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SUMMARY: ~~(C)~~ BURMESE MILITARY USES PRESSED LABOUR TO
COUNTER INSURGENT TACTICS. THE THREAT OF IMPRESSMENT
AS A PORTER IS USED BY THE ARMY FOR FINANCIAL GAIN
THROUGH BRIBES. WOMEN ARE BEING IMPRESSED AS LAUNDRY
WORKERS AND COOKS.TEXT: 1. ~~(C)~~ BURMESE MILITARY HAS BEGUN TO USE THE
THREAT OF IMPRESSMENT AS A PORTER AS A MEANS TO GAIN
FINANCIAL GAINS. INDIVIDUALS ARE ADVISED THEY WILL BE
IMPRESSED UNLESS THEY CAN PAY A BRIBE. IF UNABLE TO
PAY, THE INDIVIDUAL IS SEIZED AS A PORTER AND SENT TO
THE TACTICAL OPERATION.2. ~~(C)~~ WOMEN ARE NOW BEING IMPRESSED AS LAUNDRY WORK-
ERS AND COOKS FOR THE SOLDIERS.3. ~~(C)~~ THE BURMESE ARMY HAS COMMENCED A TACTIC WHILE
MOVING THROUGH INSURGENT INFESTED AREAS OF INTERMIXING
PORTERS WITH SOLDIERS. PRIOR TO THIS THE BURMESE ARMY
HAD PLACED PORTERS TO THE FRONT OF COLUMNS IN ORDER TO~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

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CLEAR BOOBY TRAPS, DETONATE MINES, AND DRAW THE INSUR-
GENT'S FIRE. THE INSURGENTS HAD COUNTERED BY FIRING ON
THE REAR OF COLUMNS IN ORDER TO REDUCE CASUALTIES TO
THE PORTERS. LESS PORTERS ARE NOW USED AT THE FRONT OF
COLUMNS.

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