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Mozambican army officers trained in Zimbabwe with British Assistance (Text) Harare, 24th August: About 40 officers of the Mozambican army yesterday completed a 12 week course in infantry skills at a camp in Zimbabwe not far from the Zimbabwe-Mozambique border. The officers, all platoon commanders, were the second group to be jointly trained by the Zimbabwe National Army and the British Military Advisory Training Team (BMATT). The passing-out parade was witnessed by the Mozambican Secretary of State for (?Defence), Gen Joaquim Munhepe, and the BMATT commander in Zimbabwe, Brig Bob Hodges. Brig Hodges said the training was part of Zimbabwe's programme for strengthening the Mozambican army. He said about 300 Mozambican soldiers would be trained by the end of next year. Maj-Gen Munhepe said the programme was a manifestation of the good relations between Zimbabwe and Mozambique. (ZIANA/PANA in English 1428 gmt 24 Aug 86)