

FRELIMO OPERATIONS REPORT

This is typical summary of operations over a period of a few months by Frelimo forces in Mozambique, in Tete and Cabo Delgado provinces.

In April, May and June, 1973, in addition to the military operations already reported, Frelimo fighters in Tete Province attacked 7 posts and camps; shot down a helicopter; sunk 5 war boats in the Zambezi River; and launched 39 ambush and 28 sabotage operations throughout the whole Province. Over 200 enemy soldiers were killed, one bridge was blown up and 21 vehicles were destroyed.

Attacks

Camp of Chifesse, April 1: A Frelimo infantry unit attacked the camp, killing 5 of the enemy.

Camp of Massamba, April 12: Seven Portuguese soldiers were killed and a number of houses were damaged.

Camp of Chimua, April 12: Our artillery attack resulted in 10 enemy killed and 2 houses destroyed.

Post of Dique, April 15: Twenty enemy soldiers were killed and 7 houses destroyed.

Post of Vila Gamito, April 20: Several buildings were destroyed and 11 soldiers killed.

Camp of Cagulura (in Manje), May 22: Five Portuguese soldiers were killed.

Strategic villages of Njenje and Chigamo, May 26: A number of people were freed and 16 "Mauser" rifles were captured by our forces.

Helicopter shot down

On May 22, 1973, a Frelimo unit shot down a helicopter in the zone of the town of Tete. The helicopter crash-landed near the hospital.

War boats sunk

On May 24, 2 boats carrying troops and supplies left the post of Mague towards Cachomba. They were ambushed and

sunk by our forces. All the soldiers in the boats, numbering 20, were killed.

On June 15, a similar operation took place in the same zone: 3 boats were sunk, and 18 soldiers were killed.

Bridge destroyed

The bridge spanning river Manjererevu, on the main road Tete-Furancungo, situated 3 kms. from the post of Baue, was blown up by a Frelimo sabotage unit on April 24. The bridge was 30 metres long and 4 metres wide and supported by concrete pillars.

Ambush and sabotage operations

In many ambush and sabotage operations throughout Tete, Frelimo fighters killed more than 120 enemy soldiers and destroyed 21 vehicles.

Two major attacks have been launched by Frelimo forces in Cabo Delgado Province, on July 11 and August 7, 1973.

On July 11 we attacked and assaulted the enemy post of Quissenge, destroying most of the buildings and killing many Portuguese soldiers. After neutralising the enemy's resistance, we stormed the post and captured a number of arms and other material.

The Portuguese military centre of Mocimboa da Praia was attacked with heavy artillery fire on August 7. The attack began at 5.10 a.m. Many buildings were wiped out, including the power station.

At the same time as the attack on Mocimboa da Praia, the posts and strategic hamlets of Nkomangano, Mpanga and Nalande, which are close to and give protection to the town of Mocimboa da Praia, were also attacked.

In Nkomangano our forces destroyed most of the houses. In the assault which followed, we captured arms, radios and food. Sixty villagers imprisoned there were freed. Mpanga and Nalande were damaged, and the bridge linking these two posts was blown up. ■