

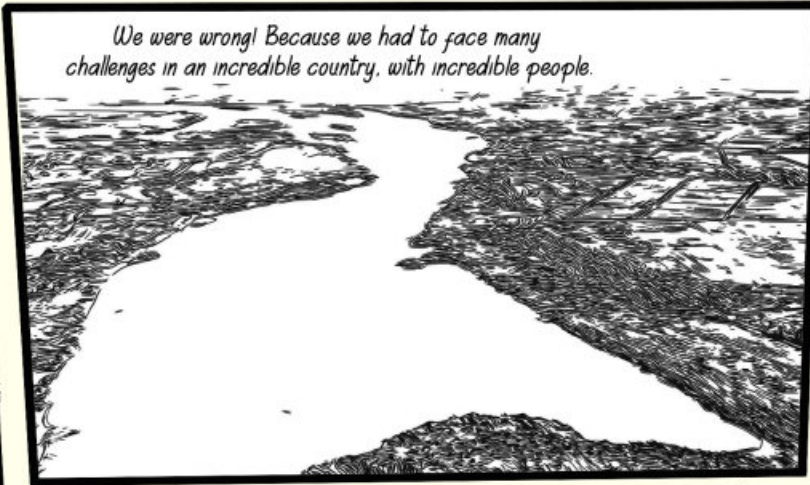
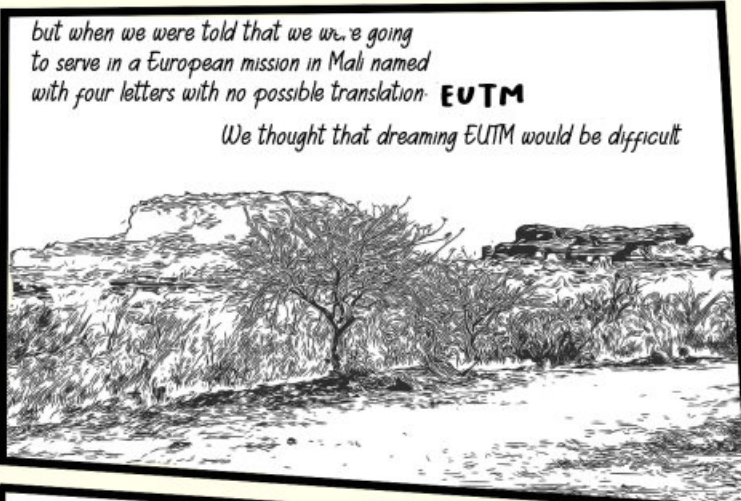
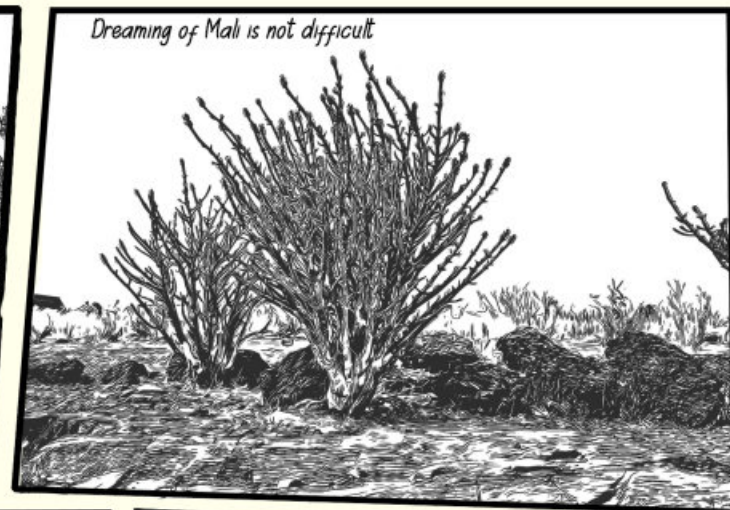
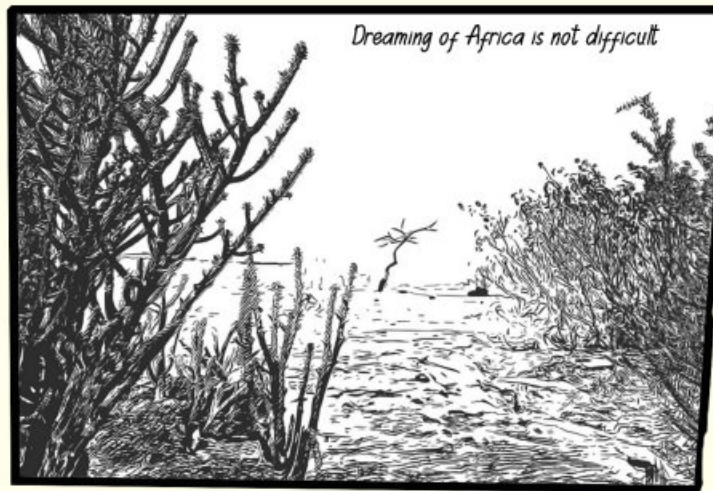
A MISSION IN MALI

DREAMING AFRICA

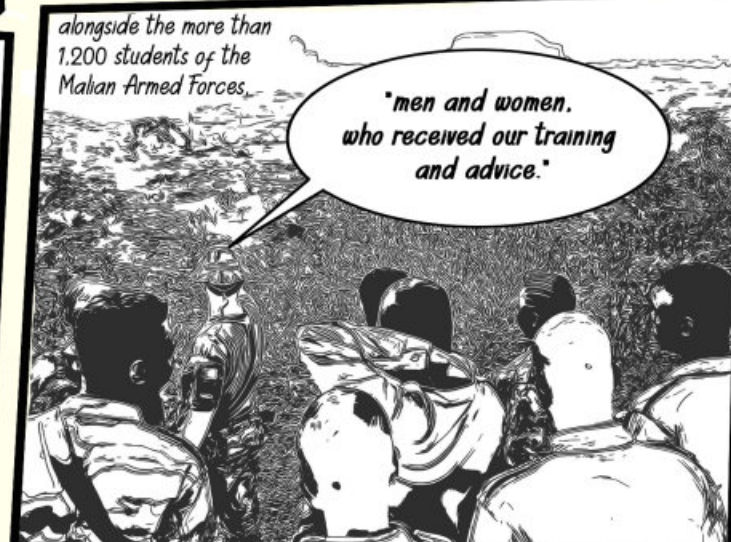
*This is not a
drawing, this is
.....a mission*



A MISSION IN MALI Dreaming Africa



EUTM XV



We have to go back to December 12, 2019.
That day, at sunset, the mission began...

THE LIGHT,
THE RIVER,
THE SOUNDS,
THE ODORS,
IT'S ALL SO
SPECIAL

There wasn't much time, so we soon started working.
"On what?" you ask Well, a great many, and different,
tasks and missions. We began to provide security, courses
in support of the Malian Armed Forces, in classrooms,
either in Bamako, in KTC or wherever we were needed.

...with the assumption of command by the new Mission Force
Commander General Joao Boga Ribeiro.

"Quickly, but calmly,
put the charger in....
get ready to shoot..."

Koudou, your sector,
you cannot ignore
your sector

And we went out to the field with them, they
became our comrades and our brothers. We
came to support the people of Mali.

We are a team now, we know we would have to face many
challenges. Six months later we know that the challenges
continue but that we have overcome them. It doesn't matter
where, but if they need us, we'll be there.

...all of us together
we are able to accept
these challenges...

It's December, the thermometer registers
over forty degrees and we're still on patrol.
If you want to know more about our mission
follow us...

We don't stop here! We are relentless in our efforts to provide advice to both the Malian Armed Forces and the Force Conjointe du 65 Sahel, made up of Burkina Faso, Chad, Mali, Mauritania and Niger.



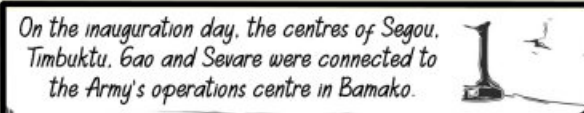
**SPEED AND PRECISION,
DON'T OVERTIGHTEN
THE TOURNIQUET,
YOU'LL BREAK IT!**



We set out on a huge project which was presented in the last week of December: the new command and control system: The C2OPS.

**WE KEEP
WORKING,
IT DOESN'T
STOP HERE!**

On the inauguration day, the centres of Segou, Timbuktu, Gao and Sevare were connected to the Army's operations centre in Bamako.



*"Now we'll all be connected
looking to the future".*



*"When you are instructors,
correct the position of
the shooters the same way
I correct yours."*

At the same time we were training the trainers, on EUTM field exercises, completing two instructor level courses.

Where? At the Koulikoro Training Camp, the Factory, so named because it is the place where MaAF soldiers and commanders are trained in a thousand skills. The Malian Armed Forces. The reason for our existence!

We spent Christmas in MALI and learned that we have four families: our family at home, the military family, the EUTM family and the family of all our colleagues in Mali, their army and the various Malian and European institutions that support us



**Don't stop,
keep shooting
and get
the target
right.**



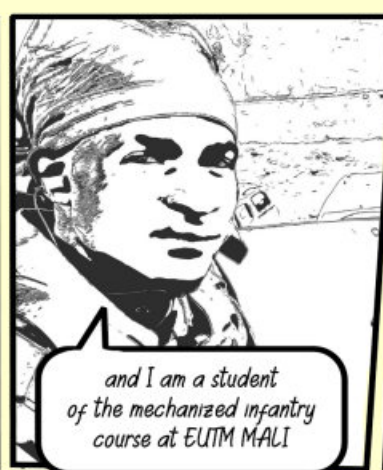
**GOOD
JOB!!!**



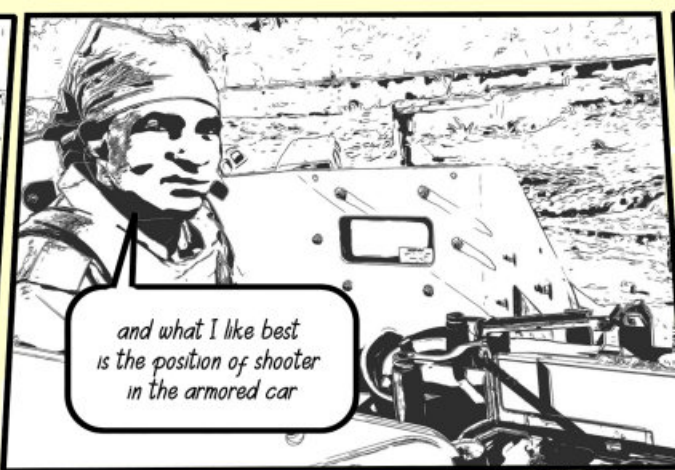
*merry christmas but.....
it doesn't stop here!*



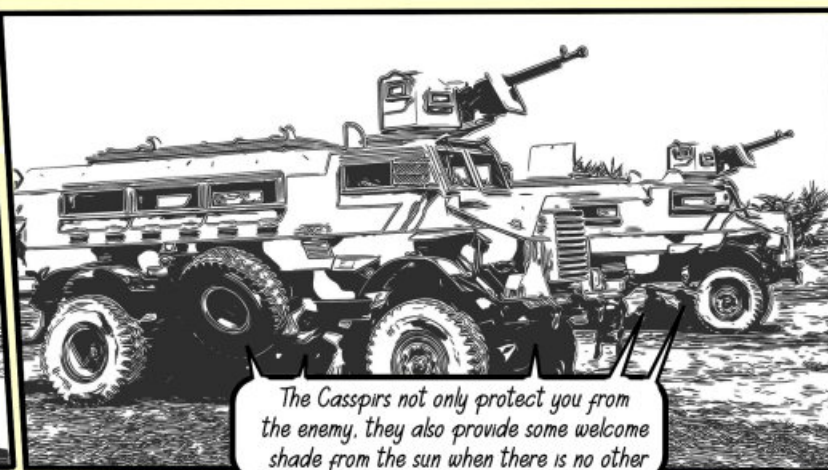
My name is Wolo



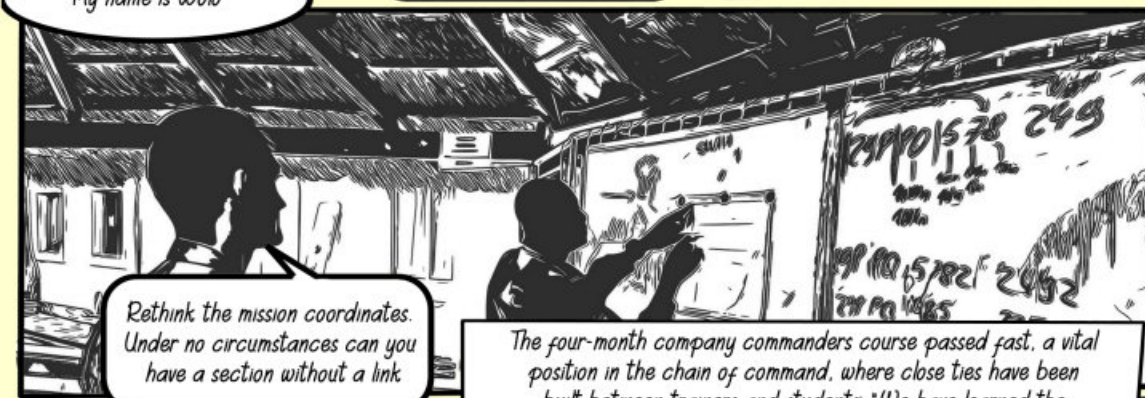
and I am a student of the mechanized infantry course at EUTM MALI



and what I like best is the position of shooter in the armored car



The Casspirs not only protect you from the enemy, they also provide some welcome shade from the sun when there is no other

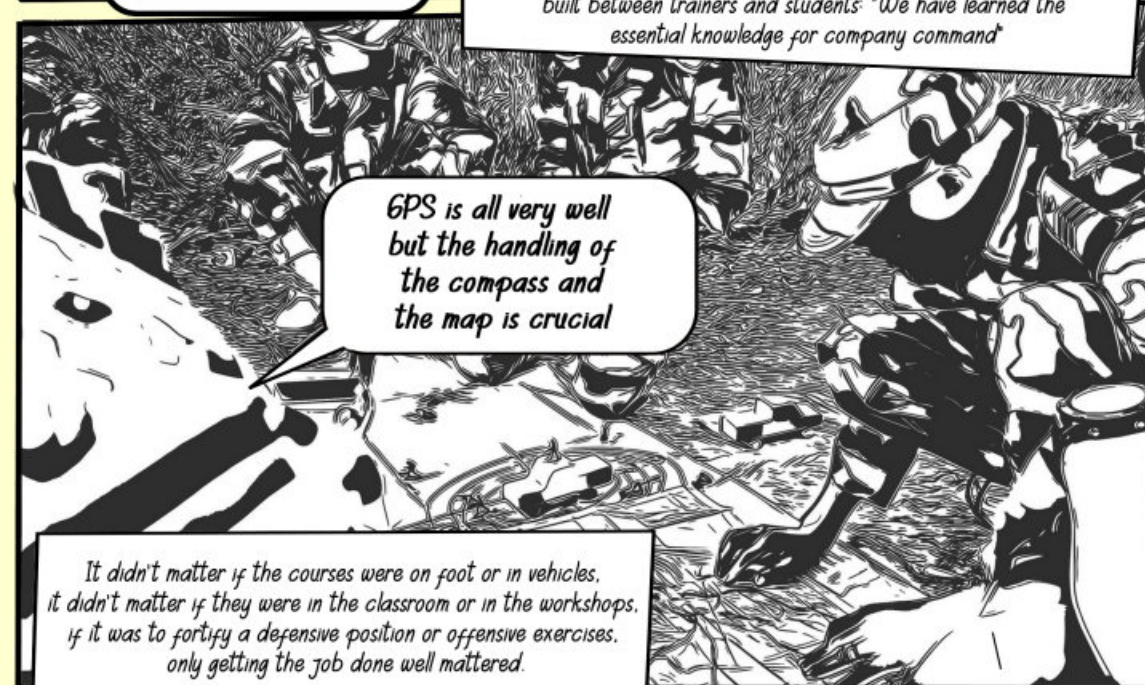


Rethink the mission coordinates. Under no circumstances can you have a section without a link.

The four-month company commanders course passed fast, a vital position in the chain of command, where close ties have been built between trainers and students: "We have learned the essential knowledge for company command"

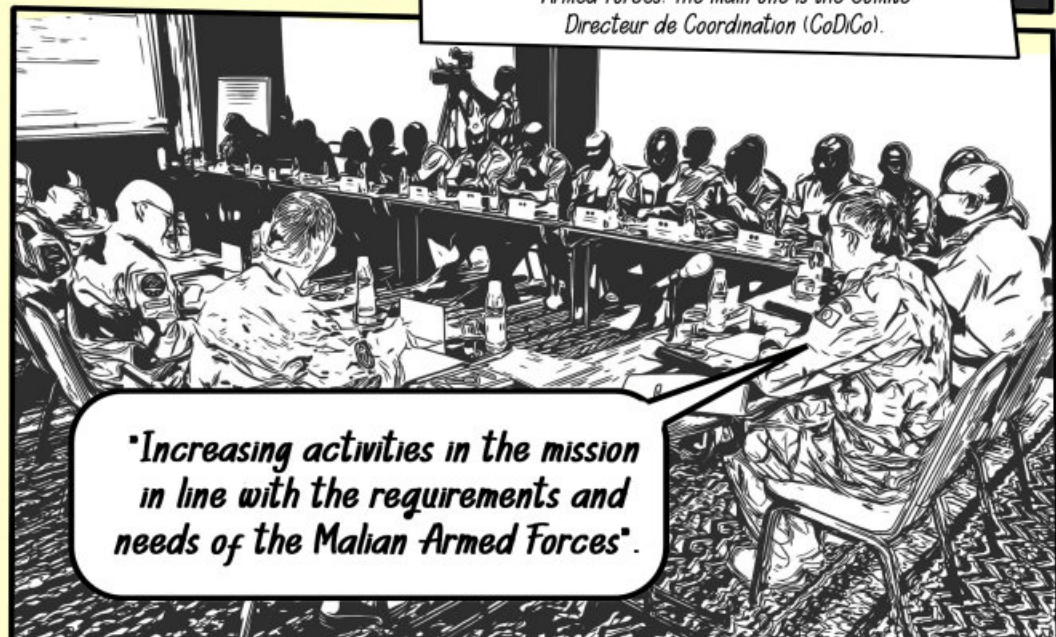


Coordination meetings were held on an continuous basis to adjust training to the needs of the Malian Armed Forces. The main one is the Comité Directeur de Coordination (CoDiCo).



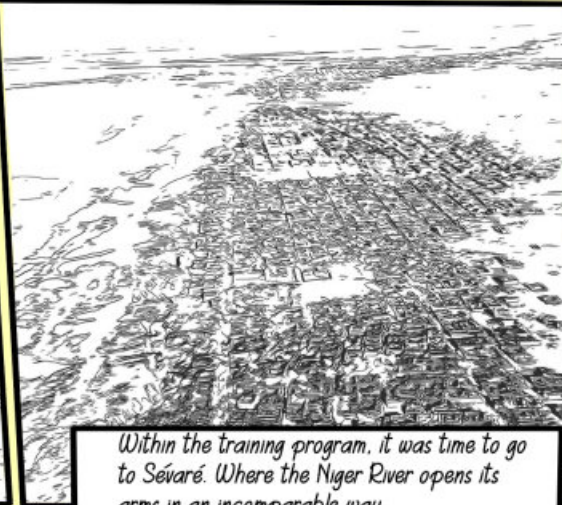
GPS is all very well but the handling of the compass and the map is crucial

It didn't matter if the courses were on foot or in vehicles, it didn't matter if they were in the classroom or in the workshops, if it was to fortify a defensive position or offensive exercises, only getting the job done well mattered.



"Increasing activities in the mission in line with the requirements and needs of the Malian Armed Forces".

To talk about EUTM is to talk about Bamako, the capital of Mali. To talk about EUTM is to talk about Koulikoro. But, to talk about EUTM is also to talk about the military regions of Segou, Kati, Kayes, Sévaré, Sikasso, and the southern bank of the Niger River, the cities of Gao and Timbuktu and the sector of the Joint Force G5 Sahel Headquarters in Niger, Chad and Mauritania

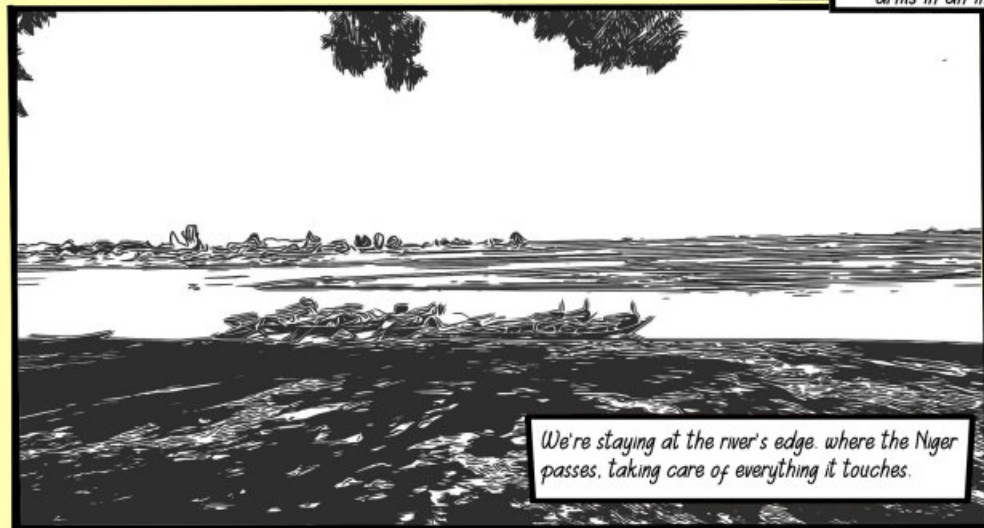


Within the training program, it was time to go to Sévaré. Where the Niger River opens its arms in an incomparable way.

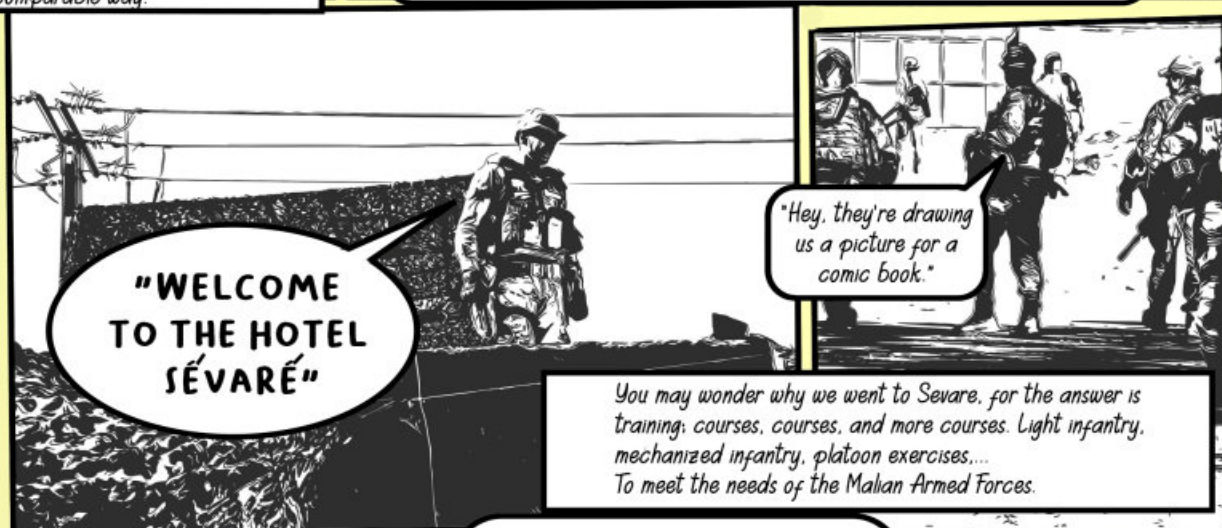
Logistics is a complex issue. It was a long road trip to take all the means. A road trip to the North. Sévaré was waiting for us and the Malian Armed Forces were waiting for us to continue their training. More than 700 km. In three days.



"I know where the ammunition, office supplies, audio-visual media and everything else has been loaded, but where did we put the sandwiches!?"



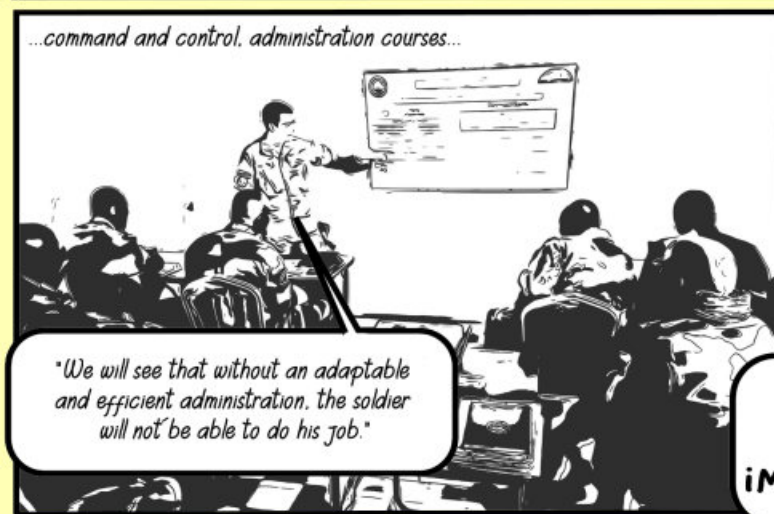
We're staying at the river's edge, where the Niger passes, taking care of everything it touches.



"WELCOME TO THE HOTEL SEVARÉ"

"Hey, they're drawing us a picture for a comic book."

You may wonder why we went to Sevaré, for the answer is training, courses, courses, and more courses. Light infantry, mechanized infantry, platoon exercises... To meet the needs of the Malian Armed Forces.



...command and control, administration courses...

"We will see that without an adaptable and efficient administration, the soldier will not be able to do his job."



"FLEXIBLE LOGISTICS ARE IMPORTANT HERE."



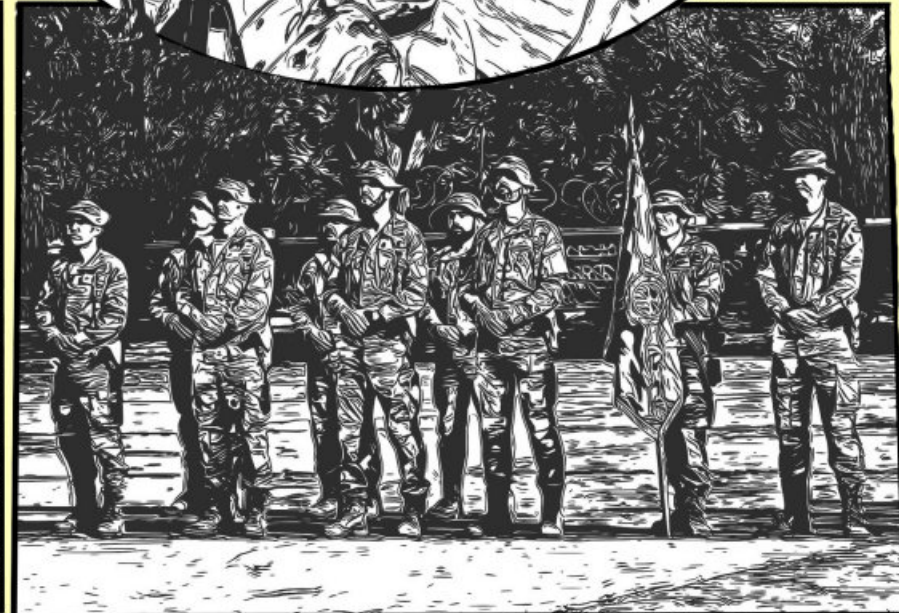
"A logistic system that allows us to place in any part of the country, everything required to provide the courses".

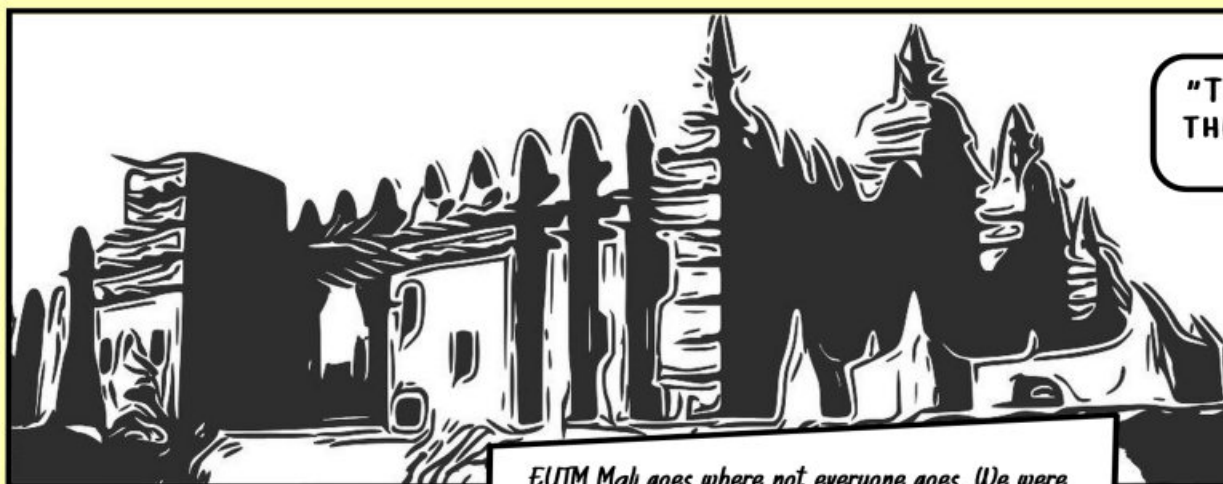
"Yes, yes, but in the end, the other day the sandwiches didn't show up"

"Imagine how difficult it is to give protection to a force that never, ever, stops"

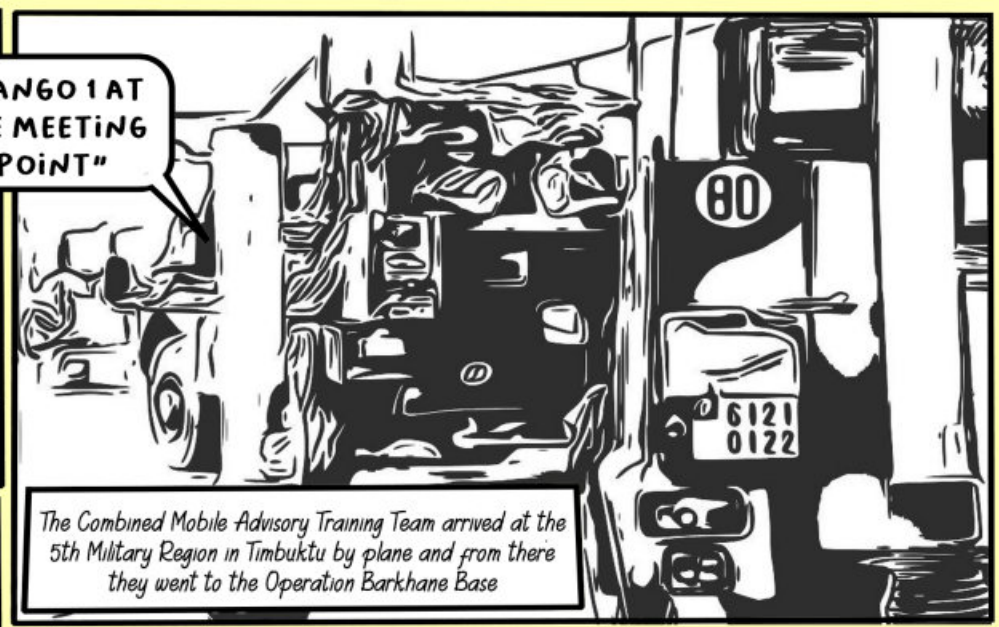


"What Force Protection does is better explained in pictures."



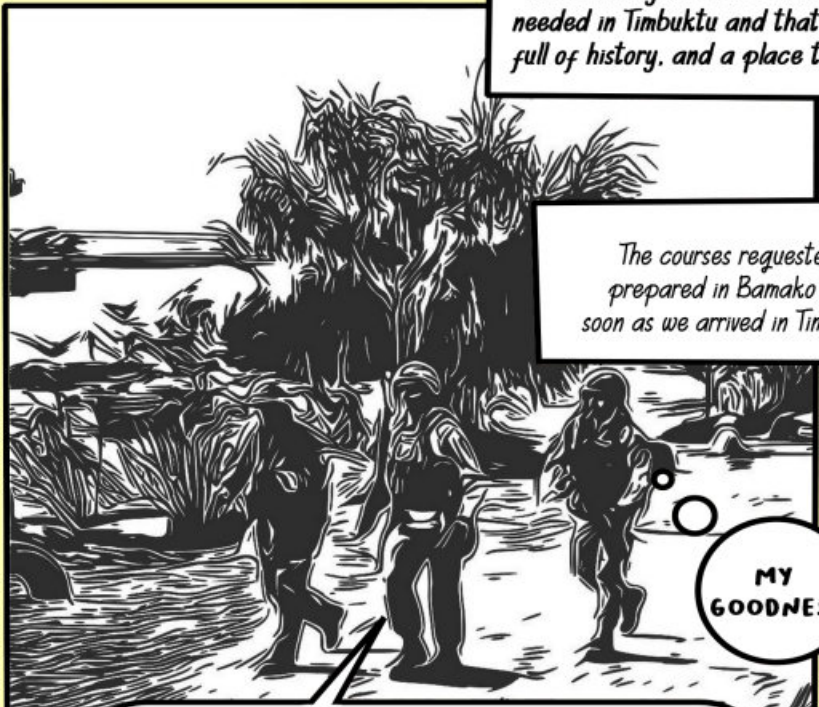


"TANGO 1 AT THE MEETING POINT"

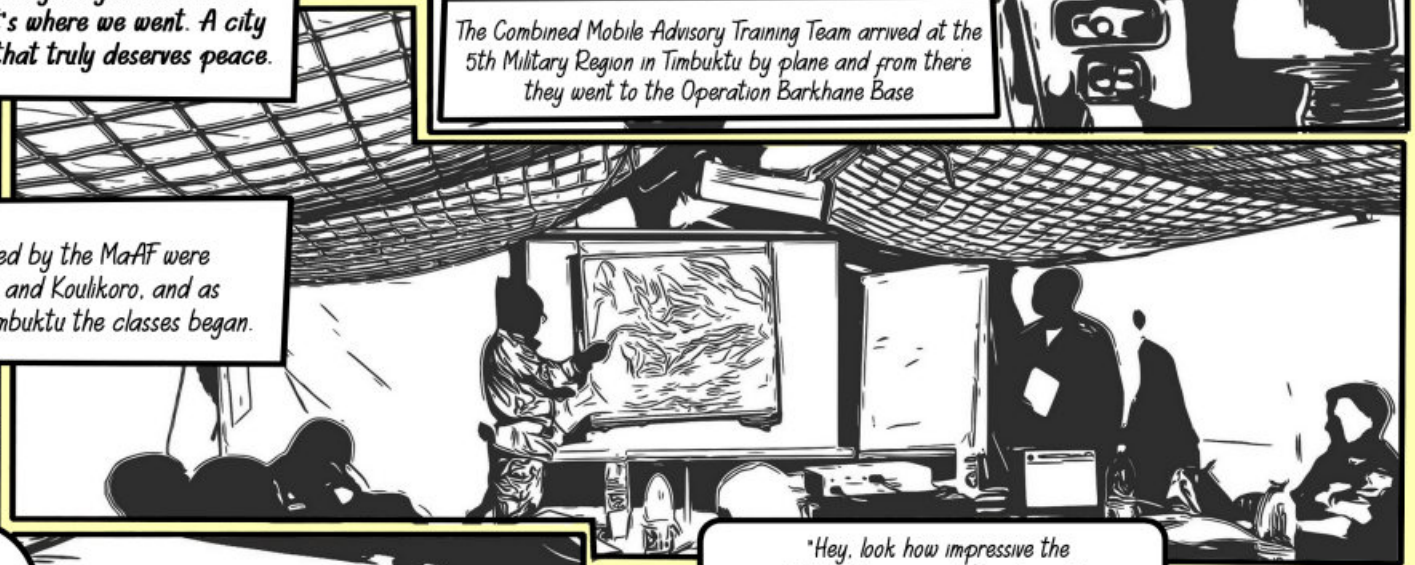


EUTM Mali goes where not everyone goes. We were needed in Timbuktu and that's where we went. A city full of history, and a place that truly deserves peace.

The Combined Mobile Advisory Training Team arrived at the 5th Military Region in Timbuktu by plane and from there they went to the Operation Barkhane Base



The courses requested by the MaAF were prepared in Bamako and Koulikoro, and as soon as we arrived in Timbuktu the classes began.



MY GOODNESS

"Hey, look how impressive the Timbuktu mosque looks at sunset"

"We have used Malian doctrine as a guideline, and we are going to go over the essential elements of the doctrine, the command and control structure of the MaAF and the theory of planning at the operational level. These may seem like strange words, but this knowledge is really necessary to succeed in a mission".

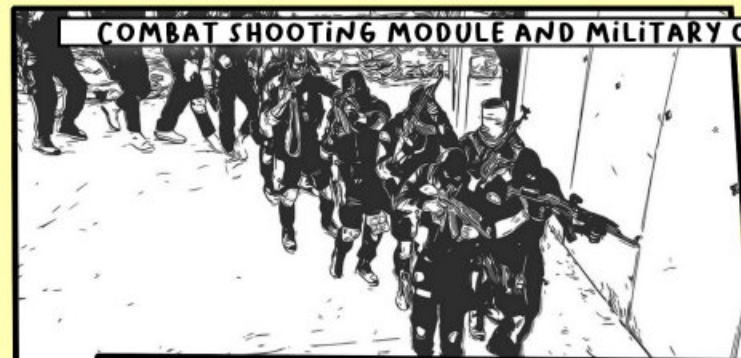


"Well, yes, the schedule will be intense, but the volume of the course makes it recommendable."



Walking around Tombuktu is walking through history and EUTM MALI is already part of the history of this country.

COMBAT SHOOTING MODULE AND MILITARY OPERATIONS IN URBAN TERRAIN



Red 1
to Tango 2

EUTM MALI deployed trainers and Force Protection elements to provide training to the National Guard's Anti-Terrorism Special Forces. Trainers and equipment went to their facilities in Bamako

The objective was to support FORSAT and for them to acquire the necessary knowledge to carry out counter-terrorism operations: direct actions and hostage release operations.

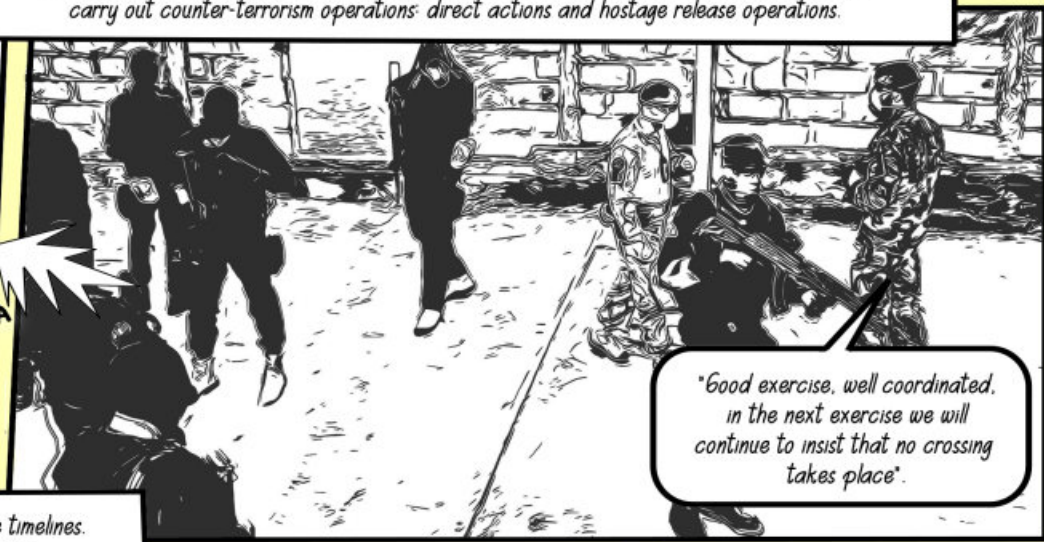


**"GET DOWN,
GET DOWN!"**

BAAAM



**RA TATA
TATA TA**



"Good exercise, well coordinated, in the next exercise we will continue to insist that no crossing takes place"

The trainees learned TCCC is designed to treat battlefield casualties in line with clinical guidance timelines. The MARCHE Protocol emphasis is on arresting haemorrhage by using tourniquets and haemostatic dressings as well as basic casualty management from point of injury to the evacuation platform.

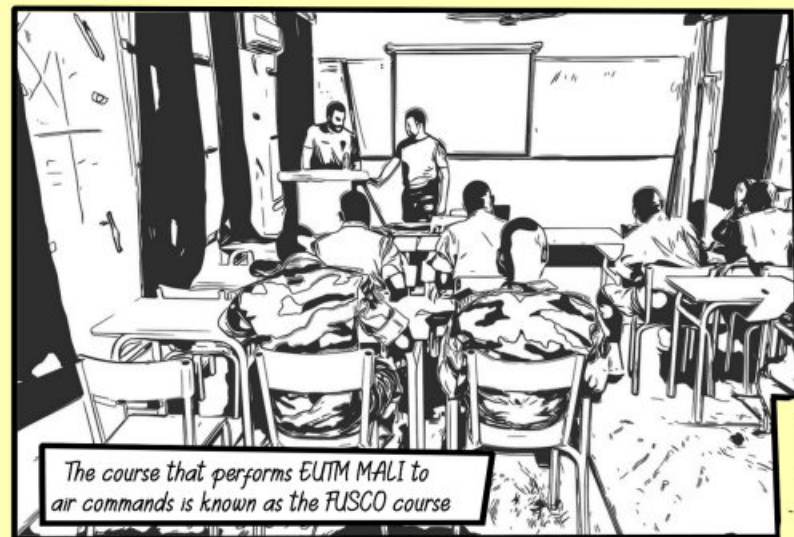


**"Come on,
come on,
let's get there
in time"**



**"Good job,
we saved
his life."**

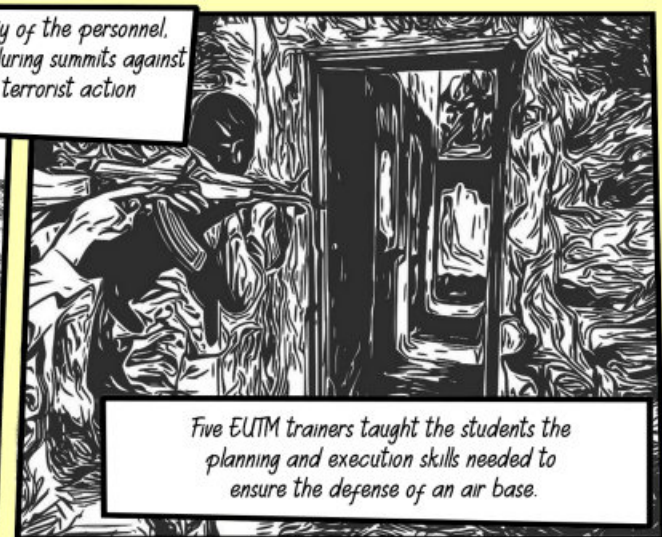
TACTICAL COMBAT CASUALTY CARE



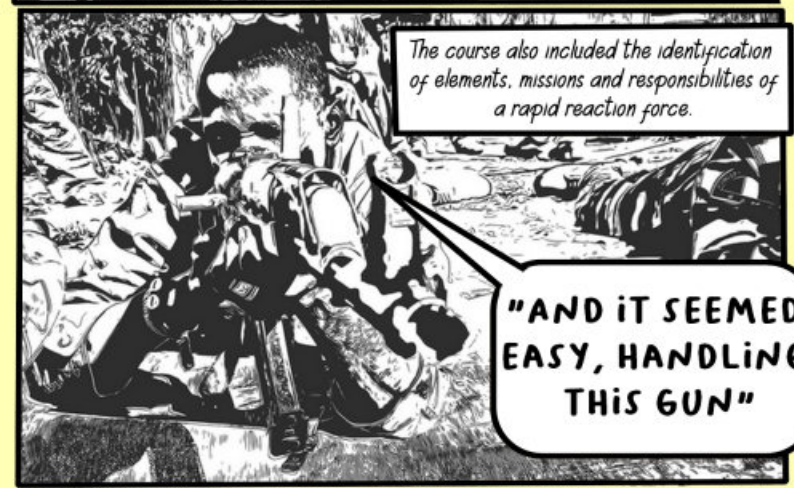
The course that performs EUTM MALI to air commands is known as the FUSCO course



The Fusiliers Commandos de l'Air (FUSCO) mission is to guarantee the safety of the personnel, aircraft, equipment and infrastructure of the air base as well as airports during summits against potential attacks such as malicious acts, espionage and/or multiform terrorist action

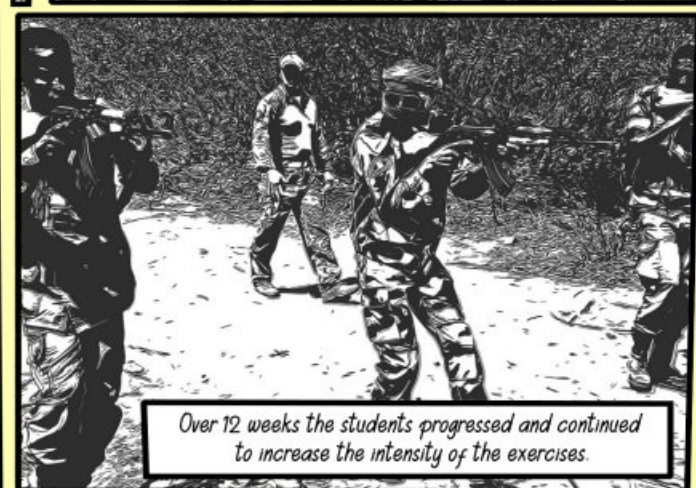


Five EUTM trainers taught the students the planning and execution skills needed to ensure the defense of an air base.

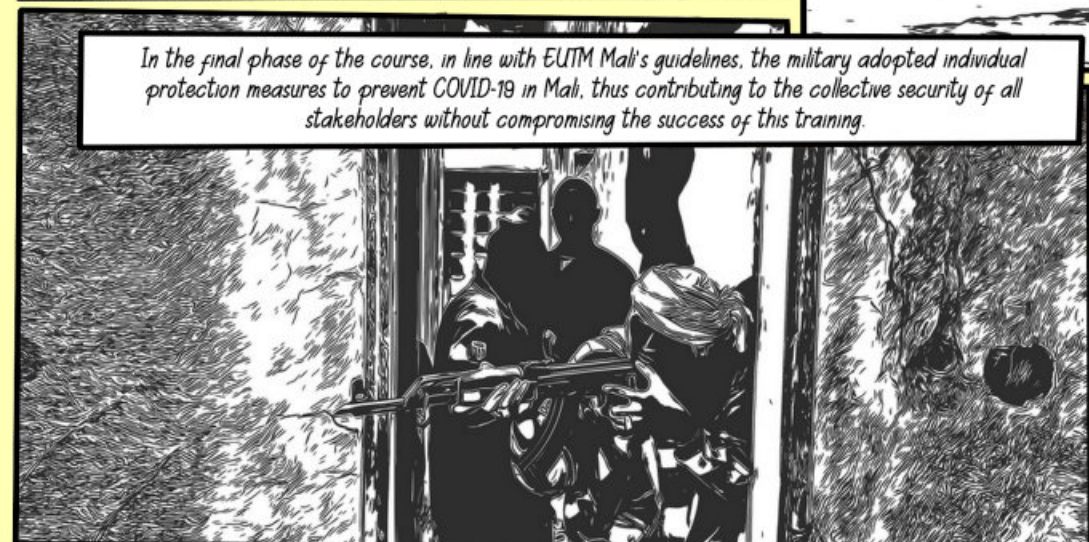


The course also included the identification of elements, missions and responsibilities of a rapid reaction force.

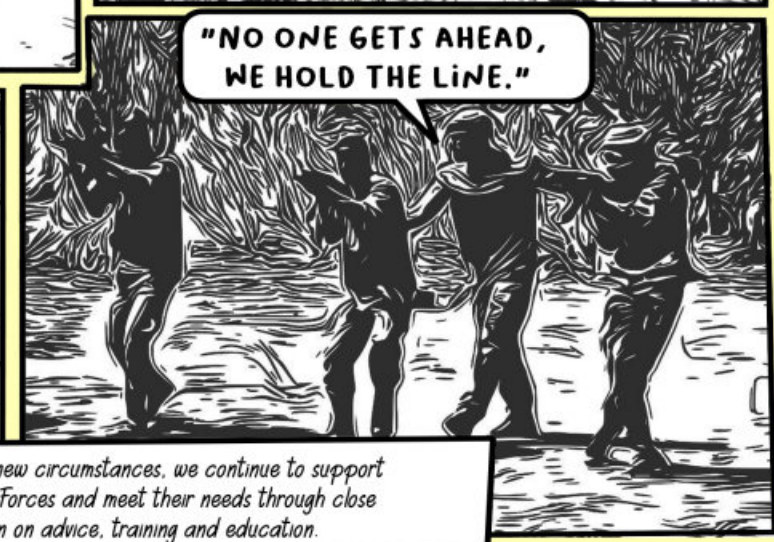
"AND IT SEEMED EASY, HANDLING THIS GUN"



Over 12 weeks the students progressed and continued to increase the intensity of the exercises.



In the final phase of the course, in line with EUTM Mali's guidelines, the military adopted individual protection measures to prevent COVID-19 in Mali, thus contributing to the collective security of all stakeholders without compromising the success of this training.

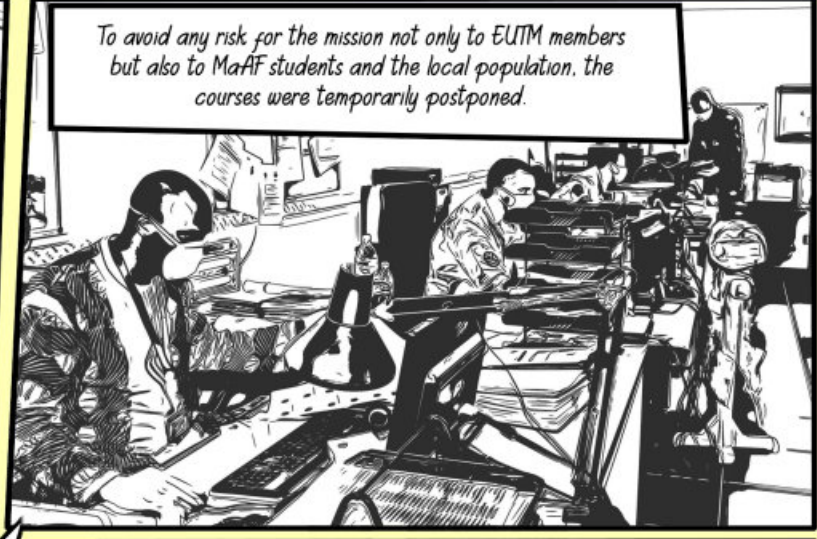


"NO ONE GETS AHEAD, WE HOLD THE LINE."

And also with this new circumstances, we continue to support the Malian Armed Forces and meet their needs through close cooperation on advice, training and education.



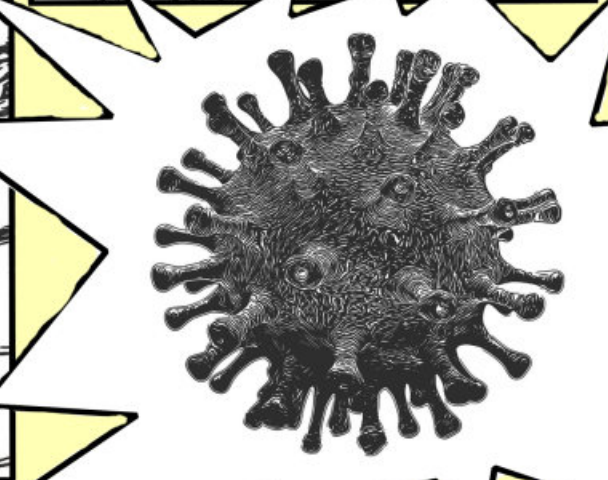
Throughout these months we have faced many challenges. But there was one we didn't expect when we were told we were part of the EUTM Mali mission: the coronavirus.



To avoid any risk for the mission not only to EUTM members but also to MaAF students and the local population, the courses were temporarily postponed.



The Force Protection continued with its exercises giving security by taking the anti-covid measures.



First it was a matter of ensuring security against the COVID until the mission could continue with the activities again.

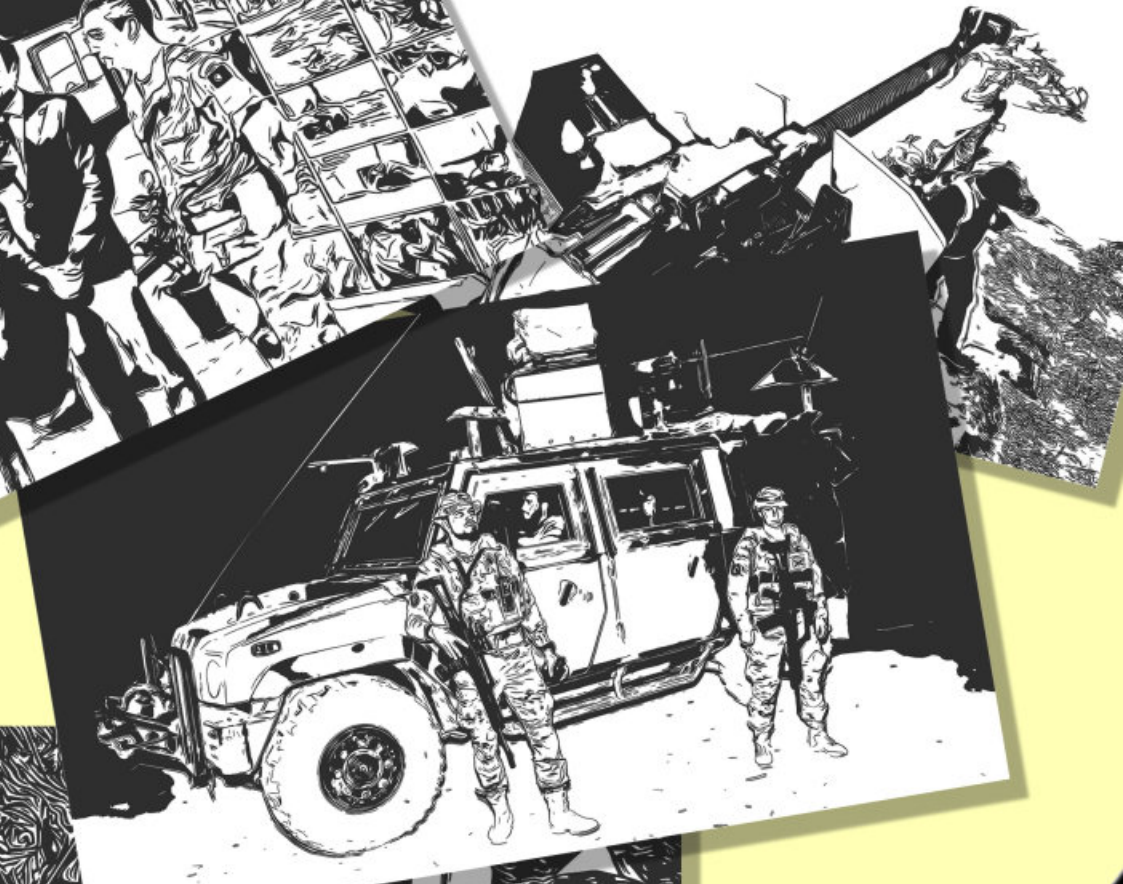


Education and advisory activities and those that could be done digitally were maintained. Social distance measures were taken.



"WELL, IT'S GOING TO BE TRUE THAT IT NEVER STOPS HERE"

We had to keep working because soon the activities will return





**"WE'LL LEAVE OUT HERE
KNOWING THAT IT
WAS WORTH IT"**

