

HEARING REPORT

Attachment 01 to
Minutes No. 698/94 of 27 May 1994
Police Brigade
Legal Detachment of Brussels

On 27 May 1994 at 08.40 hours heard by me the reporting officer:

IDENTITY: RENOUPREZ André
Surname and Christian names: TIMPERMAN Pascal
Place and date of birth: NAMUR 23 April 1975 18 October 1975
Profession: Career Soldier Civil status: Husband of BRASSEUR Valerie
Address: ANDENNE 5300 Route de Velaine no. 120
For servicemen: Rank and roll number: Corporal Roll no. R71494
Unit: 14th Company FLAWINNE

Who has stated:

I wish to express myself in French and formally choose this language for legal proceedings.

A. BACKGROUND

On 06 1994, I was on a mission with mine company in RWANDA.

There, I had the task of UNIMOG driver for section 2.1. My section head was sergeant BENBOUHOUT.

B. ATTACK

On 06 April 1994, around 20.30 hours, I was at point "PSD", right beside "VIKING" guarding the lawyer.

For this mission, I was in the company of MATTENS and de VANHEE.

We only carried out the guard of the lawyer's house, the latter being absent from 20.00 hours. We explained the situation to the chief (Sergeant BECQUET) who had come to check on us; then it was more or less 20.20 hours.

Sergeant BECQUET left and it was at that time that we noticed in the sky and more or less one kilometre away, and in my opinion to the south, which would correspond to the direction of the airport, two balls of fire.

Regarding these balls of fire, I can state that they could not be the luminosity of the missiles but the luminosity of the light following the explosion of the aircraft on the ground of the airport.

This light was orange and illuminated the horizon in an oval shape.

We did not hear the noise of the explosion but some minutes

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afterwards we heard gunshots (single shots)

The Rwandan policeman and the Rwandan soldier with us, seeing that, seemed surprised and immediately left.

The lawyer's boy came to tell us that his boss had just been in contact with him and had told him that the house was going to be attacked.

We advised our base of it and stayed there all night guarding the house.

Shortly before midnight, we noticed a red jeep arrive at the crossroads nearby. It stopped and five or six persons dressed I think in military clothing got out.

The jeep advanced a few metres, then after a moment's hesitation a French speaking Rwandan called everybody. I could not tell if they wanted to mount a roadblock at that place.

The night until 05.00 hours passed more or less peacefully and at that time we again heard gun shots. One could see Rwandan soldiers and police in the road.

Around 06.00 hours, the situation became critical and more and more soldiers assembled in the road.

We informed our OPC of it. Corporal VANHEE left to rejoin YANKEE on foot more or less 10 metres from our position. Meanwhile we had the visit from Sergeant HUTSEBAUT who had come to find us protected by soldiers from the mortar platoon.

In order to come to find us, he had had no difficulty in passing through the Rwandans.

Corporal VANHEE had gone to YANKEE to signal the events in words and to say that we were going to arrive with the lawyer's family as it was no longer possible to stay there.

While we prepared to evacuate the lawyers family, several soldiers surrounded the house and advised us that we could leave but that the lawyers family had to stay there.

While we were talking, we succeeded in getting the lawyers family into our UNIMOG. While we got ready to leave, several Rwandan soldiers forced us to unload the family. We did what we did as we did not have the choice and we left slowly as follows; myself driving and HUTSEBAUT and MATTENS in the lorry. A Rwandan soldier jumped onto the lorry to check that nobody was hidden in it and we then went back to YANKEE BASE. I was however able to see that on our departure the lawyer's family boy was killed.

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During the remainder of the day, from YANKEE BASE, we noticed a lot of convoys of soldiers and we also noticed that several houses near to our position were the subject of massacres. In these houses there were Rwandans.

C. ASSASSINATION OF THE MORTAR GUNNERS

Regarding these events we could hear snippets of conversation between Y6 and OSCAR.

Lt LOTIN signalled that he had four men on the ground and not three he also stated that his men were beaten.

Oscar asked Y6 to surrender their weapons and then no more was heard.

I can say nothing further

D. RADIO MILLE COLLINES

Personally, I never listen to this radio station

E. END OF INTERVIEW.

I did not take any photos or record the events.

I know that Captain MESPREUVE gave special instructions to the soldiers participating at an interview carried out by Dutch journalists. At the time of these instructions he stated that we could not say anything and gave the plan of what we could say. If we did not respect this order we risked problems with the command.

I have nothing further to state if it is not what I stated to the journalists.

After reading, signs hereunder.

Signature