on 4 March 1965, G1 left on their first mission, accompanied by Comrades Tobias Hainjeko and Peter Nanyemba (who was then SWAPO Representative in Tanzania). From the Kongwa training base they travelled nearly 1000 km to Mbeya (Tanzania) at the borders with Zambia, to the village of Nakonde. There they contacted Mr. Shikombe, a member of the UNIP and Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs, who was also known to them from their first journey from South West Africa to Tanganyika. Mr. Shikombe extended a warm welcome, and later transported their weapons from Nankudhu to Lusaka (1100 kilometres), and then to the border between Zambia and South West Africa. At the border they were given the two PPSH sub-machine guns and two 7.6 mm TT pistols by Comrade Peter Nanyemba. Nanyemba and Hainjeko remained behind.

After G1 received their weapons at the borders, they proceeded to Sesheke (Zambia) and crossed, at great risk, into Katima Mulilo in the far eastern Caprivi Strip. They then travelled back into Zambia to cross the Cuando River into Angola, and made their way into the north-western corner of South West Africa into the Mbukushu area. They went to the house of a certain SWAPO member who wholeheartedly welcomed them. The next day, they took some of them to Andara Roman Catholic Mission where they bought three bicycles.

While G1 were in the Mbukushu area, they split up into two sub-groups. The reconnaissance sub-group, consisting of Messah Victory Shiuajanga, Patrick Iyambo (Lungada), reconnoitre and secretary; Messah Victory Namuandi (Shiuajanga), Chief of the Reconnaissance; James Hamukuaja Angula (Shoonjeka); and Nelson Kavela (Sadrag).