

Report on British training programme in Zimbabwe for Mozambicans (Excerpts from South African agency dispatch datelined Harare, 4th May) The first group of Mozambican army officers to be trained in Zimbabwe by British Military Advisory and Training Team [BMATT] graduated at the weekend, according to reports in Harare. Very little has been disclosed about the training programme, which is designed to upgrade Mozambican President Samora Machel's forces in the eight-year-old civil war against Mozambique National Resistance (MNR) rebels. According to the 'Sunday Mail' there were "at least 48" officers in the first group of trainees which graduated at a ceremony yesterday at the Zimbabwe National Army's battalion battle school at Nyanga.

A spokesman for BMATT told the 'Sunday Mail' the 12-week training programme had been a success. Subjects included basic troop command up to platoon and company level, map-reading, communications and fieldcraft. . . Zimbabwe, which has had up to 11,000 troops deployed in Mozambique, has been gravely concerned by lack of discipline and organisation shown by President Machel's forces during a rainy season counter-offensive by the rebels. . . (SAPA in English 0702 gmt 4 May 86)