

headquarters at Plaine-Des Jarres and are submitting situation reports periodically to the IC.

mentioned that they had no shortage of rice on the way. Commander Tamsok also informed the Committee that

process of integration was going on well and that he had no

major difficulties in performing his task. So far he had

received 119 people. The total number, he was expecting was 4500

and he did not think that his task will be completed by the 18th

January, the last day of completion of the integration. After

18th Jan. it is possible that a number of personnel will continue

to pass through Plaine-Des Jarres in order to be despatched

to their homes. However the actual integration in his opinion

would be completed by the deadline 18th Jan. He said that it

may even continue in the month of February. He told that the

whole route from Sam Neua to Plaine-Des Jarres took 13 days to

accomplish and it was divided into sectors. In addition to the

stations and stores at various stages, the local villagers were

made responsible for looking after the convoy and for rendering

any assistance which was necessary. They convoys are divided

into groups with suitable persons in charge of each group for

the purpose of command and control. The Commandant also told

the Committee that there was no difficulty experienced here by

the ex-PL in accomplishing the daily stages which were in the

vicinity of 20 to 25 kilometres and it took them 13 days to

come to Plaine-Des Jarres including 3 to 4 days halt on route.

The collecting posts on route were 4 in number namely, HUA MUONG,

LAN LA, M NCOI and LAT BOUA and they were connected to Plaine-Des

Jarres by means of wireless communication. So by this method

the progress of the integration was kept in fairly good picture as to the progress

of the convoy. The total distance to be covered by foot is 250-275

kilometres. The general reputation of the Committee was that the

Government had made adequate arrangements, both

logistical and welfare, for the foot convoy coming and that

there was general contentment and happiness over integration.

Commander Tamsok is regularly in contact with the INA