IS PROVIDING OUR RE-SUPPLY LIFT
FROM KIGALI ON A DAILY BASIS, THIS UNIT STILL HAS A REQUIREMENT TO
HAVE ALL VEHICLES SERVICABLE TO ENABLE US TO:
(1) SUPPORT OUR EMERGENCY WITHDRAWAL PLAN:
(2) PROVIDE TRANSPORT FROM REFUGEE COLLECTION POINTS:
(3) TOW WATER TRAILERS FROM WATER POINT TO BASE LOCATION ON A STEADY
ROTATIONAL BASIS:
(4) TRANSPORT A PLATOON SIZED DETAIL, WITH DS ESCORT, FROM MARERU TO
RUHENGARI:
(5) PROVIDE LIFT AND TOWING CAPACITY FOR ENGINEER RESOURCES TO AND
FROM WATER POINT:
(6) CONDUCT EMERGENCY EVACUATION FOR ROWPU PROTECTION PARTY:
(7) CONDUCT STANDING DETAILS SUCH AS POL, GARBAGE PICK-UP, ETC:
(8) TPT THE CO AND OTHER OFFICERS TO NGO CONFERENCES ON A DAILY

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BASIS: AND
(9) TO ALLOW A CONTINUING PROGRAMME OF SOUND PREVENTIVE MAINTENANCE
TO ENSURE THAT THE REMAINDER OF THE FLEET STAYS SERVICEABLE.
B. THE PROMPT ARRIVAL OF CUCV/MLVW PARTS WOULD ENSURE TAHT WE CAN
SUPPORT THE AFORMENTIONED TASKS

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 SUBJ: OP PASSAGE SITREP 16 FOR 23 AUG 94
 1. GENERAL: TODAY WAS A PRODUCTIVE DAY WITH A TOTAL OF 456 PATIENTS

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 SCREENED IN TWO LOCATIONS. CAMP ROUTINES ARE NOW WELL ESTABLISHED
 AND PERSONNEL ARE THOROUGHLY OCCUPIED.
 2. MED COY SITREP:
 A. MED COY OPENED STATIONS IN TWO LOCATIONS, THE MAIN FACILITY AT
 MARERU AND THE HOSPITAL IN RUHENGRI. AT RUHENGRI, 223 PEOPLE WERE
 SCREENED AND TREATED AND TWO WERE TRANSFERRED TO MARERU. THE TYPES
 OF PATIENTS TREATED IN RUHENGRI INCLUDE A SIGNIFICANT NUMBER OF SOPT
 TISSUE INJURIES WHICH REQUIRE EXTENSIVE SURGICAL CARE. IN ADDITION
 THERE WERE SEVERAL CASES OF CRITICALLY ILL PATIENTS THAT REQUIRED
 INVASIVE PROCEDURES TO BE STABILIZED. ON THE RETURN TRIP FROM
 RUHENGRI, THE MEDICAL SECTIN HAD TO PROVIDE IMMEDIATE ASSISTANCE AT
 A MOTOR VEHICLE ACCIDENT. A SINGLE CASUALTY WITH MULTIPLE FRACTURES
 WITH HEAD AND CHEST INJURIES WAS EVACUATED TO THE MARERU FACILITY FOR
 TREATMENT. HIS CONDITION IS STABLE AND HE WILL BE EVACUATED TO THE
 GERMAN SURGICAL TEAM IN GISENYI TOMORROW. AT MARERU THERE WAS
 ANOTHER BIRTH IN PROGRESS AND BY LATE TONIGHT THERE SHOULD BE ANOTHER
 ADDITION TO THE LOCAL POPULATION. AT MARERU THE COY SCREENED 233,
 ADMITTED 22, DISCHARGED 16 AND THERE ARE 50 REMAINING IN THE
 FACILITY.
 B. THE TOTAL PATIENTS SCREENED IN THE TWO FACILITIES WAS 456.

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 B. THE PRIMARY DIAGNOSIS BREAKDOWN IS AS FOLLOWS:
 (1) BLOODY DIARRHOEA - RUHENGRI(R) 62 MARERU(M) 40:
 (2) NON BLOODY DIARRHOEA R24 M95
 (3) CHOLERA 0
 (4) TYPHOID 0
 (5) MENINGITIS R0 M1
 (6) MALARIA R9 M3
 (7) YELLOW FEVER 0
 (8) PNEUMONIA R0 M4
 (9) MEASLES 0
 (10) FEVER UNKNOWN ORIGIN R1 M1
 (11) MOTOR VEH ACCIDENT R0 M1
 (12) GUN SHOT WOUND R4 M0

- (13) ANIMAL BITE 0
- (14) BLAST INJURY 0
- (15) MALNUTRITION R2 M5
- (16) DEHYDRATION R1 M8
- (17) SCABIES R20 M2
- (18) WRMS R43 M11
- (19) URINARY TRACT INFECTION 0

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- (20) SEXUALLY TRANSMITTED DISEASE R2 M1
- (21) TYPHUS 0
- (22) ACUTE PNEUMOPHATHY R8 M9
- (23) TRAUMA R8 M0
- (24) OTHER R39 M52
- (25) UNKNOWN R0 M1

3. ENGINEERS:

A. THE WP DISTRIBUTED 22000 LITRES OF WATER.

B. IMPROVEMENTS TO DRAINAGE, ELEC SYSTEMS AND FLOORING OF THE HOSPITAL CONTINUED TODAY AND ARE PROJECTED TO TAKE SEVERAL MORE DAYS.

4. PERSONNEL SUMMARY:

	MARERU	NAIROBI	KIGALI	TOTAL
HQ	5/19	0/1	1/1	6/21
MED COY	28/95	0/0	0/0	28/95
DS PL	1/36	0/0	0/0	1/36
SVC PL	1/33	0/0	0/1	1/34
ENGR TP	1/24	0/0	0/0	1.24
TOTAL	37/210			

5. SUPPORT:

A. GENERAL: THE RQ OF 2 FD AMB WAS INSTALLED AS THE UNIT LO TO 3 CSG

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KIGALI. MSBU EQUIP AND SPARES ARRIVED AT 3 CSG AND WILL BE FWD TO MARERU TOMORROW. ONE MLVW AND TWO CUCV ARE VOR AWAITING PARTS. THE UNIT RECEIVED 27 DRUMS OF MOGAS ON 22 AUG WHICH ALLEVIATED OUR FUEL SHORTAGE. 3 CSG IS PRESENTLY PURCHASING LUMBER TO BUILD FLOORING FOR THE HOSPITAL WHICH COULD EXCEED 10,000 US. PPE-PROTECTION REQUIRED URGENTLY FOR HOSPITAL STAFF. DEMANDS HAVE BEEN PASSED TO 3 CSG MONTREAL FOR PURCHASE OF DISPOSABLE COVERALLS, PROTECTIVE GLOVES AND BOOTS THROUGH DSS.

B. NEW REQUIREMENTS: 3 CSG IS INVESTIGATING LOCAL PURCHASE OF INFANT FEEDING BOTTLES AND NIPPLES.

C. NONE

D. B65 066 421 SGT YUNACE FY WAS ADMITTED TO THE NAIROBI HOSPITAL, NAIROBI ON 21 AUG. HIS CONDITION IS STABLE AND HE WILL BE REPATRIATED TO CANADA ON B707 DEPARTING NAIROBI 260800Z AUG.

E. NONE.

6. COMMANDERS ASSESSMENT:

THE DECISION TO SEND 2 FIELD AMBULANCE TO RWANDA/ZAIRE AND THE UN PLAN TO CREATE A CORRIDOR WITH WATER, FOOD, AND MEDICAL SUPPORT FOR REFUGEES RETURNING FROM ZAIRES TO THEIR HOMES IN RWANDA WAS DEVELOPED IN THE MIDST OF MAJOR CHOLERA EPIDEMIC. AT ITS PEAK ON 26 JULY

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1994, 6000 NEW CASES OF CHOLERA WERE REPORTED EACH DAY, MANY PEOPLE DIED BEFORE REACHING MEDICAL CARE (AND THUS THE REPORTING SYSTEM), AND THE DEATH RATE WAS ESTIMATED TO HAVE REACHED ONE DEATH PER MINUTE. THESE WERE THE SCENES THAT WERE BROADCAST ON TELEVISION AND MOVED THE WORLD TO REACT. REFUGEES WEIGHED THE RISKS OF STAYING IN

THIS EPIDEMIC ENVIRONMENT AGAINST THE RISKS THEY BELIEVED TO EXIST IF THEY RETURNED TO RWANDA. UNDER THESE CIRCUMSTANCES A FAIRLY HEAVY FLOW OF REFUGEES RETURNED TO RWANDA AND OBVIOUSLY REQUIRED SUPPORT. MY DECISION TO LOCATE 2 FIELD AMBULANCE (RWANDA) AT ITS CURRENT LOCATION WAS MADE BASED ON THIS PREMISE: FOR THEIR LONG TERM SURVIVAL, IT IS NECESSARY THAT THE REFUGEES LEAVE THE MASSIVE CAMPS IN ZAIRE AND THAT THEY ARE MET WITH A SUPPORT SYSTEM THAT WILL ENABLE THEM TO SUCCESSFULLY RETURN HOME RATHER THAN DIE ENROUTE. THE USUAL INCUBATION PERIODS FOR THE MAIN EPIDEMIC DISEASE THREATS INCLUDE 2 TO 3 DAYS FOR CHOLERA, 3 TO 4 DAYS FOR MENINGOCOCCAL MENINGITIS, AND ABOUT 12 DAYS FOR TYPHUS. ANY OF THESE DISEASES CAN BECOME CLINICALLY APPARENT IN RETURNING REFUGEES AND ADEQUATE CARE MUST BE AVAILABLE. MANY OTHER COMMON OR ROUTINE DISEASES CAN ALSO IMPAIR THE ABILITY OF A REFUGEE FROM CONTINUING ON HIS OR HER JOURNEY AND TREATING THESE SIMPLE PROBLEMS CAN ALLOW THE REFUGEE TO CONTINUE ON.

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RCCRKVA/HQ SSF PETAWAWA//G3/BSURG//

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EPIDEMICS RISE AND FALL AND TE CHOLERA EPIDEMIC HAS TAPERED OFF.

THIS PHENOMENA COINCIDED WITH A MASSIVE OUTPOURING OF HUMANITARIAN

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AID WHICH FACILITATED A NUMBER OF ESSENTIAL INITIATIVES IN THE GOMA REGION, SUCH AS RELOCATION OF MANY OF THE PEOPLE IN THE WORST CAMPS TO NEWLY CONSTRUCTED CAMPS FURTHER AWAY FROM GOMA, IMPROVED CAMP SANITATION, INCREASED QUANTITIES OF POTABLE WATER, AND INCREASED ACCESS TO MEDICAL CARE. AS THIS SUPPORT SYSTEM KICKED IN, DEATH RATES DECREASED DRAMATICALLY AS DID THE RISK OF STAYING IN THIS ENVIRONMENT. AT THE MID POINT OF AUGUST, THE CONDITIONS IN THE CAMPS ARE FAR FROM COMFORTABLE, BUT THE BASIC REQUIREMENTS FOR HUMAN EXISTENCE (SHELTER, FOOD, WATER, AND MEDICAL CARE) ARE BEING SUPPLIED, AND OFTEN TO A GREATER DEGREE THAN IN THEIR PRIOR THAT DEATH OR MUTILATION AWAITS THEM IN RWANDA, HAS GENERATED A RELUCTANCE TO LEAVE THE STATUS QUO BEHIND.

ON 19 AUGUST 1994, THE RSM AND I TRAVELLED TO GOMA AND ON TO RUTSHURA, 65 KM NORTH OF GOMA. WE TRAVELLED THROUGH MUNIGI, WHICH WAS THE BIGGEST CHOLERA CAMP BUT IS NOW ESSENTIALLY VACANT, THROUGH KIBUMBA, WHICH HOLDS APPROX 250,000 REFUGEES, HAS THE HIGHEST DEATH RATE, IS THE FILTHIEST AND HAS THE LEAST AMOUNT OF WATER OF ALL THE CAMPS, THROUGH KATALE SOUTH, A NEW CAMP BEING CONSTRUCTED TO ACCEPT TRANSFERS FROM KIBUMBA/MUNIGI, AND THROUGH KATALE, WHICH HOLDS BETWEEN 100 AND 200,000 AND IS THE HEALTHIEST OF ALL THE CAMPS. WE

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DID NOT SEE A SINGLE DEAD BODY ALONG THE SIDE OF THE ROAD. WE DID OBSERVE WATER AND FOOD DISTRIBUTION POINTS. WE DID TALK WITH CARECANADA PERSONNEL WHO ARE INVOLVED IN ADMINISTERING THE KATALE CAMP AND WITH ANOTHER CANADIAN, SUSAN BARR, WHO IS THE CARE ASSISTANT COUNTRY DIRECTOR FOR PROGRAMME SUPPORT IN KENYA AND WHO HAS SPENT THE LAST FEW WEEKS IN THE GOMA AREA ASSESSING THE SITUATION. SHE STATED CATEGORICALLY THAT THERE WAS NO NEED FOR MORE DOCTORS IN THE AREA AND THAT AS THINGS STAND NOW WITH ESSENTIAL SERVICES PROVIDED, THE CAMPS COULD GO ON FOR YEARS. SHE AGREES THAT THE SOLUTION IS FOR THE REFUGEES TO RETURN TO RWANDA.

2 FIELD AMBULANCE (RWANDA) HAS JUST COMPLETED ITS FIRST WEEK OF OPERATION AND SAW 2720 RWANDESE PATIENTS. THIS WEEK, ENDING 2400H B SUNDAY 21 AUGUST, WAS ATYPICAL IN THAT WE BEGAN PROVIDING OUTPATIENT

AND INPATIENT CARE BEFORE WE HAD RECEIVED ALL OF OUR EQUIPMENT. UNPACKING, SETTING UP, ADJUSTING FACILITY CONFIGURATIONS AND THE PROCESS OF NEW PEOPLE LEARNING TO WORK TOGETHER AS A MEDICAL TEAM, ALL SIGNIFICANTLY REDUCED PRODUCTIVITY. MANY OF THE DAYS WERE INTENTIONALLY SHORTENED TO ALLOW MAJOR PROBLEMS IN EITHER INFRASTRUCTURE OR FUNCTION TO BE RESOLVED. I EXPECT UTILIZATION RATES WILL AT LEAST DOUBLE THIS NEXT WEEK DESPITE MY DEPLOYING A

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PLATOON TO RUHENGARI HOSPITAL. WE WILL PROVIDE INTERIM COVERAGE AT THIS FACILITY BETWEEN THE PULLOUT OF 23 (UK) PARACHUTE FIELD AMBULANCE, NOW DEPLOYED IN GIKONGORO, AND THE TAKEOVER OF THE FACILITY BY MEDICINS SANS FRONTIERS OF NETHERLANDS (MSFN) IN 10 TO 20 DAYS TIME. 2 FIELD AMBULANCE WILL PROVIDE DAYTIME COVERAGE OF THE FACILITY AND WILL TRANSPORT ALL PATIENTS REQUIRING INPATIENT CARE TO OUR FACILITY AT MARERU.

2 FIELD AMBULANCE IS SITUATED DISTANT FROM BUILTUP AREAS. THE TOWN OF MARERU IS SIMPLY A SMALL CONCENTRATION OF FARM HOUSES ACROSS THE ROAD FROM OUR LOCATION. ALTHOUGH 90 OF PATIENTS REGISTERING TO BE SEEN AT THE MEDICAL FACILITY REPORT THAT THEY ARE LOCALS, A REPORTING BIAS HAS BEEN IDENTIFIED AND THE MAJORITY ARE REFUGEES. THE U.N. INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATION OF MIGRATION (IOM) OPERATES TRUCKS TO TRANSPORT REFUGEES ALONG THE ROAD INTO RUHENGARI/KIGALI AND AN IOM PICKUP POINT IS LOCATED JUST OUTSIDE OUR GATES. ON AVERAGE, OVER 100 TO 200 PEOPLE DEPART OUR LOCATION EACH DAY BY THESE MEANS. THE EXPERIENCE OF CONCERN, WHICH OPERATES A FOOD POINT ABOUT 7 KM EAST OF OUR LOCATION, HAS BEEN THE SAME. THE POPULATION IS PRIMARILY REFUGEES AND TRANSIENT WITH UP TO 1000 PEOPLE A DAY COMING THE 10 TO 12 KM SOUTH FROM A BORDER CROSSING POINT WHICH IS ONLY 2 TO 3 KM FROM THE

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REFUGEE CAMP AT KIBUMBA. 2 FIELD AMBULANCE WILL COLLECT SICK REFUGEES FROM THE ROUTES LEADING FROM THIS BORDER AREA AND WILL COLLECT PEOPLE REQUIRING MEDICAL CARE AT THE CONCERN FEEDING POINTS. I AM CONFIDENT THAT WE WILL THUS PROVIDE SIGNIFICANT CAPABILITY TO REFUGEES IN THIS AREA. 2 FIELD AMBULANCE ALSO RECEIVES PATIENTS IN REFERRAL FROM THE HEALTH CLINICS ALONG THIS CORRIDOR, THE MAJORITY OF WHICH DO NOT HAVE THE CAPABILITY TO HOLD SEVERELY ILL OR COMPLEX CASES. THE GROUP GERMAN EMERGENCY DOCTORS HAVE JUST BEGUN TO OPEN THE HOSPITAL IN GISENYI AND IN TWO TO THREE WEEKS, MSF SHOULD HAVE INPATIENT CAPABILITY IN RUHENGARI. AT THE MOMENT HOWEVER, OUR FACILITY HAS A CRITICAL CAPABILITY FOR THE SUPPORT OF BOTH THE REFUGEE AND LOCAL POPULATIONS IN THIS REGION. SHOULD A MASSIVE RETURN OF REFUGEES FROM ZAIRE OCCUR, THE MAJORITY OF THEM WOULD BE CANALIZED THROUGH 2 FIELD AMBULANCES AREA OF INFLUENCE. AS WE ARE SITUATED WITHIN 1 DAY WALKING DISTANCE OF THE BORDER, OUR PRESENCE WOULD BE CRITICAL IN MAINTAINING THE MOMENTUM OF THEIR EXODUS.

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