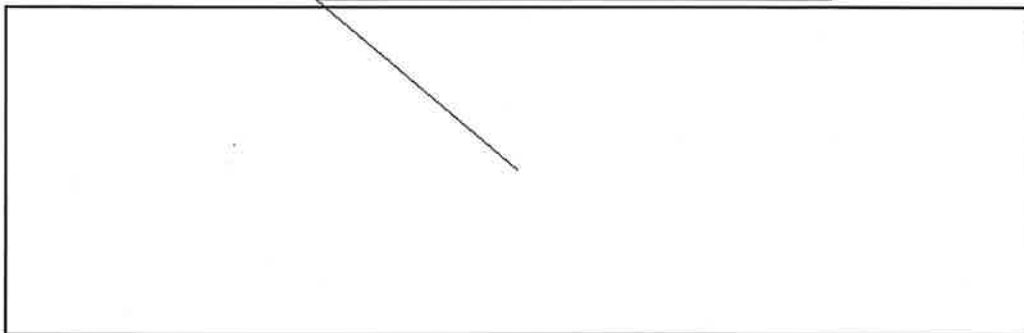


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TEXT 1. ~~(C/NF)~~ GOVERNMENT FORCES CONTINUE TO
OPERATE IN
GUERRILLA AREAS THROUGHOUT THE COUNTRY.
2. ~~(C/NF)~~ OPERATION "RELAMPAGO III," CONDUCTED BY THE 4TH BRIGADE
IN CHALATENANGO FROM 28 JULY TO 12 AUGUST, REPORTEDLY ENCOUNTERED
STIFF RESISTANCE ON 5 AUGUST, WHEN GOVERNMENT FORCES CLASHED WITH
ENTRENCHED GUERRILLA UNITS. EVENTUALLY, THE INSURGENTS WERE DRIVEN

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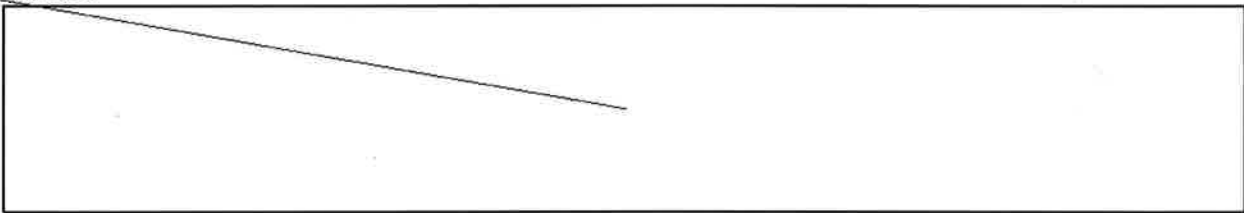
FROM THEIR STRONGHOLDS BUT REPORTEDLY AT A HIGH COST IN BOTH GOVERNMENT CASUALTIES AND DEFECTIONS. THE THIRD PHASE OF THE OPERATION--A COORDINATED DRIVE INTO CABANAS DEPARTMENT--APPARENTLY WAS CANCELLED.

3. ~~(C/NF)~~ MEANWHILE, OPERATION "MAQUILISHUAT" FORCES REPORTEDLY PERFORMED A 3-DAY OPERATION (7 TO 10 AUGUST) IN THE AREA OF CERROS DE SAN PEDRO, NORTHERN SAN VICENTE DEPARTMENT. ELEMENTS OF THE BELLOSO BATTALION AND TWO CAZADOR BATTALIONS WERE SAID TO HAVE DRIVEN GUERRILLA UNITS INTO SOUTHWESTERN CABANAS AFTER INFLECTING HEAVY CASUALTIES. IN CENTRAL SAN VICENTE, THE PIPIL BATTALION HAS BEEN OPERATING NEAR CHICHONTEPEC VOLCANO TO INTERCEPT GUERRILLAS FILTERING BACK INTO THE AREA.

4. ~~(C/NF)~~ IN MORAZAN DEPARTMENT, THE AIRBORNE AND LENCA BATTALIONS HAVE BEEN OPERATING BELOW THE TOROLA RIVER TO BLOCK GUERRILLA MOVEMENT SOUTH OF THE RIVER AND TO SEVER INSURGENT SUPPLY LINES. IN SOUTHEASTERN USULUTAN DEPARTMENT, OPERATION "VICTORY" WAS LAUNCHED ON 17 AUGUST TO INTERDICT A KEY ARMS INFILTRATION ROUTE ALONG THE COAST.

5. ~~(C/NF)~~ IN CUSCATLAN, OPERATION "SALITRE V" REPORTEDLY WAS TERMINATED SO GOVERNMENT FORCES COULD COUNTER A PERCEIVED THREAT IN THE SOUTHERN PART OF THE DEPARTMENT. NEVERTHELESS, THE GOVERNMENT CONTINUES TO MAINTAIN A PRESENCE IN THE STRATEGIC GUAZAPA VOLCANO AREA.

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