



CAMBODIAN FIXED INSPECTION TEAM

The Kampot Fixed Team, consisting of Indian, Polish and Canadian Officers, is shown above with interpreters during an investigation in a remote village. Seated in the front row are: Commander Malia, Indian Navy (in the white uniform), Captain Malianowski, Polish Army, on his right, and the author, Major Maclean, Canadian Army, on his left. French coconuts, brought by the villagers, are shown in the foreground.

asked one old man if he ever left the village. He replied, "no". When asked why, he stated that he was old and he didn't want to leave, all he wanted to do was to sit by his house. We decided then to ask a younger man and chose a good looking Cambodian about 18 years old. He was asked if he could leave the village and go into the nearest town (sic) if he wished. He said, "no". We all perked up at this and were ready for a story of local authorities' suppression of freedom of movement. When asked who would not allow him to leave he replied: "my father". That broke up the meeting and we moved on to another nearby village. The outcome of this investigation was that we found no government restriction on the freedom of movement of the villagers.

When in the rural areas on a case we always draw a large crowd and at the end of the investigation we asked if any one had any complaints. On one occasion an old man came forward and stated his case: he complained that