

Sweden UN-UNITS/KONGO-MISSION

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Researching further, the author found his Version 1.0 was incorrect in many details.

ONUC:Operation des Nations Unies au Congo

Mandate:Resolution 143 and 145

8th Bat/10th Inf Reg org 22/7-25/11 60 :

- 1st Rifle Coy
- 2nd Rifle Coy
- 3rd Rifle Coy
- Staff/Maintenance Coy

Unitfacts:

- 660 Soldiers and Officers
- organised of volunteers from 11th Bat UNEFI mission.
- Based at Elisabethville

Missions/operations:

- 14/9 parts of 1st Coy had to protect Belgian personal from Manono City to Elisabethville.
- From 31/8-?/10 61 the 2nd Coy had moved to Kamina airbase to protect it.

10th Bat/10th Inf Reg org 19/11 60-7/6 61:

- 1st Rifle Coy
- 2nd Rifle Coy
- 3rd Rifle Coy
- Staff/Maintenance Coy

Unit facts:

- 533 Soldiers and Officers
- Based at Elisabethville

Missions/operations:

- Had do trainescorts from Elisabethville-Luena-Kamina couple of times
- 1/1 61 3rd Coy had to do a forcedemostration against a base outside Pweto city

11th Bat/10th Inf Reg org ?/8-?/10 61:

- 4th Rifle Coy (based at Elisabethville)
- 5th Rifle Coy (based at Kamina)
- Staff/Maintenance Coy

Unit facts:

- 407 Soldiers and officers
- 2 was killed in a airplane accident
- Send to Congo from Gaza organised of volunteers.
- Based in Kitona,Kamina and Elisabethville

Missions/operations:

12th Bat/10th Inf Reg org 7/6-15/12 61:

- 1st Rifle Coy
- 2nd Rifle Coy was sent to 11th Bat ?/8-?/? 61 (as reinforcement)
- 3rd Rifle Coy
- 4th Temporary Rifle Coy
- Staff/Maintenance Coy

Unit facts:

- 650 Soldiers and Officers
- 2 was killed in action
- Based at Elisabethville

Missions/operations:

- Rumpunch
- Morthor
- Decemberwar

14th Bat/10th Inf Reg org 15/12 61-1/5 62:

- 1st Rifle Coy
- 2nd Rifle Coy
- 3rd Rifle Coy
- Staff/Maintenance Coy: 8cm Mortar Platoon, 20mm Air Defence Section

Unit facts:

- 653 Soldiers and Officers
- 3 was killed in action
- 1 was killed in car accident
- 1 was killed in an accidental shot

Missions/operations:

- Decemberwar

16th Bat/6th Art Reg org ?/5-11/10 62:

- 1st Rifle Coy
- 2nd Rifle Coy
- 3rd Rifle Coy
- Staff/Maintenance Coy

Unit facts:

- 662 Soldiers and Officers
- Based at Kamina airbase

Missions/operations:

18th Bat/4th Inf Reg org 11/10 62-20/5 63:

- 1st Rifle Coy
- 2nd Rifle Coy
- 3rd Rifle Coy
- Staff/Maintenance Coy

Unit facts:

- 698 Soldiers and Officers
- 1 was killed in car accident
- Based at Kamina airbase

Missions/operations:

- 31/12 62 the battalion advanced to Kaminaville to maintain law and order
- 12/1 63 forces from battalion had advanced to roadcross and to a bridge to clear it from mines and the battalion chief had heard that day that 1229 gendarms had come to a mission station to get paid. The force advanced fast to the place and it was taken with surprise and the gendarms could not open fire because the weapons were locked in. So the Swedish force came over 1229 weapons with ammo, radiomaterial and vehicles with not a single shot.
- 20/1 63 a force from battalion attacked the Kolwezi city to seize it and to force a gendarm coy to give up in Bukama.

20th Bat/6th Art Reg org 20/5-1/12 63:

- 1st Rifle Coy
- 2nd Rifle Coy
- 3rd Rifle Coy
- Staff/Maintenance Coy: Pioneer Platoon

Unit facts:

- 528 Soldiers and Officers
- Based at Kamina airbase

22nd Bat/4th Inf Reg org 1/12 63-20/5 64:

- 1st Rifle Coy
- 2nd Rifle Coy
- Staff/Maintenance Coy

Unit facts:

- 303 Soldiers and Officers
- Based at Kamina airbase

Eng Bat/:

- Traffic Coy
- Fortification Coy
- Qm Coy
- Camp Coy
- Electricity Platoon
- Road Platoon
- Sanitary Platoon
- Storage Platoon
- Farming Platoon
- Telephone Group

Unitfacts:

- Swedish battalionchief
- organised with 500 Congolese workers

UN OPERATIONS IN ONUC-MISSION

Operation Rumpunch 28/8-?/8 1961

Swedish/Irish Brigade:

- 12th Swedish Bat: 1st, 2nd, 3rd Rifle, Staff Coy
- 35th Irish Bat: A-C Rifle, Armoredcar, Staff Coy, Mortar Platoon
- 1st Indian Dogra Bat: A-D Rifle, Support, Administration Coy
- Indian Independent Signal Coy

Operation Morthor 13/9-18/9 1961

Swedish/Irish/Indian Brigade:

- 12th Swedish Bat: 1st, 2nd, 3rd Rifle, Staff Coy
- 35th Irish Bat: A-C Rifle, Armoredcar, Staff Coy, Mortar Platoon
- 1st Indian Dogra Bat: A-D Rifle, Support, Administration Coy
- 3/1st Gurkha Bat: A-D Rifle, Support, Administration Coy

Decemberkriget 2/12-18/12 1961

1st Swedish/Irish Brigade:

- 12th Swedish Bat
 - 14th Swedish Bat (5/12 came 3rd Rifle, Staff Coy) (1st, 2nd Rifle Coy came 12/12)
 - 35th Irish Bat: A-C Rifle, Armoredcar, Staff Coy, Mortar Platoon
 - 36th Irish Bat
- 2nd Indian/Ethiopian Brigade:
- 1st Indian Dogra Bat: A-D Rifle, Support, Administration Coy
 - 3/1st Gurkha Bat: A-D Rifle, Support, Administration Coy
 - 8th Ethiopian Bat
 - 35th Ethiopian Bat

Operation Rumpunch 28/8 1961:

Mission:

- To arrest foreign mercenaries
- 12th Swedish Bat missionorder:
- Siege central part of town
 - Siege Radiostation Kilobelobe
 - Have a brigadereserve in Parc Albert
- 35th Irish Bat missionorder:
- Siege Gendarmhotel
 - Siege Gendarm HQ
 - Defence the airport
- 1st Indian Dogra Bat missionorder:
- Siegephonestation
 - Siege/hold/Control the Radio Katanga

Operation order No 6-Operation Morthor:

Missions:

- UN forces in Evillearea should maintain law and order with siege of radioinstallations and postoffice.
- UN should take persons som are guilty to disturbance of the peace in Katanga.

Execution:

- Siege of radioinstallations and postoffice
 - Arrest of interior Mr Munongo
 - Arrest of Informationsminister Mr Samelenge and white conseillers in the ministry
 - Arrest of Financeminister Mr Kibwe
 - Arrest of Foreignministern Mr Kimba
 - Arrest of African Cheifs of Surete and all white workers there
- 12th Swedish Bat missionorder:
- Siege/hold radiotransmitter on Route de le Kilobelobe
 - Take minister of interior Mr Munongo i UN custody
 - Siege officers of Surete,take over information and take the Africanchiefs and all white workers in custody
- 35th Irish Bat missionorder:
- Siege/hold radiostation on Colleege St Francois
 - To take Financeminister Mr Kibwe in UN custody
 - Siege/hold and be ready to blockade railwaytunnel
 - Send a 1 machinegunsection to Italian hospital
 - Hold 1 platoon in Albert park as a brigadereserve to take foreignminister Mr Kimba in UN custody or to do other missions in brigadearea
 - Secure prisioncamp on factory and own lines
 - Arrangement for the local defence on Verfaillesgarage
- 1st Indian Dogra Bat missionorder:
- Siege/hold Eville postoffice and radioinstallations
 - Siege/hold the radio Katanga studios
 - Be ready to take Informationsminister Mr Samelenge in UN custody
- 3/1 Gurkha Bat missionorder:
- 1 platoon to defence Katanga Command HQ on Castle
 - 1 Machinegun platoon to defence the Indian storagedepot
 - Brigadareserve in Lido
- Airportgroup missionorder:
- Secure Seville airport
 - Secure landnings and takeoffs on UN planes
 - Have escorts to airport from Sabena Villa when its nessecery

Decemberwar (operation Unokat):

Congo gendarms declair war against UN-forces in Elisabethville after operation morthor they was almost 4000. The seige important points and roadblockades.

In 4/12 so executed 2 UN Brigadecombatgroups a counterattack against gendarm holded places and destroyed roadblockades.

- Gendarmforces had lost 202 in dead and 58 wounded
- ONUC lost 21 in dead and 100 wounded