

PRO JUSTITIA

This day the thirteenth of April nineteen ninety four at 09.15 hours
Before the undersigned CULOT Alain MDL head OPJ and
DRILJEUX Guillaume, 1 MDL, APJ of Police

In residence at Legal Detachment UNAMIR - KIGALI (RWANDA), bearers of our identity and service cards and dressed in our uniform,

Referring ourselves to the verbal instructions of the first substitute for the military auditor PEERAER at UNAMIR - KIGALI – RWANDA, we inform the military auditor that at the above-mentioned date and time, within the framework of the inquiry relating to the destruction of the aircraft transporting the President of Rwanda Juvenal HABYARIMANA, we heard as a witness the person named below:

VANDRIESSCHE Bruno, Julien, Corneil
Belgian, born in Comines 03 November 1958,
Husband of Krista DOUMEN
Domiciled at 2470 RETIE, Turnhoutsebaan No. 684
ID no. 064 0008316 85 valid until 29.03.00
Rank: Capt
Roll No. R/ 59385
Unit: 2nd Battalion Commando – Command 12th Company at
FLAWINNE
Temporarily posted to UNAMIR – KIBAT at KIGALI (RWANDA),
Not in possession of his UN ID

Who stated to us:

“I wish to express myself in French and choose this language for legal proceedings. I am aware of your capacity and the reasons for this hearing.

My company arrived in Rwanda on 27 March 1994. In part it was stationed at the international airport Gregoire KAYIBANDA, that is close to the old control tower.

Regarding the attack of which the President of Republic of Rwanda Juvenal HABYARIMANA was the victim, I was not an eye witness to this event.

I only heard a large explosion. This explosion occurred around 20.30 hours on 06 April 1994.

The only eyewitness I am aware of was corporal GERLACHE, who was in charge of radio contact. He told me that an aircraft had been hit.

I immediately warned KIBAT. I then went to the end of the runway where the aircraft had crashed.

Numerous shots were fired at that place. There was no precise direction. In my opinion these shots were fired from KANOMBE camp, next to the airport where various FAR units were camped. These shots came from machine guns.

I then placed a section in defence in the direction of the place where the shots were coming from, that is to the east.

I then went to the airport control tower. The people that I met told me that they had put out everything following a breakdown.

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They then confirmed to me that the presidential aircraft had just been hit with two presidents on board.

I then returned to my billet and I reported to the battalion. Then, FAR began to fire in all directions. The airport was not surrounded by their units until three or four hours later.

As regards our weapons, KIBAT has as weapons the most powerful of the .50.

I was not aware that blue Belgian helmets would have been called out around KANOMBE after this attack.

I can furthermore add that at the KANOMBE camp there was the French Military Technical Cooperation. I do not know where exactly.

I have nothing further to state

On 13 April 1994 and 09.40 hours after reading, signs.

Signature

INFORMATION

We inform the military auditor that except for instructions to the contrary from him, we will close this inquiry.

Closed on 13 April 1994

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