



Case No. SCSL-2004-16-T
THE PROSECUTOR OF
THE SPECIAL COURT
V.
ALEX TAMBA BRIMA
BRIMA BAZZY KAMARA
SANTIGIE BORBOR KANU

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9.25 A.M.
TRIAL

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1 [AFRC16SEP2005A-SGB]

2 Friday, 16 September 2005

3 [Open Session]

4 [The accused Kanu and Kamara present]

09:17:11 5 [The accused Brima not present]

6 [The witness entered court]

7 [Upon commencing at 9.28 a.m.]

8 PRESIDING JUDGE: I said good morning and I note that
9 Mr Brima is not in court. Ms Thompson.

09:32:31 10 MS THOMPSON: Yes, Your Honour, I received a message
11 through the other defendants this morning that in fact Mr Brima
12 is not feeling very well this morning and therefore will not be
13 in court.

14 PRESIDING JUDGE: Thank you, Ms Thompson, I am sorry to
09:32:44 15 hear he is not well. I am sure we will be kept informed of this
16 situation.

17 MS THOMPSON: Certainly in, Your Honour.

18 PRESIDING JUDGE: Thank you. If there are no other
19 matters, I will remind the witness of the oath and we will
09:32:54 20 proceed. Mr Witness, yesterday you took the oath and promised to
21 tell the truth. Do you remember that?

22 THE WITNESS: Yes, My Lord.

23 PRESIDING JUDGE: That promise is still binding on you and
24 you must continue to speak the truth and answer questions
09:33:07 25 truthfully. Do you understand this?

26 THE WITNESS: Yes, My Lord.

27 PRESIDING JUDGE: Thank you. Ms Pack, please proceed.

28 MS PACK: Thank you, Your Honour.

29 WITNESS: TF1-167 [Continued]

1 EXAMINED BY MS PACK: [Continued]

2 Q. Witness, good morning.

3 A. Good morning.

4 Q. We left off yesterday afternoon when you had spoken about
09:33:30 5 how you arrived at the Newton area. When you got to the Newton
6 area, what did you do there?

7 A. On our first arrival in Newton area we stayed there for
8 three days and there was a meeting called by SAJ Musa.

9 Q. How do you know there was a meeting called by SAJ Musa?

09:34:09 10 A. Because I was there and I was present.

11 Q. What happened at the meeting?

12 A. In the meeting he had to reinstate the honourables Alex
13 Tamba Brima, Ibrahim Bazzy Kamara, Santigie Kanu.

14 Q. Did anything else happen at the meeting, apart from the
09:34:29 15 re-instatement?

16 A. Yes, promotions were given and I was promoted as
17 Lieutenant-colonel.

18 Q. Did anything else happen apart from promotions?

19 A. Yes, orders were given about the movement to Freetown.

09:35:02 20 Q. Do you recall what orders were given about the movement to
21 Freetown?

22 A. Yes.

23 Q. What orders were given?

24 A. One, the route we should take to Freetown. Then, two,
09:35:15 25 orders were given about targeted people.

26 Q. What was the route that he identified -- that was
27 identified for the route to Freetown?

28 A. The route, we are to take the two routes to Freetown, the
29 main Freetown highway and the Peninsula Road.

1 Q. Who gave this instruction?

2 A. SAJ Musa.

3 Q. You said that instructions were given about targeted
4 people, who gave those instructions?

09:35:52 5 A. SAJ Musa gave these orders.

6 Q. And what were the orders that were given?

7 A. That on our arrival to Freetown, Nigerian soldiers should
8 be killed, Nigerian civilians to be killed, all police stations
9 must be burnt down. And all policemen should be killed. And all

09:36:25 10 SLPP collaborators should also be killed.

11 Q. Did he say anything else about how the advance on Freetown
12 was to be carried out?

13 A. Yes.

14 Q. What else did he say?

09:36:50 15 A. He said on our route to Freetown from that point, from
16 Hastings there should be no more abduction of civilians.

17 Q. What did he say about civilians?

18 A. He said civilians should not be killed; we should embrace
19 any civilian we meet on the way to join us.

09:37:13 20 Q. Did he say anything about what was to happen once you were
21 in Freetown?

22 A. Yes, all battalions had their area of responsibility that
23 they should --

24 Q. At that meeting was there anything further said about the
09:37:38 25 journey to Freetown? You have talked about the instruction not
26 to kill or abduct civilians on the way. Was there anything else
27 said about what was to be done or not done on the way to
28 Freetown?

29 A. No.

1 Q. You have told the Chamber that you were promoted at this
2 meeting and that and were you promoted to the rank of
3 lieutenant-colonel. Were there any changes in your appointment
4 at this time?

09:38:19 5 A. Yes, I was the task force commander.

6 Q. When was that change in your appointment made?

7 A. Was it made in the meeting at Hastings.

8 Q. At the meeting that occurred in the Newton area?

9 A. Yes.

09:38:42 10 Q. Was there anything else said or done by SAJ Musa apart from
11 the matters that you have described?

12 A. No.

13 Q. Can you identify a few of those who were promoted by
14 SAJ Musa at this meeting?

09:39:05 15 A. Yes. All the battalion commanders were promoted.

16 Q. Anyone else?

17 A. I was also promoted. O-Five was also promoted. Those I
18 could remember.

09:39:39 19 Q. At this point, as you advanced to Freetown, who was in
20 command of the whole of the troop?

21 A. It was commanded by SAJ Musa.

22 Q. And was there anyone who was second in command to him?

23 A. Alex Tamba Brima was second in command.

09:40:06 24 Q. What about other positions in the structure of command at
25 this stage before you -- as you started the advance to Freetown?

26 A. Yes, you have the operation commander.

27 Q. Who was that?

28 A. Hassan Papa Bangura. Then you have the G4 commander.

29 Q. Who was that?

1 A. Ibrahim Bazzy Kamara. And then you have the G5 commander;
2 Santi gie Kanu.

3 Q. Any other positions in the command structure that you are
4 able to recall?

09:40:39 5 A. Those I could remember.

6 Q. You have identified Hassan Papa Bangura as the operations
7 commander. Do you know whom he reported to as the operations
8 commander?

9 A. He report to SAJ Musa.

09:41:01 10 Q. You have described the battalion commanders as having been
11 promoted by SAJ Musa in the Newton area. Do you know who they
12 reported to, the battalion commanders?

13 A. Battalion commanders report to the operational commander,
14 who was Hassan Papa Bangura.

09:41:18 15 Q. How do you know that the battalion commanders reported to
16 the operations commander, who was Hassan Bangura? How do you
17 know that?

18 A. Because I was the task force commander and I oversee all
19 the operations that go on.

09:41:45 20 Q. Let me ask you little bit about your role as a task force
21 commander. You were appointed to that position where?

22 A. At the Newton area.

23 Q. Who appointed you to the position?

24 A. SAJ Musa di d.

09:42:03 25 Q. What was your role as a task force commander?

26 A. My role was that I should ensure that the troops moved in
27 the correct part.

28 Q. What do you mean by that?

29 A. That if we are going on an advance, we start our moves to

1 Freetown, the troops should move straight to the objective.

2 Q. Did you have anyone who worked under you in your position
3 as task force commander?

4 A. Yes.

09:42:43 5 Q. How many men worked under you?

6 A. I had about 42 men.

7 Q. Going back to the structure of command, you have identified
8 Ibrahim Bazzy Kamara as the G4 at this time in the Newton area.

9 A. Yes.

09:43:07 10 Q. Do you know whom he reported to?

11 A. He reported to SAJ Musa.

12 Q. How do you know that?

13 A. Because I was always with him.

14 Q. And Santi gie Kanu, whom you have identified as being a G5,
09:43:30 15 do you know whom he report to?

16 A. He reports to SAJ Musa.

17 Q. How do you know that?

18 A. Because I was there.

19 Q. Can you elaborate a bit further; what do you mean?

09:43:49 20 A. I was always in the headquarter. And, as I said, initially
21 the headquarter is where all operations are planned. And as a
22 task force commander, I am always with them.

23 Q. You described as O-Five having been promoted in the Newton
24 area. What position if any did he hold at this time?

09:44:25 25 A. He was the deputy operation commander.

26 Q. Do you know whom he reported to?

27 A. He reported to Hassan Papa Bangura.

28 Q. Again, how do you know that?

29 A. Because, as I said, I was always in all operational

1 meetings and orders.

2 Q. At this point are you able to recall how many battalions
3 there were?

4 A. There were six battalions.

09:44:56 5 Q. How do you know there were six battalions?

6 A. Because initially when the battalion was restructured I was
7 there.

8 Q. At this time are you able to say about how large the
9 fighting force was?

09:45:16 10 A. Yes.

11 Q. How many, how large.

12 A. We are up to 3,000 armed men strong.

13 Q. You have talked about civilian abductees. Do you know
14 approximately at this stage about how many civilians were with
09:45:40 15 you and I am talking about the ones who were not then part of
16 fighting force?

17 A. There were plenty.

18 Q. Are you able to estimate or not?

19 A. No.

09:46:03 20 Q. You have told us that you were in the Newton area for three
21 days. Where did you go after Newton?

22 A. After Newton we passed through Waterloo to Benguema.

23 Q. Did anything happen in Waterloo?

24 A. In Waterloo on our arrival there, because of the orders
09:46:28 25 that SAJ Musa had given that there should be no killing of
26 civilians, so just passed through Waterloo. We attacked
27 Benguema.

28 Q. When did you get to Benguema?

29 A. We reached Benguema at about 12 -- 12.00 at night.

1 Mi d n i g h t .

2 Q. Are you able to remember the date upon which you arrived at
3 Benguema?

4 A. No.

09:46:58 5 Q. The month of the year?

6 A. It was December 1998.

7 Q. Just pause a moment.

8 MS PACK: I am going to spell Benguema. It is a name you
9 have heard before, Your Honours, of course, but it is

09:47:18 10 B-E-N-G-U-E-M-A.

11 Q. Do you know why you attacked Benguema?

12 A. Benguema was attacked because it is a military barracks and
13 we wanted arms and ammunition.

14 Q. How do you know that? How do you know that was the purpose
09:47:36 15 of the attack?

16 A. As I said, I am always with the operation team and the
17 headquarter, so I know everything what is going on on the
18 operation.

19 Q. You said the purpose was to get more arms and ammunition.
09:48:00 20 What happened on the attack?

21 A. On the attack -- the attack lasted for four hours and
22 finally we got into Benguema. And on our arrival at Benguema we
23 lost SAJ Musa.

24 Q. Whom were you fighting on this attack?

09:48:26 25 A. We were fighting ECOMOG, Kamajors and other SLA soldiers.

26 Q. You said that you lost SAJ Musa. What happened?

27 A. He died.

28 Q. How did he die?

29 A. There was an ammunition dump at the drill shell which

1 orders were given by SAJ Musa to be burnt down.

2 Q. Pause a moment.

3 MS PACK: An ammunition dump at the drill shell, Your
4 Honours.

09:49:03 5 Q. Can you just explain what a drill shell is?

6 A. Well, the drill shell is where the military personnels held
7 their parade. It is the parade ground.

8 Q. What happened there?

9 A. There was an ammunition dump there and orders were given by
09:49:30 10 SAJ Musa for the ammunition dump to be burnt down. It was placed
11 on fire and later the explosive went off and he died.

12 Q. Do you know how he died?

13 A. No, I only know by the explosive.

14 Q. Where were you at the time?

09:49:51 15 A. I was standing just few feet from SAJ Musa and Ibrahim
16 Bazzi and other commanders.

17 Q. After SAJ Musa died, did you stay at Benguema?

18 A. No.

19 Q. What happened?

09:50:14 20 A. We went to MacDonald and Goba Water.

21 Q. Would you spell Goba Water, please, for the Chamber?

22 A. May I please get?

23 Q. I will ask for some paper for you. If Mr Court Attendant
24 could assist. Thank you.

09:50:26 25 A. G-O-B-A, Goba; W-A-T-E-R.

26 Q. Thank you, Witness. Whereabouts is Goba Water? How far
27 away from Benguema?

28 A. It's just about one and a half miles from Benguema.

29 Q. Did anything happen at Goba Water?

1 A. Yes, SAJ Musa was buried.

2 Q. Where were you at that time?

3 A. I was at Goba Water.

4 Q. Did anything else happen apart from his burial?

09:51:47 5 A. After the burial of SAJ Musa, then Alex Tamba Brima took
6 over the command of the whole force.

7 Q. How do you know that?

8 A. I was there.

9 Q. Did anything happen?

09:52:05 10 A. After he had taken over the whole force, because he was the
11 most senior in the absence of SAJ Musa, the route was changed to
12 come to Freetown. We had to go through the Peninsular Hills.

13 Q. How do know the route was changed to come to Freetown?

14 A. Because I was there and a signal message was sent to
09:52:36 15 Sam Bockarie at Kailahun telling him that SAJ Musa is dead.

16 Q. How do you know that a signal --

17 A. I was at the signal where the signal message went.

18 Q. Was there any response to the signal message?

19 A. Yes, the response was that it was a lie that SAJ Musa is
09:52:57 20 dead.

21 Q. Do you know whom the response came from?

22 A. The response came from Sam Bockarie.

23 Q. How do you know that?

24 A. I was at the signal place.

09:53:19 25 Q. Who made the communication from your end in Goba Water?

26 A. The communication was made by CO Alfred.

27 Q. Remind us who he was.

28 A. Alfred was the signaller that came with SAJ Musa.

29 Q. At this time did he have any position?

1 A. No.

2 Q. Why was he making the radio communication at this time?

3 A. Because on the death of -- when SAJ Musa was alive, we had
4 our own -- another signaller, but when he died Arthur Brown [sic]
09:53:56 5 was used to make the radio communication to the RUF because he
6 was an RUF.

7 Q. You have just identified someone called Alfred Brown.

8 A. Alfred Brown.

9 Q. Is that the same or a different person to CO Alfred?

09:54:09 10 A. He is the same person.

11 Q. Alex Tamba Brima, you have told us, took over the whole
12 force because he was the most senior. Do you know if there
13 was anyone --

14 PRESIDING JUDGE: Ms Pack, did the witness actually say
09:54:35 15 because he was more senior?

16 MS PACK: Yes, that was my note.

17 PRESIDING JUDGE: Thank you.

18 MS PACK:

19 Q. Alex Tamba Brima took over. Do you know if he had anyone
09:54:52 20 who deputised him or was second to him?

21 A. Yes, his deputy was Ibrahim Bazzy Kamara.

22 Q. How do you know that?

23 A. I was present there.

24 Q. Where?

09:55:07 25 A. At Goba Water.

26 Q. What happened that made you aware that Ibrahim Bazzy Kamara
27 was the deputy of Alex Tamba Brima at this stage?

28 A. Because, following the death of SAJ Musa, there was a
29 tussle on who to take over the command structure.

1 Q. Who was that tussle between?

2 A. That was between Alex Tamba Brima and Ibrahim Bazzy Kamara.

3 Q. What happened?

4 A. When SAJ Musa died, there was a tussle on who to take over

09:55:57 5 the command, but because Alex Tamba Brima was the most senior, so

6 he had to take over the command and Bazzy deputised him.

7 Q. You have described a tussle between the two. What was the
8 relationship at this time like between Alex Tamba Brima and
9 Ibrahim Bazzy Kamara?

09:56:22 10 A. Well, I mean, there was a tussle on who to take over and
11 there was -- it even extended to gunfire, but it was fastly
12 resolved because Alex Tamba Brima was the most senior.

13 Q. Do you know anything about the relationship between Alex
14 Tamba Brima and any other of the commanders at this stage?

09:57:00 15 A. At this time the relationship between Alex Tamba Brima was
16 cordial to all other commanders because he was leading the
17 troops.

18 Q. Was there anyone amongst the commanders to whom he was
19 particularly close?

09:57:25 20 A. Yes, Santiage Kanu, ak Five-Five, was very close to Alex
21 Tamba Brima.

22 Q. How do you know this?

23 A. Because I was at Goba Water.

24 Q. Was there anything in particular that you can tell us about
09:57:32 25 their relationship?

26 A. No.

27 Q. You have described the position of Alex Tamba Brima at this
28 stage and Ibrahim Bazzy Kamara. So far as you were concerned,
29 were there any changes to your appointment at this stage?

1 A. No.

2 Q. What position did you hold at this stage?

3 A. I was still the task force commander.

4 Q. Were there any other changes in appointments at this time
09:58:18 5 in Goba Water?

6 A. No.

7 Q. You have described that the route was changed to come to
8 Freetown when you were in Goba Water. Who gave that instruction?

9 A. It was given by Alex Tamba Brima.

09:58:56 10 Q. Were there any other instructions given by him at this
11 stage about the advance to Freetown?

12 A. He only said that the instructions that SAJ Musa gave about
13 all targeted people must still carry on.

14 Q. To whom did he give these instructions?

09:59:14 15 A. To all the commanders.

16 Q. How do you know that?

17 A. Because I was there.

18 Q. How long did you remain in Goba Water?

19 A. After the burial of SAJ Musa we only spent two days there.

09:59:47 20 Q. Where did you go after that?

21 A. We went into the Peninsular Hills to Hastings.

22 Q. Did anything happen at Hastings?

23 A. Yes, Hastings was first attacked.

24 Q. Do you know who led that attack?

10:00:04 25 A. It was led by me.

26 Q. What was the purpose of that attack?

27 A. The purpose of the attack was for us to go and get more
28 arms and ammunitions from the Nigerians because it was their
29 headquarter.

1 Q. What happened on the attack?

2 A. The attack was successful and we came back to the
3 Peninsular Hills with a large cache of arms and ammunition.

4 Q. Did anything happen after this attack on Hastings?

10:00:45 5 A. After the attack on our return back to the Peninsular Hills
6 I was promoted by Alex Tamba Brima from major to
7 lieutenant-colonel.

8 Q. When you came back from your attack on Hastings to whom did
9 you report?

10:01:16 10 A. I reported to Alex Tamba Brima.

11 Q. Was there anyone else present when you reported to him?

12 A. All the other commanders were present.

13 Q. And by that you mean whom?

14 A. I mean Hassan Papa Bangura, Ibrahim Bazzy Kamara, Santi gie
10:01:44 15 Kanu, Bio, Woyoh, Abdul Sesay and other battalion commanders.

16 Q. After this attack on Hastings and your promotion from major
17 to lieutenant-colonel, did anything else happen?

18 A. After the attack on Hastings when I returned we had to move
19 finally to cross over the Orugu Bridge into Freetown.

10:02:16 20 MS PACK: I will just spell Orugu. It's O-R-U-G-U.

21 Q. How did you move to cross the Orugu Bridge to go to
22 Freetown?

23 A. There was two battalions that were sent into Kossah Town
24 whilst the remaining battalion and the headquarter passed through
10:02:54 25 the bridge and turned left to Orugu village.

26 MS PACK: There is a name there, Kossah Town, which is
27 K-O-S-S-O-H.

28 Q. In which group were you?

29 A. I was in the group that went to Kossah Town.

1 Q. Who was leading that group?

2 A. I was leading it.

3 Q. What was the purpose of going to Kossoh Town?

4 A. We went into Kossoh Town so that we can attack the

10:03:38 5 Nigerians whilst the battalion -- the remaining battalions and
6 the headquarters could pass through the bridge.

7 Q. What happened at Kossoh Town?

8 A. When we reached Kossoh Town we attacked the Nigerians. And
9 after the battalions had all passed through the bridge we had to

10:04:12 10 pass on the other side of Grafton to join the battalions at Orugu
11 village.

12 MS PACK: Grafton, G-R-A-F-T-O-N.

13 Q. Did you get to Orugu village?

14 A. Yes.

10:04:37 15 Q. Was anyone else there when you got there with the two
16 battalions?

17 A. When we reached Orugu village with our two battalions we
18 met the four battalions and the headquarter at Orugu village.

19 Q. Can you remember the date when you finally got to Orugu
10:04:57 20 village?

21 A. It was on January 4th, 1999.

22 Q. Did anything happen when you got to Orugu village?

23 A. On our arrival at Orugu village there was a meeting called
24 which was chaired by Alex Tamba Brima.

10:05:34 25 Q. How do you know a meeting was called?

26 A. I was in the meeting and I was present at the meeting.

27 Q. Who else was present at the meeting?

28 A. All battalion commanders were present including Santi gie
29 Kanu, Ibrahim Bazzy Kamara, Hassan Papa Bangura. They were all

1 there.

2 Q. What happened at this meeting?

3 A. In the meeting was to put in place on our move to Freetown.

4 Q. Was anything said at the meeting?

10:06:24 5 A. All the orders that were given were reminded back to all
6 battalion commanders.

7 Q. Who reminded the battalion commanders of the orders?

8 A. Santi gie Kanu, aka Fi ve-Fi ve.

9 Q. What did he say?

10:06:57 10 A. That all orders that have been given about all targeted
11 people and burning down of all police station must still carry on
12 and we are to use the two routes to Freetown, the old road and
13 the new road.

14 Q. Why did Santi gie Kanu remind the battalion commanders of
10:07:35 15 the orders?

16 A. Because he was very close to the commander of the whole
17 troops which was Alex Tamba Brima.

18 Q. Was there anything else said at this meeting about what was
19 to be done in Freetown?

10:07:59 20 A. No, I could not remember any other.

21 Q. Do you recall anything else happening when you were in
22 Orugu?

23 A. No.

24 Q. After Orugu what did you do?

10:08:50 25 A. After Orugu village, that was on the 5th -- on the 5th,
26 midnight, we started our march down to Freetown.

27 Q. I am going to ask you to look at the map again in front of
28 you, please, Wi tness. If you could just open out the large map.
29 I would ask you, please, to mark on that map the location of two

1 places you have spoken about, Goba Water and Orugu village and
2 perhaps you could do that if you are passed a pen, a highlighter,
3 so you can just encircle the area. I can give you a pen and you
4 can mark with a letter. It's F for Goba Water and G for Orugu,
10:09:54 5 please.

6 MR DANIELS: Your Honours, I think F is Newton.

7 THE WITNESS: G for Orugu village.

8 PRESIDING JUDGE: Just pause, Mr Witness. Ms Pack, I think
9 F has already been --

10:10:42 10 MS PACK: I have to thank my learned friend very much for
11 that. Yes, of course he is absolutely right.

12 Q. It is G then, Witness -- sorry to confuse you. If you
13 could put a G for Goba Water and an H for Orugu.

14 A. G?

10:11:04 15 Q. G for Goba Water and an H for Orugu.

16 MS PACK: Perhaps Your Honours would like to see the
17 witness's markings at this stage and my learned friends might
18 want to see the markings.

19 PRESIDING JUDGE: Yes. Please proceed, Ms Pack.

10:16:37 20 MS PACK: Thank you, Your Honour.

21 Q. You have spoken about members of the RUF before. Do you
22 know anything about the presence of any members of that armed
23 group or any other armed group in Sierra Leone at this time that
24 you were at Goba Water?

10:17:09 25 A. There were a few RUF fighters with us.

26 Q. What about in other areas of the country?

27 A. Other parts of the country you had other RUF fighters and
28 SLA fighters.

29 Q. Are you able to locate any of these fighters at this time

1 in particular that you were at Goba Water?

2 A. Yes. We had Brigadier Mani, Denis Mingo, at that time they
3 had come to attack Makeni.

4 Q. How do you know that?

10:17:48 5 A. Because I heard it through the BBC radio station.

6 Q. What about anyone else?

7 JUDGE SEBUTINDE: There was a name mentioned apart from
8 Denis Mingo.

9 MS PACK: That was Brigadier Mani, M-A-N-I.

10:18:17 10 Q. What about anyone else?

11 A. Liberian Bropleh.

12 Q. Whereabouts -- do you know whereabouts Liberian Bropleh was
13 at this time?

14 A. He was -- he came to attack Makeni.

10:18:28 15 Q. How do you know that?

16 A. Because they were at Kurubonla and the whole fighting force
17 came from Kurubonla to attack Makeni.

18 Q. Do you know about the presence of anyone else at Makeni at
19 this time?

10:18:54 20 A. Savage. Those I could remember.

21 Q. You have spoken about Sam Bockarie before, do you know
22 where he was at this time?

23 A. He was at Kailahun.

24 Q. How do you know that he was at Kailahun at this time?

10:19:12 25 A. Because there was a radio message that was sent to him at
26 the time we were at Goba Water.

27 Q. How do know a radio message was sent?

28 [AFRC16SEP05B - CR]

29 A. I was there when the radio message was sent, telling him

1 about the death of SAJ Musa.

2 Q. When you were at Orugu village, this time that we're
3 talking about prior to you moving into Freetown, do you know
4 about the presence of these armed groups at that time?

10:19:56 5 A. No.

6 Q. You've told us that the advance to Freetown started at
7 midnight on 5th January. What happened? What did you do?

8 A. Two battalions were in front as the advanced team.

9 Q. Who led those two battalions?

10:20:48 10 A. The 1st Battalion was led by Salifu Mansaray.

11 Q. And the second?

12 A. And the 2nd Battalion was led by -- the 2nd Battalion was
13 led by Baski.

14 Q. Those two battalions took which route?

10:21:23 15 A. Pardon?

16 Q. Those two battalions took which route?

17 A. They were at the old road. When we started moving, we all
18 used the main road until we reached the Kissy Police Station.
19 Then there was another two battalion that used the new road,
10:21:45 20 whilst the remaining battalion used the old road.

21 Q. Before you divided where was your location in the fighting
22 force as you advanced to Kissy Police Station?

23 A. Whilst we were coming I was with the headquarter, until we
24 reached Kissy Police Station and two battalions went to the new
10:22:22 25 road. And the remaining four battalions, including the
26 headquarter, stayed on the old road.

27 Q. You've told us earlier that you were the task force
28 commander at this time. As you advanced into Freetown, what was
29 your role as a task force commander?

1 A. My role was to see that the troops moved the right way
2 where they are to pass and to assure that disciplinary actions
3 that would be taken on the fighters.

4 Q. Explain what you mean by that?

10:23:24 5 A. That if anyone goes beyond the laws that are placed should
6 be punished.

7 Q. Who were you reporting to at this stage?

8 A. I was reporting direct to Alex Tamba Brima.

9 Q. You've described yourself as you were heading to Kissy
10:23:52 10 Police Station before the troops were divided as being with
11 headquarters. Whereabouts was the headquarters situated in the
12 body of troops at this time as you headed to the police station?

13 A. It was in the middle of the other battalions. You have two
14 battalions in front, and you have another one battalion behind
10:24:21 15 the two battalions. You have the headquarter and you have
16 abductees. Then the remaining three battalions [indiscernible].

17 Q. At this time you have talked about abductees being in the
18 body of the troops moving into Freetown. Was there anything that
19 they were doing, in particular, as you moved into Freetown, the
10:24:55 20 abductees?

21 A. They were there to carry arms and ammunition and food
22 stuff.

23 Q. You have described a movement of the body of troops with
24 certain battalions in the front: Headquarters, abductees, and
10:25:32 25 three remaining battalions at the rear. How would those at the
26 rear know the route that was to be taken into Freetown?

27 A. Well, when the front team is ahead, whenever they move,
28 they would put fire on one or two houses on the road so that the
29 remaining troops at the rear would know their location.

1 Q. Did anything happen when you got to Kissy Police Station?

2 A. Yes. On our arrival at Kissy Police Station, orders were
3 given by Alex Tamba Brima to burn down the police station, and
4 there we got a pick-up van, which I don't know the registration
10:26:37 5 plate, where we placed all our heavy artilleries in.

6 Q. How do you know Alex Tamba Brima gave an order to burn the
7 police station?

8 A. I was standing very close to him.

9 Q. After he gave the order for the burning of the police
10:26:52 10 station, did anything happen?

11 A. The police station was burnt down.

12 Q. Do you know who burned it down?

13 A. I don't know the individual. And the troops were divided.

14 Q. After the troops were divided, where did you go next?
10:27:16 15 Where did you head to next?

16 A. After dividing the troops from the Kissy Police Station, we
17 came straight to the Ferry Junction and Upgun and the 6th
18 Battalion went down to deploy to the quay.

19 Q. Which quay was that?

10:27:40 20 A. Queen Elizabeth Quay.

21 MS PACK: Ferry Junction was named, Your Honours, and
22 Upgun, U-P-G-U-N, and the Queen Elizabeth Quay.

23 Q. You've described a split at the police station of troops.
24 Which line of troops were you moving in?

10:28:06 25 A. I was still moving with the headquarter, the old road.

26 Q. Do you know who sent the two battalions that went to use
27 the new road in that direction?

28 A. They were sent by the deputy operation commander who was
29 O-Fi ve.

1 Q. How do you know that?

2 A. Because, as I had told you, I was always with the
3 headquarter and there all decisions are taken.

4 Q. From Ferry Junction to Uppun, how did you proceed? You
10:28:59 5 personally, which group were you in there.

6 A. When we reached Ferry Junction, moving towards Uppun, there
7 was a stiff resistance there by the ECOMOG troops.

8 Q. Where was the resistance met?

9 A. We met the resistance at the Uppun roundabout.

10:29:23 10 Q. What happened?

11 A. We tried to force our way through, but we couldn't. So we
12 had to divide the team, send two other battalions to go round the
13 old road to Uppun, whilst the other remaining troops stayed at
14 the new road.

10:29:43 15 Q. What then happened?

16 A. And when the two battalion took the old road, we attacked
17 them and we pushed them out from Uppun turntable.

18 Q. Who were you attacking at this point?

19 A. The ECOMOG troops.

10:30:00 20 Q. Who arranged this organisation so that two battalions used
21 the old road?

22 A. It was arranged by the deputy operation commander, O-Five.

23 Q. How do you know this?

24 A. Because I was present.

10:30:23 25 Q. At this time, where were you at this fight at the Uppun
26 roundabout. Where were you situated at this time?

27 A. I was with the battalions in the new road.

28 Q. What was the outcome of the fight at Uppun?

29 A. It was successful and we took over the Uppun.

1 Q. Where did you go after that?

2 A. After that, Upgun, we came straight to the -- we came
3 straight to East End Police and East End Police was also burnt
4 down.

10:31:08 5 Q. How do you know that East End Police was burnt down?

6 A. I was always with the headquarter team, that's why I got to
7 know all what was happening.

8 Q. Do you know who burned the police station down?

9 A. I don't know the individual.

10:31:38 10 Q. Do you know why the police station was burned down?

11 A. Because the orders were given that all police stations
12 should be burnt down.

13 Q. Do you know if any other police stations were burned down
14 in Freetown?

10:31:58 15 A. I saw those two and the CID was also burnt down.

16 Q. When did you get to East End Police Station?

17 A. We reached the East End Police Station about daybreak. I
18 cannot give the time.

19 Q. What was the date when you got there?

10:32:28 20 A. It was on January 6, '99.

21 Q. You've spoken earlier about a battalion going to Queen
22 Elizabeth Quay. When did that battalion move off to Queen
23 Elizabeth Quay?

24 A. Battalion moved to the Queen Elizabeth Quay after we have
10:32:55 25 succeeded by attacking the ECOMOG at Upgun.

26 Q. Who sent that battalion there?

27 A. The battalion was sent by the deputy operation commander,
28 O-Five.

29 Q. How do you know that?

1 A. I was present.

2 Q. Just to complete up to East End Police, what was the route
3 that you used to get to East End Police? What were the roads you
4 used to get there?

10:33:35 5 A. We used the two routes, the main Kissy Road and the Fourah
6 Bay Road.

7 MS PACK: Fourah Bay you've heard before, Your Honours.
8 F-O-U-R-A-H Bay Road.

9 Q. Which column were you in?

10:33:54 10 A. I was in the route that took Kissy Road.

11 Q. Where was the main column?

12 A. The main column was at Kissy Road.

13 Q. Who, then, was using the Fourah Bay Road?

14 A. The Fourah Bay Road was used by the 3rd Battalion.

10:34:16 15 Q. At what point did you meet up?

16 A. We met at the East End Police Station.

17 Q. Would you just spell East End Police Station. Not police
18 station, but East End, so we're sure what the name you're using
19 is.

10:34:46 20 A. I want a pen.

21 MS PACK: Can I just have a pen passed up to the witness,
22 please? Thank you.

23 THE WITNESS: E-A-S-T E-N-D.

24 MS PACK: Thank you. E-A-S-T E-N-D, East End Police
10:35:24 25 Station.

26 Q. Thank you, witness. Now, witness, I'm going to --

27 PRESIDING JUDGE: Yes, please proceed, Ms Pack.

28 MS PACK: Thank you, Your Honour.

29 Q. From East End Police, where did you go?

1 A. From East End Police Station, we still used the two roads
2 to go to State House. The main column used the Goderich Street,
3 whilst the other two battalions used the Sani Abacha Street.

4 Q. Did you get to State House?

10:36:15 5 A. Yes.

6 Q. What time of day did you arrive there?

7 A. It was in the morning at about 7.30 to 8.00.

8 Q. Witness, I'm going to ask you to look again at the map and
9 to turn over on to the Freetown maps. I'd ask you to turn to the

10:36:56 10 larger scale map first, the one that is headed "Freetown and
11 Environs". I would like you to mark, firstly, on that map the
12 location of Kissy Police Station, and I would like you to
13 encircle that location, please, and mark it. Circle the location
14 of Kissy Police Station on this map, "Freetown and Environs", and
10:37:38 15 mark it with a letter A.

16 A. I've circled it.

17 Q. Thank you, witness.

18 A. Which letter should I put?

19 Q. A.

10:37:49 20 A. A?

21 Q. Yes. And just looking at this large scale map of Freetown
22 and environs, I would like you to start from the beginning of
23 this map, with a highlighter pen, and I would like you to mark on
24 it, please, the routes which the two columns took from coming
10:38:17 25 into Freetown right up to State House. As best you can on the
26 large scale map and then I'll ask you to mark the smaller scale
27 map after that. Take your time, witness.

28 [Witness complies]

29 A. Done so.

1 Q. Thank you, witness. Perhaps if I can just continue asking
2 questions about the early part of the Freetown advance, just so I
3 can ask the witness to mark a little bit further on this map, and
4 then pass it around to my learned friends and Your Honours, if
10:41:41 5 that would assist.

6 PRESIDING JUDGE: Yes, Ms Pack, do that, please.

7 MS PACK: I'm grateful.

8 Q. Thank you, witness. Just put down your pen for the moment
9 and I'll ask you to make some further markings as we go through.

10:42:22 10 Witness, you told us that you got to State House at about 7.30 to
11 8.00 on 6th January 1999. Did anything happen at State House?

12 A. Yes, on arrival at State House orders were given by Alex
13 Tamba Brima for us to go and open the Pademba Road prisons.

14 Q. How do you know that orders were given by Alex Tamba Brima?

10:42:59 15 A. I was there at the State House and I went with the team at
16 the prisons.

17 Q. Was there any resistance at State House that you met?

18 A. No.

19 Q. When you were at State House and you were there and this
10:43:19 20 instruction was given to go to Pademba Road, was there anyone
21 else at State House?

22 A. Yes, all commanders were there and the State House was then
23 our headquarters.

24 Q. After the instruction was given to go to Pademba Road, what
10:43:37 25 then happened?

26 A. Troops went to Pademba Road, including me and the battalion
27 that should be deployed at Pademba Road, the 1st Battalion, and
28 Ibrahim Bazy Kamara also went with us.

29 Q. Apart from the 1st Battalion and you, which troops went to

1 Pademba Road?

2 A. The 5th Battalion also accompanied us, and 4th Battalion.

3 Q. When you got to Pademba Road, what happened?

4 A. On arrival at Pademba Road, the Pademba Road door was blast
10:44:24 5 and it open. And Ibrahim Bazzy gave orders that all -- there are
6 people in the Pademba Road prison that they need, like the
7 politicians that were there and also the flight commander was
8 there by the name of Arnold Bangura.

9 Q. Can you spell that name, please?

10:44:51 10 A. A-N-O-R-L-O [sic], Arnold.

11 Q. Bangura.

12 A. B-A-N-G-U-R-A.

13 Q. Anyone else in particular who was identified?

14 A. No, those I know.

10:45:26 15 Q. What was done at Pademba Road?

16 A. When the doors open, the people in the Pademba Road prisons
17 came out in force. And when they were out, they were all told to
18 go to the State House.

19 Q. Who told them to go there?

10:45:49 20 A. Ibrahim Bazzy Kamara. Some did go and some escaped.

21 Q. What happened in relation to the particular detainees that
22 you've spoken about?

23 A. They were to go to Pademba Road -- they were to go to State
24 House, because that was our headquarters, and there were some
10:46:23 25 politicians that were there, like the former President JS Momoh,
26 Mr Victor Foh, Chief Dura and some other politicians which I
27 cannot recall.

28 MS PACK: Your Honours, JS Momoh is a name you're probably
29 familiar with. JS Momoh, M-O-M-O-H. And Victor Foh --

1 Q. Witness, I will just ask you to spell Foh, please, for the
2 Chamber.

3 A. F-O-E [sic].

4 Q. And Chief Dura, can you just spell Dura, please, for the
10:47:12 5 Chamber?

6 A. D-U-R-A.

7 Q. Thank you, witness.

8 A. And you have Steve Bio.

9 Q. Steve Bio, can you spell that, please, for the Chamber?

10:47:32 10 A. S-T-E-V-E B-I-O.

11 Q. Who was Steve Bio?

12 A. Steve Bio is the brother of the former president,
13 Maada Bio.

14 Q. And tell us who Victor Foh was?

10:47:54 15 A. Victor Foh is a politician.

16 Q. At Pademba Road prison do you recall what Ibrahim Bazzy
17 Kamara did there?

18 A. Only ordered all the detainees to go to the State House.

19 A. Only that he ordered all the detainees to go to the State
10:48:21 20 House.

21 Q. Do you know where he went to after Pademba Road Prison?

22 A. After the Pademba Road Prison, he came back to the State
23 House.

24 Q. Where did you go?

10:48:36 25 A. The 1st Battalion was deployed at Pademba Road whilst we
26 took the King Harman Road up to the Youyi Building across Congo
27 Cross bridge.

28 Q. Pause a moment.

29 MS PACK: King Harman Road, King Harman, H-A-R-M-A-N, Road.

1 Up to the Youyi Building, which is --

2 Q. Perhaps you would spell that for Their Honours, witness.

3 A. Y-O-N-Y-I (sic).

4 MS PACK: And, finally, Congo Cross, C-O-N-G-O, Cross.

10:49:25 5 Q. Who were you moving with to these locations?

6 A. I was moving with the 4th Battalion, and the 5th Battalion.

7 Q. What was the route that you took to King Harman Road?

8 Where did you pass?

9 A. Passed to Pademba Road, came New England Road, SLBS up to
10:50:02 10 King Harman Road junction.

11 MS PACK: That was SLBS, Your Honours.

12 PRESIDING JUDGE: Ms Pack, I notice we've now reached the
13 time when we usually take a short adjournment. Is this a
14 convenient time, or are there some other matters you would prefer
10:50:27 15 to complete?

16 MS PACK: No, Your Honours, this is a convenient time.

17 PRESIDING JUDGE: In that case we will adjourn for
18 15 minutes.

19 [Break taken at 10.46 a.m.]

11:11:12 20 [Upon resuming at 11.08 a.m.]

21 PRESIDING JUDGE: Please proceed, Ms Pack.

22 MS PACK: Thank you, Your Honour.

23 Q. Witness, just before the break, you had got as far as
24 describing the movement of troops to the Youyi building. From
11:13:27 25 the Youyi building, what happened?

26 A. From the Youyi building there was fighting force that was
27 at the Congo Cross bridge. Whilst we went to the stadium, the
28 swimming pool, there were also some other detainees that were
29 there.

1 Q. Pause a moment. This is the stadium, which stadium is
2 that?

3 A. Siaka Stevens Stadium, the national stadium.

4 Q. What happened at the stadium?

11:14:12 5 A. We opened the swimming pool, because there were detainees
6 at the swimming pool.

7 Q. Do you know who these detainees were?

8 A. Well, most of them were ex-SLA soldiers.

9 Q. When you say "we" opened the swimming pool, at this point,
11:14:30 10 who were you moving with?

11 A. At that point, I was moving with the 4th Battalion.

12 Q. Where was the 5th Battalion at this point?

13 A. The 5th Battalion was split into two. Half of them were at
14 the Congo Cross bridge, whilst the others were with the 4th
11:15:01 15 Battalion. We went to the King Tom police barracks and there was
16 the other deployment of the 4th Battalion.

17 Q. How do you know about the deployment of part of the 5th
18 Battalion at Congo cross and of the 4th Battalion at King Tom?

19 A. Well, at that time, because I was a task force commander, I
11:15:33 20 have to ensure that all the battalions are deployed at the
21 various places.

22 Q. Were there any other deployments of battalions at this
23 stage? You have spoken about a deployment at King Tom, at
24 Pademba Road and Queen Elizabeth Quay as you came in. Were there
11:16:14 25 other battalions deployed at any other locations at this point?

26 A. Yes. There was another battalion deployed at Government
27 Wharf.

28 Q. Do you recall which battalion was deployed at Government
29 Wharf?

1 A. No.

2 Q. You've told us that part of a battalion was deployed at
3 Congo Cross. Why was that?

4 A. Because the ECOMOG troops were across the bridge, so we
11:16:55 5 wanted a blocking force to be at Congo Cross.

6 Q. Was it just the Congo Cross bridge --

7 A. No.

8 Q. -- that was blocked by the men?

9 A. No, there was another blocking force at the Ascension Town
11:17:17 10 bridge.

11 Q. How do you know that there was another blocking force at
12 the Ascension Town bridge?

13 A. Just like I said initially, I was a task force commander
14 and I am to ensure that all battalions go to their responsible
11:17:33 15 areas.

16 Q. At the Congo Cross bridge, the blocking force there, was
17 there anyone in command of the men at Congo Cross bridge?

18 A. Yes.

19 Q. Who was in command of those men?

11:17:47 20 A. O-Five was present at the Congo Cross bridge.

21 Q. At Ascension Town bridge, was there anyone in command
22 there?

23 A. Yes.

24 Q. Who?

11:18:01 25 A. I was commanding the Ascension Town bridge.

26 Q. The men at Ascension Town bridge, do you recall where they
27 were from, which battalions?

28 A. We were taking Battalion 4 and Battalion 5; half of
29 Battalion 5 and Battalion 4.

1 Q. Who took the men from these battalions?

2 A. I.

3 Q. At the bridge at Congo Cross, what happened there, this
4 first day, 6 January?

11:19:01 5 A. On the first day, we tried to cross over the bridge, but we
6 couldn't; we were stopped by the ECOMOG troops that were on the
7 other side of the bridge.

8 MR FOFANAH: Excuse me. May it please Your Honour, sorry
9 for the interruption. May we know who the "we is" or are,
11:19:21 10 because the witness has just said he was, in fact, at Ascension
11 Town bridge and now he is saying, "We crossed Congo Cross"?

12 MS PACK: I will ask the witness to clarify.

13 Q. How do you know what went on at Congo Cross bridge?

14 A. Because from Ascension town, where I was deployed, I used
11:19:49 15 to go around and get soldiers, and I would bring them to the two
16 fronts -- the Congo Cross bridge and Ascension Town. So whatever
17 happens there, I will know when I reach there.

18 Q. So when you say, "We couldn't get over Congo Cross bridge",
19 who were you referring to?

11:20:04 20 A. The fighters.

21 Q. Did they include you, or were you not present when they
22 were actually fighting at Congo Cross bridge?

23 A. I was at Ascension Town bridge.

24 Q. What happened at Ascension Town bridge?

11:20:25 25 A. At Ascension Town bridge, we tried also to cross over the
26 bridge, but we were stopped by the Nigerians.

27 Q. After you had been stopped by the Nigerians at both of the
28 bridges, what happened? What did you do?

29 A. I went back to the State House, reported to Alex Tamba

1 Brima that we could not make it through the bridge. And I had to
2 go way back to the 6th Battalion at the Queen Elizabeth Quay to
3 get some more manpower and brought them to the Ascension Town
4 bridge. We started fighting again, but we couldn't make it, so
11:21:23 5 we are to block on the other side of the bridge.

6 Q. What do you mean by that?

7 A. We had to stop at the other side of the bridge whilst the
8 Nigerian ECOMOG are on the other side of the bridge.

9 Q. After you had been forced to stop on the other side of the
11:21:47 10 bridge to block there, what did you personally?

11 A. As I told you, I went back to bring more reinforcement to
12 the bridge.

13 Q. After you brought the reinforcements, where did you go?

14 A. We tried again to go across the bridge. We couldn't, so I
11:22:07 15 went to the State House.

16 Q. Witness, I'm going to ask you to mark again some of the
17 locations which you've identified on the Freetown maps that you
18 have in front of you. Would you just open those up, please? If
19 you could start, Witness, with the larger scale map that you had
11:22:44 20 opened before, the Freetown and environs, and I would like you,
21 please, to mark on that map the route that was taken from State
22 House to Pademba Road Prison with a highlighter pen.

23 [Witness complied]

24 A. Yes.

11:23:39 25 Q. If you've still got the biro in front of you, if
26 could you just mark with a "B" the location of the battalion that
27 was deployed at Pademba Road Prison?

28 A. B?

29 Q. Yes, please.

1 A. You mean -- should I put the battalion -- the 1st Battalion
2 and put B?

3 Q. Yes, if you can put the name of the battalion, that would
4 be an additional help.

11:24:22 5 [Witness complies]

6 A. Yes.

7 Q. Then, Witness, what I would like you to identify,
8 please, on that same map, is the route that was taken to King
9 Tom, again, with the highlighter.

11:25:12 10 [Witness complies]

11 A. Done so.

12 Q. Thank you, Witness. Still on that map, if you could
13 mark with a letter "C" with the biro where it was that the
14 battalion at King Tom was deployed.

11:25:51 15 [Witness complies]

16 A. Done so.

17 Q. Thank you. Still staying with that map, if you could mark
18 with the biro, please, with the letter "D", the location of the
19 blocking force at this time at Congo Cross bridge.

11:26:18 20 [Witness complies]

21 A. Done so.

22 Q. And also then with the letter "E", the location of the
23 blocking force at Ascension Town bridge.

24 [Witness complies]

11:26:34 25 A. Done so.

26 Q. Thank you, witness. What I would ask you to do now is turn
27 over the Freetown map on to the smaller scale one. Thank you.
28 If you could take the time now with the highlighter, I would ask
29 you to do the same thing that you did on the other map, which is

1 to mark the route again of the two columns as they came into
2 Freetown using the old and the new road, and if you could mark
3 the routes of the two columns right up to State House.

4 [Witness complies]

11:29:45 5 A. Done so.

6 Q. Thank you, witness. Having done that, if you would then go
7 back to using the biro and I want you to mark a few locations,
8 please. The first one, Ferry Junction on the smaller scale map,
9 and if you could mark that with a letter "A" on the small scale

11:30:05 10 map.

11 [Witness complies]

12 A. Yes.

13 Q. Then if you could mark with a letter "B" the location at
14 which the battalion at Queen Elizabeth Quay was deployed.

11:30:19 15 Battalion 6. Just mark that with "B".

16 [Witness complies]

17 A. Done so.

18 Q. I would ask you to mark with a letter "C" the location of
19 East End Police on the map.

11:30:47 20 [Witness complies]

21 A. Done so.

22 Q. Thank you. Finally, the location of the battalion deployed
23 at Government Wharf, and if you could mark that with a "D".

24 [Witness complies]

11:31:11 25 A. Done so.

26 Q. Thank you, witness, that was all on the maps for the
27 moment.

28 MS PACK: Now, Your Honours, might be the best time for my
29 I earned friends to look at the map and, indeed, Your Honours to

1 Look at the map, because I will be leaving it for a while.

2 PRESIDING JUDGE: Mr Court Attendant, could you please take
3 the map and show it to counsel for the Prosecution and then to
4 counsel for the Defence.

11:45:13 5 [Maps shown to counsel for Prosecution,
6 counsel for Defence and Bench]

7 PRESIDING JUDGE: Ms Pack, for the purposes of record, I
8 note that there are two roads have been marked here. They have
9 been referred to in the course of evidence as the old road and
10 the new road. Perhaps I should start again.

11 MS PACK: I heard Your Honour.

12 PRESIDING JUDGE: There is a Bai Bureh Road and a Kissy
13 bypass, which is the old and which is the new?

14 MS PACK: Let me ask the witness.

11:47:01 15 Q. Witness, you have marked on the smaller scale Freetown map
16 there is a Kissy bypass road that has been marked going up into
17 Blackhall Road. Then there is another road, the Bai Bureh Road.
18 Can you identify, without looking at the map, which one is which?

19 A. The Bai Bureh Road is the new road.

11:47:21 20 Q. So the Kissy bypass road is --

21 A. The Kissy bypass road is the old road.

22 MS PACK: Is that clear?

23 PRESIDING JUDGE: Thank you for that clarification,
24 Ms Pack, I'm clear now.

11:47:34 25 MS PACK: Thank you, Your Honour.

26 [AFRC16SEP05C - AD]

27 PRESIDING JUDGE: Ms Pack, we have marked up the maps now,
28 thank you. Please proceed.

29 MS PACK: Thank you, Your Honour.

1 Q. Witness, just to remind you where we'd got to before I
2 asked you to mark the maps, you had described the second time
3 that you'd returned to State House on 6th January after you had
4 taken extra manpower from the 6th Battalion at Queen Elizabeth
11:51:41 5 Quay to Ascension Town bridge. When you returned to State House
6 on this second occasion, did you see anything there?

7 A. Yes, on my return to the State House, the street in front
8 of the State House building, I saw a lot of dead bodies there.

9 Q. Are you able to estimate about how many you saw?

11:52:08 10 A. No, but there were plenty.

11 Q. Were you able to work out who the dead bodies were?

12 A. Yes.

13 Q. Who were they?

14 A. They were policemen, because they were wearing uniforms,
11:52:27 15 and some are Nigerian soldiers and some are Nigerian civilians.

16 Q. How were you able to work out who were Nigerian soldiers
17 and Nigerians civilians?

18 A. The soldiers had uniforms on them, and the civilians I
19 could identify them by their tribal marks.

11:52:58 20 Q. Were you able to see how they died?

21 A. I met the dead bodies there. Those that I could see, I saw
22 them with gunshot wounds.

23 Q. After you got to State House, how long did you remain
24 there?

11:53:17 25 A. I was there for the whole day. I rested.

26 Q. Whilst you were at State House, do you recall anything
27 happening there?

28 A. Yes. There was a message sent to the BBC.

29 Q. How do you know that a message was sent to the BBC?

1 A. I was in the office where the message was sent.

2 Q. Who sent the message to the BBC?

3 A. It was FAT Sesay.

4 Q. What was said in that message to BBC?

11:54:00 5 A. It was said that the AFRC had taken over Freetown.

6 Q. Was there anyone else with you when you were present when
7 that communication was made?

8 A. Santigie Kanu was there, Ibrahim Bazzy Kamara was there,
9 Alex Tamba Brima was there, and there were some other commanders.

11:54:28 10 Q. Witness, you have described events on 6th January 1999. On
11 7th January 1999, what happened then, on that day?

12 A. The 7th January the Nigerians started attacking our
13 positions.

14 Q. Which positions were they?

11:55:03 15 A. The Congo Cross bridge and the Ascension Town bridge.

16 Q. What happened as a result of those attacks?

17 A. They penetrated us and we started pulling back. That was
18 after the 8th -- the 9th, 9th of January. Started pulling back
19 and came to the St John and the Kroo Town Road junction.

11:55:43 20 Q. Pause a moment.

21 A. That was our forefront.

22 Q. I interrupted you. Your forefront, your frontline was at
23 St John and Kroo Town.

24 A. Yes.

11:55:55 25 MS PACK: If I can spell. St John. Your Honours are
26 familiar with Kroo Town, again K-R-O-O Town.

27 Q. When your frontline had pulled back on the 9th to Kroo Town
28 and St John, where were the headquarters at this time?

29 A. Headquarters were still at State House.

1 Q. Was there anyone in command of the frontlines at St John
2 and Kroo Town?

3 A. Yes.

4 Q. Do you recall whom?

11:56:34 5 A. It was O-five.

6 Q. Going back to 7th January, you have told us that
7 ECOMOG started -- my apologies, Nigerians started attacking you
8 on 7th January. Did you remain at the frontline on 7th January?

9 A. Yes. We started pulling back from that frontline on the
11:57:21 10 9th in the morning.

11 Q. Just going back to the 7th, the frontline at this point was
12 where?

13 A. The frontline was still at King Harman Road. Sorry, the
14 frontline was at Ascension Town bridge and Congo Cross bridge.

11:57:41 15 Q. Did you remain at the frontline throughout all of the day?

16 A. Yes.

17 Q. When did you leave the frontline?

18 A. We left the frontline.

19 Q. You personally I am talking about.

11:57:56 20 A. I was on the frontline when they started attacking us and I
21 was there for the whole day, and I came back to State House.

22 Q. When you returned to State House, do you recall anything
23 happening at State House?

24 A. Yes, on my return to State House there was a radio message.

11:58:22 25 Q. How do you know there was a radio message?

26 A. I was in the State House where the radio communication was
27 going on.

28 Q. Who was the radio communication between?

29 A. Between Alex Tamba Brima and Sam Bockarie.

1 Q. What was said on that radio communication?

2 A. It was said that the Nigerians have started attacking our
3 positions.

4 Q. Who said that?

11:58:55 5 A. It was said by Alex Tamba Brima.

6 Q. Was there any response to that message?

7 A. Yes. The response from Sam Bockarie was that we should
8 hold on to the forefront and if, and if they penetrate us, he
9 will give orders for the burning down of the central part of

11:59:25 10 Freetown and all important buildings.

11 Q. Who was at the radio when this communication was made?

12 A. You have Alex Tamba Brima, Ibrahim Bazzi, Hassan Papa
13 Bangura, Santigie Kanu and other commanders.

14 Q. After this radio communication was made, do you remember
12:00:15 15 anything happening?

16 A. Yes.

17 Q. What?

18 A. Burning started as we are pulling out from the frontline.

19 Q. Did Sam Bockarie do or say anything after this
12:00:44 20 communication was made, that you are able to recall?

21 A. Yes. He went over the BBC radio station and also said the
22 same thing.

23 Q. What did he say?

24 A. If ECOMOG does not stop attacking our positions, the whole
12:01:09 25 Freetown will be burnt down and all important buildings.

26 Q. Do you recall when this was said on the radio?

27 A. I cannot recall the right date.

28 Q. You have told us that it was on 9th January that the
29 frontline moved back from Congo Cross and from Ascension Town

1 bridges to St John and Kroo Town. Now the burning you have
2 described, where did that take place?

3 A. The burning took place first at the Kingtom police
4 barracks.

12:02:03 5 Q. Where else?

6 A. And from the Kingtom police barracks up to St John and Kroo
7 Town Road.

8 Q. Can you remember any other specific locations at which the
9 burning took place?

12:02:24 10 A. No, at that time that was the place that I knew that
11 burning went on.

12 Q. What was set on fire?

13 A. Houses.

14 Q. How were you able to say that burning went on at these
12:02:48 15 locations?

16 A. Because I was with the forefront team and, as we are
17 pulling out, you can see the burning that was going on.

18 Q. When did the burning start, are you able to say that?

19 A. Say again.

12:03:10 20 Q. When did the burning start?

21 A. The burning started on night when we are pulling out.

22 Q. When you were still based at the headquarters at State
23 House do you recall any specific operations that were carried
24 out?

12:03:33 25 A. Yes.

26 Q. Where?

27 A. At Fourah Bay Road.

28 Q. How do you know that an operation was carried out at Fourah
29 Bay Road?

1 A. Because on the night when we pulled out to Kroo Town Road,
2 I came to the State House and whilst I was there there was a
3 report that came to Gullit that they had killed a soldier at the
4 Fourah Bay Road area.

12:04:15 5 Q. Who was it alleged had killed a soldier at Fourah Bay?

6 A. Civilians.

7 Q. Did anything happen as a result of this report being made?

8 A. Yes.

9 Q. What happened?

12:04:30 10 A. Men were mustered and sent to Fourah Bay Road and the
11 person that commanded the troops that went to Fourah Bay Road was
12 called Saidu Kambolia.

13 Q. How do you know that men were mustered and sent to this
14 location?

12:04:54 15 A. I went with the troops myself and orders were given by Alex
16 Tamba Brima that when we reach Fourah Bay Road, Fourah Bay Road
17 should be burnt down and there should be a lot of killing there
18 in the result of the soldier that he killed.

19 Q. What happened at Fourah Bay Road?

12:05:27 20 A. On our arrival there, the orders that were given was done.

21 Q. So what happened?

22 A. There was a lot of killings and burning.

23 Q. About how many of you went to Fourah Bay Road on this
24 operation?

12:05:55 25 A. We were up to 100.

26 Q. And when you got to Fourah Bay Road you have told us that
27 burning and killing went on. Describe what you saw.

28 A. I saw a lot of burning of houses, which people were inside
29 the houses, and anyone tries to run out of the fire will be shot.

1 Q. Who was carrying out the burning of the houses and the
2 shooting?

3 A. The troops that were sent from State House to Fourah Bay
4 Road.

12:06:46 5 Q. Was it just Fourah Bay Road that you went to on this
6 operation?

7 A. Fourah Bay Road and the whole of Fourah Bay, the area, the
8 Fourah Bay area.

9 Q. Can you remember other roads that included, the names of
12:07:15 10 other roads?

11 A. No.

12 Q. And the people in the houses that were burned, who were
13 they?

14 A. They were civilians; men, women, children.

12:07:28 15 Q. The people who you saw who were killed, who were they?

16 A. They were civilians.

17 Q. Are you able to estimate from what you saw about how many
18 civilians were killed on this operation?

19 A. I couldn't estimate because I could not go round the whole
12:07:58 20 Fourah Bay to count each and every body.

21 Q. What did you do after this operation at Fourah Bay -- in
22 the Fourah Bay area?

23 A. After the operation we went back to State House and from
24 there I went back to the front line.

12:08:26 25 Q. When you got back to State House, did you do anything?

26 A. No.

27 Q. Was anyone at State House when you got there?

28 A. Yes.

29 Q. Who was there?

1 A. Alex Tamba Brima was there and other commanders.

2 Q. After you went back to the front line, what did you do?

3 A. After I returned to the front line we tried to organised
4 ourselves to attack the Nigerians again, but we couldn't. They
12:09:13 5 empowered us and we had to push back. We had to push back to
6 State House and the headquarter was taken to Ferry Junction.

7 Q. You have described a radio communication at State House.
8 Whilst you were still based there were there any other radio
9 communications that you're able to recall?

12:09:49 10 A. No.

11 Q. Do you recall approximately when it was that you were
12 pushed back from State House to Ferry Junction?

13 A. I could not recall the right date.

14 Q. When the headquarters was pushed back to Ferry Junction,
12:10:25 15 where was the front line, at the beginning, at this time?

16 A. At that time the front line was at the PZ.

17 Q. Where were you based at this time that the headquarters was
18 at Ferry Junction?

19 A. I was opposite the SLRA building at Ferry Junction.

12:10:55 20 Q. What was the name of the place where you were?

21 A. It is a dwelling house. It is opposite the SLRA building,
22 whilst the headquarters was at Shankadas.

23 Q. Whilst the headquarters was based at Shankaras, do you
24 recall anything?

12:11:27 25 MR FOFANAH: I'm sorry to interrupt. Your Honours, may we
26 kindly get the spelling from the witness because I heard
27 Shankadas, I didn't hear Shankaras.

28 MS PACK:

29 Q. Witness, I will ask you to spell Shankaras, please. Use

1 your pen to write it down if you need to.

2 A. S-H-A-N-K-A-D-A-S.

3 Q. Whilst the headquarters was based at Shankadas, do you
4 recall anything happening there?

12:12:16 5 A. Whilst the headquarters was at Shankadas there was a
6 government minister that was ambushed in the central part of town
7 and his body was taken there and dumped at the PWD compound. And
8 also there were soldiers -- Nigerian ECOMOG soldiers who were
9 captured and killed in PWD compound.

12:12:58 10 Q. Just pause a moment and I will deal with both of those.
11 The PWD building, firstly, where is that situated in relation to
12 the Shankadas building?

13 A. The PWD is very close to the Ferry Junction.

14 Q. Now just staying again with Ferry Junction. You have told
12:13:39 15 us about the dumping of the body of a government minister at the
16 PWD. How do you know about this event?

17 A. I was just opposite the building and I was there when the
18 body was brought and I saw the body myself.

19 Q. Do you recall who brought the body to the PWD compound?

12:14:10 20 A. The body was brought by Hashim Fullah who was in charge of
21 the AA van.

22 Q. I will just ask you to spell, please, Hashim Fullah for the
23 Chamber.

24 A. H-A-S-H-I-M F-U-L-L-A-H.

12:14:39 25 Q. Who was Hashim Fullah?

26 A. He was our artillery firer and he was an SLA soldier.

27 Q. You said he was in charge of the AA van, what do you mean?

28 A. An anti-aircraft machine gun.

29 Q. You have told us that there were the bodies of Nigerian

1 soldiers at the PWD building. How are you able to say that? How
2 do you know that?

3 A. I saw the bodies in the building, when the government
4 minister was brought and the PWD building was taken as an
12:15:33 5 execution ground.

6 Q. Are you able to say about how many bodies of Nigerian
7 soldiers that you saw at the PWD building?

8 A. Yes, there were five bodies.

9 Q. Were these bodies inside the building, outside the
12:16:01 10 building, where were they located?

11 A. They were inside the compound of the building.

12 Q. You have described the PWD as an execution ground. What do
13 you mean by that?

14 A. Where they kill. Where they kill people.

12:16:19 15 Q. And why do you call it an execution ground?

16 A. Because anywhere they kill people, I call this an execution
17 ground.

18 Q. Do you know who was carrying out the killings at the PWD
19 compound?

12:16:36 20 A. Yes.

21 Q. Who?

22 A. You have Mad Crazy, Cyborg, Kabila. Those I could
23 remember, and also Born Naked.

24 Q. We have not had that name before. Would you spell that,
12:16:56 25 please. Did you say Born Naked. I don't think there is a need
26 to spell that.

27 A. B-O-R-N, Born.

28 Q. Witness, who is Born Naked?

29 A. Born Naked is an SLA soldier.

1 Q. Do you know his real name?

2 A. No.

3 Q. Witness, apart from these killings that you were described
4 at Ferry Junction at PWD, whilst you were based opposite the SLRA
12:17:51 5 building and whilst the headquarters were still located at
6 Shankadas, do you recall anything happening at the Shankadas
7 building?

8 A. No.

9 Q. At this time that you were at Ferry Junction, you have
12:18:37 10 spoken about a G4 responsible for arms and ammunition, that
11 position in the structure of command, where are you getting your
12 arms and ammunition from at this time that you were in Freetown?

13 A. At this time we had our arms and ammunition, which was
14 based in a cave at the old road back off Ferry Junction.

12:19:08 15 Q. How was arms and ammunition being distributed to the
16 fighters?

17 A. At that stage our arms and ammunition was almost getting
18 finished, so there was no distribution done, everybody had his or
19 her own arms and ammunition.

12:19:37 20 Q. As you withdrew from State House to Ferry Junction, do you
21 recall anything happening on the withdrawal?

22 A. No.

23 Q. Again, staying at Ferry Junction, you have spoken about
24 broadcasts earlier. Do you recall anything being said when you
12:20:28 25 were still at Ferry Junction?

26 A. Yes.

27 Q. Go on.

28 A. When we are Ferry Junction, there was a ceasefire call by
29 Charles Ghankay Taylor. I heard it over the BBC radio station

1 that we should have a ceasefire. But we did not abide to it.

2 That was on the Friday.

3 Q. Did you hear subsequent broadcasts?

12:21:15 4 A. No -- yes. On Monday, there was another broadcast from the
5 BBC by the Government of Sierra Leone that there should be a
6 ceasefire, and we did not listen to it too, so the fighting still
7 continued.

8 Q. You have spoken about radio communication earlier. Were
9 there any further radio communication after you left State House?

12:21:54 10 A. Yes.

11 Q. Where did those radio communications take place?

12 A. At Shankadas where the headquarters.

13 Q. How do you know those radio communications took place?

14 A. Because I was very close to the headquarter and I knew
12:22:14 15 about it.

16 Q. Who were the radio communications between?

17 A. It was between Alex Tamba Brima and Sam Bockarie.

18 Q. Describe the radio communication that you know of?

19 A. There was a radio message that was sent to Sam Bockarie
12:22:34 20 that we have pulled out of the central part of Freetown and we
21 need reinforcement, and arms and ammunition. The reply was that
22 he is going to send some manpower and arms and ammunition to join
23 us in Freetown and a meeting point should be the Formex building.

24 Q. Will you spell Formex, please, for the Chamber?

12:23:11 25 A. F-O-R-M-E-X.

26 Q. This particular communication, how do you know that that
27 took place?

28 A. Because I was there and at that time we were thirsty for
29 arms and ammunition and reinforcement.

1 Q. Whereabouts is the Formex building located?

2 A. It is the out cast of the eastern part of Freetown.

3 Q. Did reinforcements come in the event from Sam Bockarie into
4 Freetown?

12:23:54 5 A. No, they only stopped at Waterloo.

6 Q. How do you know that?

7 A. Because when we pull out from Freetown we met RUF at
8 Waterloo and on that reinforcement there was one commander by the
9 name of Rambo Red Goat who made his way with few fighters, past

12:24:25 10 through the peninsula jungle and joined us in Freetown.

11 Q. Just pause a moment with Rambo Red Goat, who was he?

12 A. He was an SLA soldier.

13 Q. Whereabouts did he get to in Freetown?

14 A. When he came to Freetown, our forefront was the East End
12:24:50 15 Police Station.

16 Q. Where did you see him?

17 A. I saw him at East End Police Station.

18 Q. When the front line was at East End Police Station where
19 were the headquarters based?

12:25:11 20 A. Still at Shankadas.

21 Q. Now, I was asking you about reinforcements sent as a result
22 of this particular communication to the Formex factory. Do you
23 know if anything happened at the Formex factory after this
24 communication between Sam Bockarie --

12:25:39 25 A. Yes, troops were sent to the Formex factory to wait on the
26 reinforcement that will come.

27 Q. Who sent troops to the Formex factory?

28 A. Alex Tamba Brima.

29 Q. How do you know that?

1 A. Because I was there when they made the communication and
2 whilst the reply came, Junior Mavin was called upon to lead the
3 troops to go and wait for reinforcement.

4 Q. Junior Mavin is not a name that we have heard from you
12:26:20 5 before. Could you just spell Mavin for the Chamber?

6 A. M-A-V-I-N.

7 Q. Tell us, who was he?

8 A. He was a deputy operational commander to O-five.

9 Q. Do you know what happened to Junior Mavin?

12:26:54 10 A. On his arrival at Formex he was there waiting for
11 reinforcement but they did not come.

12 Q. How do you know that?

13 A. I knew that because I went to check at the Formex to see
14 whether the reinforcement is coming.

12:27:13 15 Q. Were there any other radio communications whilst the
16 headquarters were based at Shankadas that you are able to recall?

17 A. No.

18 Q. Just staying with radio communications for a while, whilst
19 you were still at State House, you have spoken about one radio
12:27:43 20 communication there which concerned a message by Sam Bockarie
21 about burning important buildings in the central part of
22 Freetown. Were there any other radio communications at State
23 House that you recall before the withdrawal from there?

24 A. No.

12:28:13 25 Q. While you were at Shankadas, still staying at this
26 location, were there further radio communications there that you
27 are able to recall?

28 A. No.

29 Q. Witness, I am going to ask you again do look at the map

1 that you have in front of you. If you will just turn to the
2 environs map, the larger scale map of Freetown. No, the smaller
3 scale map of Freetown. I ask you, please, to mark with "E" on
4 that map the location of the Shankadas building.

12:29:11 5 A. Which letter to mark?

6 Q. "E" please.

7 [Witness complied]

8 THE WITNESS: It has been done.

9 MS PACK:

12:29:45 10 Q. Thank you, witness. How long did you remain at the
11 headquarters at Ferry Junction at Shankadas?

12 A. About a week.

13 Q. After that week where did you go?

14 A. We pulled out to the Kissy mental home.

12:30:06 15 Q. Where was the front line at this point?

16 A. At that time, when we pulled out from Ferry Junction, the
17 whole troops moved to Kissy mental home.

18 Q. As you pulled out from Ferry Junction, do you recall
19 anything happening?

12:30:40 20 A. No.

21 Q. Between Ferry Junction and Kissy mental home, did anything
22 happen that you recall?

23 A. No.

24 Q. When you got to Kissy mental home, did anything happen
12:31:04 25 there?

26 A. Yes.

27 Q. What happened?

28 A. On our arrival at Kissy mental home, whilst we were at
29 Ferry Junction going back, there was some abductions on the road,

1 which was Bishop Ganda and eight Christian nuns.

2 Q. Where did this abduction take place?

3 A. On the road pulling back out from Ferry Junction to the
4 Kissy mental home.

12:31:47 5 Q. Where were there any other abductions apart from these
6 individuals?

7 A. Yes.

8 Q. Who else was abducted?

9 A. Plenty civilians were also abducted.

12:32:06 10 Q. Who was carrying out the abductions?

11 A. Soldiers.

12 Q. You were talking about Kissy mental home. Did anything
13 happen there when you got there?

14 A. Yes.

12:32:24 15 Q. What happened?

16 A. On arrival at Kissy mental home, there was an order given.
17 Because of our pull-out, the order was given by Santigie Kanu for
18 soldiers to go down to -- down the eastern part of Freetown to
19 amputate up to 200 civilians and send them to the Ferry Junction.

12:33:03 20 Q. How do you know that this order was made by Santigie Kanu?

21 A. Because I was there at the Kissy mental home and I also saw
22 soldiers going down eastern part of Freetown to carry out the
23 orders.

24 Q. Was anyone else present when the order was given?

12:33:29 25 A. Yes.

26 Q. Who else?

27 A. Alex Tamba Brima was present, Hassan Papa Bangura, Ibrahim
28 Bazzy Kamara, and other commanders.

29 Q. Whereabouts were you when the order was given?

1 A. I was together with Ibrahim Bazzy Kamara.

2 Q. Where were you located?

3 A. We were at the environment of the Kissy mental home.

12:34:16 4 Q. You've said that fighters then went out. Do you know what
5 then happened after this order was given?

6 A. Yes, fighters went down the eastern part of Freetown. And
7 on their return they came with lot of amputated arms and the
8 machetes that they used to do the amputation, there were bits of
9 blood all over it.

12:34:48 10 Q. Do you remember the names of any fighters in particular who
11 you saw returning with machetes with blood on them and amputated
12 arms?

13 A. Yes. Kabila, Born Naked, Cyborg, SBU Killer. Those I
14 could remember.

12:35:22 15 MS PACK: Your Honours have had the spellings for all those
16 before.

17 Q. Do you recall anything else happening at Kissy mental home?

18 A. Yes. There was a prisoner of war, who was an Nigerian
19 ECOMOG soldier, whose arms were amputated.

12:35:51 20 Q. How do you know this?

21 A. I was there.

22 Q. Go on, what happened?

23 A. And a letter was placed around his neck to go and meet the
24 other Nigerian soldiers at Ferry Junction.

12:36:08 25 Q. Who amputated this soldiers arms?

26 A. It was amputated by Kabila.

27 Q. Who placed the letter around his neck?

28 A. The letter was placed around his neck by Santigie Kanu.

29 Q. How do you know that it was a letter that was placed around

1 this soldier's neck?

2 A. Because it was written in front of me by FAT Sesay.

3 Q. Did you see anything else happen at Kissy mental home?

4 A. Yes.

12:36:55 5 Q. What else?

6 A. The killing of three nuns out of eight.

7 Q. Who did this?

8 A. Foday Bah Marah, aka Bulldoze.

9 Q. Was anyone else present when this happened?

12:37:13 10 A. All the commanders were present.

11 Q. Whereabouts at Kissy mental home did this take place?

12 A. Around the environments of the Kissy mental home.

13 Q. You have told us that eight nuns were abducted and also
14 that Bishop Ganda was abducted.

12:37:28 15 A. Yes.

16 Q. Did anything happen to them?

17 A. Three of the nuns were killed whilst the remaining five and
18 Bishop Ganda ran away when we were attacked by the Nigerians.

19 Q. At this time who was based at Kissy mental home?

12:38:08 20 A. The whole troops were based there till we pulled out.

21 Q. Did you see or hear anything else at Kissy mental home?

22 A. No.

23 Q. How long did you remain at Kissy mental home?

24 A. We are just -- we are there for three days.

12:38:39 25 Q. Why did you leave?

26 A. Because we are attacked by the Nigerians.

27 Q. What happened as a result of that attack?

28 A. We had to pull out from Kissy mental home because we lost
29 Steve Bio and some other SLA officers we removed from Pademba

1 Road prison.

2 Q. As a result of that did anything happen?

3 A. As a result of that, when we were pulling out, because of
4 the attack that was launched upon us, Santigie Kanu, on our route
12:39:26 5 to go to Orugu, he was the first to start burning buildings.

6 Q. How do you know that he was the first to start burn
7 buildings?

8 A. I was there and I saw him.

9 Q. Describe what you saw.

12:39:44 10 A. Whilst we are coming, Santigie Kanu had some fuel in a one
11 gallon rubber and sent it inside a house and scratched a match.
12 The house went on blaze. After that, everybody was just burning
13 house at random.

14 Q. Whereabouts did the burning go on?

12:40:19 15 A. Soon we left the Kissy mental. At about the street they
16 call Brima Lane.

17 Q. Can you spell Brima, please?

18 A. B-R-I-M-A L-A-N-E, Lane.

19 Q. Did you burning only gone on at Brima Lane or did it go on
12:40:48 20 elsewhere?

21 A. The burning went on throughout the whole of eastern part of
22 Freetown.

23 Q. Prior to the burning starting, as you left Kissy mental
24 home --

12:41:08 25 A. Yes.

26 Q. -- had there been any other burning in that eastern part of
27 Freetown?

28 A. Yes, there were other burnings that were going on before
29 even we reached Kissy mental home. But it escalated when we

1 pulled out from the Kissy mental home.

2 Q. Do you remember anything about the other burning that had
3 taken place prior to this escalation?

4 A. Yes, there were burning that was going on at the eastern
12:41:38 5 parts when we started pulling out from Freetown.

6 Q. Do you remember anyone in particular being involved in that
7 burning?

8 A. No, because I was not at that point. I only saw the burnt
9 buildings.

12:42:13 10 Q. After Kissy mental home, where did you pull out to?

11 A. We pulled out to Orugu village.

12 Q. On the way to Orugu village where did you pass through?

13 A. Passed through Kalaba Town.

14 Q. When you got to Kalaba Town, did you see anything there?

12:42:49 15 A. Yes.

16 Q. What did you see at Kalaba Town?

17 A. I saw dead bodies in a mosque.

18 Q. Are you able to say who the dead people were?

19 A. They were civilians.

12:43:06 20 Q. Do you know what had happened at the mosque?

21 A. No, I only saw dead bodies there.

22 Q. Do you know who had been deployed to that area?

23 A. Yes.

24 Q. Who?

12:43:25 25 A. Rambo Red Goat was deployed at that point.

26 Q. After Kalaba Town where did you get to?

27 A. Went to the brewery, passed through brewery, to Orugu
28 village.

29 Q. When you got to Orugu village did anything happen?

1 A. Yes.

2 Q. What happened?

3 A. There was a communication sent to Sam Bockarie by Alex
4 Tamba Brima.

12:43:56 5 Q. How do you know?

6 A. I was present.

7 Q. What was said in that communication?

8 A. The communication was said by Alex Tamba Brima that we have
9 lost Freetown and we did not see the reinforcement to join us so
12:44:16 10 we are trying to pull out.

11 Q. Was there a response to that communication?

12 A. The response that Sam Bockarie made, he said we should try
13 and pull out fast, let us not be trapped in Freetown.

14 Q. Staying with communications again for a moment, do you
12:44:39 15 recall any radio communication whilst you were still at the
16 mental home?

17 A. Yes.

18 Q. Who were those communication between?

19 A. It was between Alex Tamba Brima and Sam Bockarie.

12:45:01 20 Q. What was said in that communication?

21 A. It was said that all the detainees, the politicians that we
22 took out from Pademba Road prison, we should protect them, and
23 when we reach Waterloo they should be sent to Kailahun.

24 Q. Who said this?

12:45:32 25 A. Sam Bockarie said that.

26 Q. Did you hear any response to that communication?

27 A. The response was that soon we reach Waterloo they will be
28 sent to Kailahun.

29 Q. When you got to Orugu village, what did you do?

1 A. On arrival at Orugu village, I moved straight to the
2 Benguema with some other troop -- with some other fighters,
3 whilst Hassan Papa Bangura and some other commanders stayed in
4 Freetown.

12:46:31 5 Q. Whereabouts did they stay?

6 A. They were staying at Orugu village.

7 Q. Who did you pull out with?

8 A. I pulled out with Ibrahim Bazzy Kamara.

9 Q. And who else?

12:46:53 10 A. Alex Tamba Brima, O-Five, Hassan -- no --

11 Q. What about --

12 A. Santigie Kanu.

13 Q. What about the fighters in the troop and the civilians,
14 what did they do?

12:47:15 15 A. They all pulled out.

16 Q. What did the other commanders, apart from Hassan Papa
17 Bangura?

18 A. They pulled out to Benguema.

19 Q. How long did it take you to get to Benguema?

12:47:44 20 A. Just two days, two nights.

21 Q. Did you stay at Benguema when you got there?

22 A. No.

23 Q. What did you do?

24 A. I went to stay at Waterloo.

12:48:06 25 Q. Who did you go to Waterloo with?

26 A. With Ibrahim Bazzy Kamara, Saidu Kambolia, Salifu Mansaray;
27 those I could remember.

28 Q. Who stayed at Benguema?

29 A. At Benguema, Alex Tamba Brima, Santigie Kanu and other

1 commanders stayed at Benguema.

2 Q. When you got to Waterloo, did anything happen there?

3 A. On arrival at Waterloo, we met with the RUF. The commander
4 that was there with the RUF troops was called Denis Mingo.

12:48:51 5 Q. In other members of the RUF there?

6 A. Yes.

7 Q. Who else?

8 A. Later Issa Sesay came from Makeni.

9 Q. Anyone else?

12:48:59 10 A. And Morris Kallon and RUF Rambo.

11 Q. Is that the same Rambo as the Rambo you have been referring
12 to?

13 A. No.

14 Q. Rambo Red Goat and another Rambo --

12:49:11 15 A. No.

16 Q. -- who was CSO to Johnny Paul Koroma?

17 A. No, they are three different people.

18 Q. When you got to Waterloo, did anything happen?

19 A. Yes, on the arrival of Issa Sesay there was a meeting for
12:49:31 20 us to reorganise ourselves to hit Freetown the second time.

21 Q. How do you know that there was a meeting called?

22 A. I was at the meeting.

23 Q. What was said in particular at that meeting?

24 A. We are going to use the two routes, the main route to
12:49:51 25 Freetown and the peninsula route to Freetown.

26 Q. Who said this?

27 A. Issa Sesay.

28 Q. Did anything happen after this meeting?

29 A. Yes, after the meeting, commanders were shared to the two

1 routes. And I and Ibrahim Bazy Kamara, Saidu Kambolia and Rambo
2 RUF were to use the main route back to Freetown.

3 Q. Where did that go through, that main route?

4 A. The main route from Waterloo you come to Hastings and
12:50:40 5 Freetown.

6 Q. What about the other men?

7 A. You have Santigie Kanu, Denis Mingo, Morris Kallon, Alex
8 Tamba Brima, O-Five; they were to use the peninsula route to
9 Tombo.

12:51:01 10 Q. Did you go on the operation from Waterloo to Hastings on
11 that route?

12 A. Yes.

13 Q. What happened on that operation?

14 A. We tried to pass through Hastings back to Freetown, but we
12:51:23 15 couldn't.

16 Q. Who led the operation?

17 A. Ibrahim Bazy Kamara.

18 PRESIDING JUDGE: Ms Pack, is that a natural break in the
19 line of this particular piece of evidence.

12:51:43 20 MS PACK: Yes, it is, Your Honour.

21 PRESIDING JUDGE: [Microphone not activated] I am sorry, I
22 haven't got my microphone on. I was just saying that as this is
23 the usual lunch time adjournment, it might be convenient to
24 adjourn here. We will adjourn to 2.15 p.m. Mr Court Attendant,
12:52:10 25 would you please adjourn the Court.

26 [Luncheon recess taken at 12.48 p.m.]

27 [AFRC16SEP05D - SV]

28 [Upon resuming at 2.20 p.m.]

29 PRESIDING JUDGE: Yes, Ms Pack, please proceed.

1 MS PACK: Thank you, Your Honour.

2 Q. Witness, just before the break you had told us about a
3 planned operation involving two routes to Freetown, and you told
4 us about that part of the operation that you were involved in to
14:25:15 5 Hastings. Now the other operation on the Tombo area --

6 A. Yes.

7 Q. -- who went on that operation, just remind us?

8 A. The people that went on the operation, you have Morris
9 Kallon of the RUF, you have Santigie Kanu, you have Alex Tamba
14:25:49 10 Brima, you have Bio and other commanders.

11 Q. And you'd said before the break they included Denis Mingo
12 and O-Five.

13 A. Denis Mingo and O-Five, yes.

14 Q. Do you know what happened on that operation?

14:26:13 15 A. I was not on that operation but on the return back, when I
16 came from Hastings to Waterloo, I get to learn that the operation
17 was not successful.

18 Q. After these unsuccessful operations on Tombo and Hastings,
19 what happened?

14:26:36 20 A. The RUF had to pull back to Lunsar while some other SLA
21 commanders like Alex Tamba Brima, Santigie Kanu also pulled out
22 with the RUF to Makeni.

23 Q. Who of the RUF went to Makeni?

24 A. Pardon?

14:27:05 25 Q. Who of the RUF went to Makeni with Alex Tamba Brima and
26 Santigie Kanu?

27 A. You have Issa Sesay, Morris Kallon, Rambo of the RUF. They
28 all pulled out.

29 Q. How do you know these individuals all went to Makeni?

1 A. Because we were all at Waterloo and after we couldn't go
2 through on the operations. I was in Waterloo until the last day
3 when they left.

4 Q. You've said that RUF also went to Lunsar. Who of the RUF
14:27:51 5 went to Lunsar?

6 A. You have Denis Mingo. He was the only one that I know that
7 went to Lunsar.

8 Q. Witness, what did you do?

9 A. I was with Ibrahim Bazzy Kamara and we pulled out to the
14:28:15 10 Four Mile.

11 MS PACK: That's Four Mile, Your Honour.

12 Q. Who else was with you apart from Ibrahim Bazzy Kamara?

13 A. Hassan Papa Bangura was with me, Salifu Mansaray.

14 Q. Just remind us of Salifu Mansaray's alias?

14:28:41 15 A. Aka Tito.

16 Q. Anyone else you recall?

17 A. Bi o.

18 Q. Anyone else?

19 A. Those I could remember.

14:28:51 20 Q. Whereabouts is Four Mile?

21 A. Very close to Newton Junction.

22 Q. How long did you stay there?

23 A. We were there for about a week.

24 Q. Why did you move?

14:29:11 25 A. We moved because the ECOMOG troops have started pushing us
26 back from that point.

27 Q. Where did you pull back to?

28 A. We went to a village called Mamamah on the highway, close
29 to Mile 38.

1 MS PACK: I'll spell that M-A-M-A-M-A-H, Your Honours.

2 Q. At this time that you pulled back to Mamamah who was in
3 command of your group?

4 A. Ibrahim Bazzy Kamara was in command.

14:29:54 5 Q. I'm going to ask you just to mark some more locations,
6 Witness, on the map. If you'd turn to the big map of Sierra
7 Leone, open that up. And I'm going to ask you to mark with an
8 "X" Four Mile, with an "X" RDF and with an "X" -- I mean, not
9 RDF, I apologise. With an "X" Four Mile and with an "X" Mamamah.

14:30:34 10 And if you could mark Four Mile with the letter "I" and Mamamah
11 with the letter "J".

12 A. Four Mile?

13 Q. Four Mile with "I" and Mamamah with a "J".

14 A. [Witness complied]. It has been done.

14:31:13 15 Q. Thank you, Witness.

16 MS PACK: Your Honours, there's going to be one more
17 location I'll be asking the witness to mark so if I could just
18 hold back on circulating that.

19 PRESIDING JUDGE: Yes, do that please, Ms Pack.

14:31:27 20 MS PACK: Thank you, Your Honour.

21 Q. Witness, did anything happen at Mamamah?

22 A. Yes. Whilst the ECOMOG troops were advancing at us --

23 Q. Go on.

24 A. Orders were given by Ibrahim Bazzy Kamara.

14:31:54 25 Q. How do you know that orders were given by Ibrahim Bazzy
26 Kamara?

27 A. Because I was staying with him in the same house, and we
28 both stayed together.

29 Q. Whereabouts?

1 A. At Mamamah.

2 Q. Go on then, what were the orders that were given?

3 A. The orders were given for soldiers to make the terrain more
4 fearful to slow the movement of the ECOMOG troops.

14:32:16 5 Q. Do you know what was meant by making the terrain "more
6 fearful"?

7 A. Yes.

8 Q. What was meant by that?

9 A. By killing people and display -- putting them on the main
14:32:37 10 highway.

11 Q. Did anything happen in Mamamah?

12 A. Yes.

13 Q. What happened?

14 A. There were five men that were killed and displayed at the
14:32:52 15 main highway.

16 Q. Where were these men from?

17 A. They were civilians of Mamamah.

18 Q. Do you know who killed them?

19 A. Cyborg.

14:33:06 20 Q. Do you know how he killed them?

21 A. He killed them with machete.

22 Q. How do you know that?

23 A. I was there.

24 Q. Did anything else happen in Mamamah?

14:33:24 25 A. Yes, before pulling out from Mamamah, because we had a
26 heavy pressure of the ECOMOG troops coming, there were church
27 house close to the house where we were staying and orders were
28 given by Ibrahim Bazzy Kamara for the house to be burnt down and
29 there were people inside the house and that was done.

1 Q. Pause a moment. Did you say a "church" house?

2 A. Chat, chat, chat [phon].

3 Q. What was the house made of?

4 A. It was made of mud.

14:34:17 5 Q. How do you know that orders were given to burn this house?

6 A. I was there.

7 Q. Was it one house that was burned?

8 A. Just one house, with people inside the house.

9 Q. Who were the people inside the house?

14:34:34 10 A. They were civilians, small children at the age of 10 to 15
11 and adults.

12 Q. Do you know how many civilians were inside that house?

13 A. I cannot give the number of civilians in the house.

14 Q. After the order was given to set fire to the house did
14:35:01 15 anything happen?

16 A. The house was surrounded by soldiers and the house was put
17 on fire. Whilst the fire blaze a small boy ran out of the house
18 to escape for his life and Ibrahim Bassy Kamara took out his
19 Glock 17 pistol and fired on the ground in front of the boy to
14:35:31 20 get in the house again. So the boy couldn't come out of the
21 fire.

22 Q. So what happened to the boy?

23 A. He was burnt inside the house.

24 Q. Are you able to estimate how old the boy was?

14:35:46 25 A. Between 10 to 15 years.

26 Q. How do you know that this happened?

27 A. I was there in present.

28 Q. Whereabouts?

29 A. Outside the building.

1 Q. Where were you in relation to Ibrahim Bazy Kamara when
2 this happened?

3 A. We were outside the house whilst the house was surrounded
4 and we were just outside the house.

14:36:17 5 Q. Were there others with you apart from Ibrahim Bazy Kamara?

6 A. Yes.

7 Q. Who were they?

8 A. Eddie Williams was there, aka Maf; Mad Crazy was there.

9 Q. Who set fire --

14:36:35 10 A. Cyborg was there.

11 Q. Who set fire to the house?

12 A. The house was caught on fire by Cyborg.

13 Q. After Mamamah, where did you go?

14 A. We went to Mile 38, and we diverted left from Mile 38. We
14:37:09 15 went into the jungle to Gberibana, which is called the West Side.

16 Q. Can you spell Gberibana, please, for the Court?

17 A. G-B-E-R-A-B-A-N-A [sic].

18 Q. You said it's called the West Side. What do you mean?

19 A. Well, why it was called the West Side, because we were in
14:38:00 20 the west so we decide to give it the West Side jungle.

21 Q. I'm going to ask you to mark on the map, please, the
22 location of Gberibana or the West Side jungle. Just mark it with
23 an X and then with the letter K, please.

24 [Witness complied]

14:38:31 25 A. It has been done.

26 Q. Thank you, Witness.

27 MS PACK: Your Honours, that's the last of the markings on
28 the map. So if -- this might be a convenient time for my learned
29 friends and Your Honours to look at it.

1 PRESIDING JUDGE: Madam Court Attendant, if you could
2 assist us, showing it to prosecution counsel first.

3 MS PACK: Your Honour, I'd like to tender the map now as an
4 exhibit in its marked form -- finally marked form.

14:46:29 5 PRESIDING JUDGE: Counsel for the Defence? Ms Thompson,
6 are you speaking first?

7 MS THOMPSON: No objection, Your Honour.

8 PRESIDING JUDGE: Thank you. Mr Koroma?

9 MR KOROMA: No objection, Your Honour.

14:46:42 10 PRESIDING JUDGE: Thank you. Mr Daniels?

11 MR DANIELS: No objection, Your Honour.

12 PRESIDING JUDGE: Thank you, Mr Daniels. The map will be
13 admitted as an exhibit. I've kind of lost track of our exhibit
14 numbers, Madam Court Attendant. It's been a long recess. P30.

14:47:41 15 As my sister has just pointed out, there are three parts to this
16 map that have been marked, so I'll just take them in the sequence
17 in which they started. The main map of Sierra Leone will be 30A,
18 the smaller of the two maps called "Freetown and the environs"
19 will be 30B, and the small map called "Freetown" will be 30C.

14:48:17 20 [Exhibit No. 30A was admitted]

21 [Exhibit No. 30B was admitted]

22 [Exhibit No. 30C was admitted]

23 PRESIDING JUDGE: Ms Pack, please proceed.

24 MS PACK: Thank you, Your Honour.

14:48:41 25 Q. Just before we go back into the chronology, Witness, you've
26 been referring to Santigie Kanu in the course of your testimony.

27 Is there another name by which Santigie Kanu is known?

28 A. His ak name is Five-Five.

29 Q. When you say "ak" what do you mean?

1 A. Alias.

2 Q. Witness, you've told us that you arrived at Gberibana, the
3 West Side jungle. Did anything happen on your arrival there?

4 A. When we arrived at the West Side jungle we had a meeting
14:49:20 5 that was called by Ibrahim Bazzy Kamara.

6 Q. Who was present at that meeting?

7 A. All commanders that went with the remaining troops to
8 Gberibana were present, like Hassan Papa Bangura, Salifu
9 Mansaray.

14:49:42 10 Q. How do you know about the presence of these individuals at
11 the meeting?

12 A. Because I was there and I was present in the meeting too.

13 Q. What happened at this meeting?

14 A. In the meeting we have to restructure to form three
14:49:58 15 battalions.

16 Q. Did anything else happen at the meeting?

17 A. Yes, appointments were given.

18 Q. Who gave appointments at the meeting?

19 A. Ibrahim Bazzy Kamara gave the appointments.

14:50:13 20 Q. Who carried out the restructure at the meeting?

21 A. Ibrahim Bazzy Kamara.

22 Q. Was anything else said at this meeting?

23 A. Yes.

24 Q. What else?

14:50:32 25 A. For us to defend -- for us to defend Gberibana and try to
26 get arms and ammunition.

27 Q. You've told us that appointments were made at this meeting.
28 Did anything happen to your appointment?

29 A. Yes.

1 Q. What happened?

2 A. I was given an appointment as the operation commander.

3 Q. Remind us what was your rank at this time?

4 A. At that time I was lieutenant-colonel.

14:51:16 5 Q. What did you do in your position as operation commander?

6 A. To plan all movement on operations.

7 Q. Did you go on operations yourself as operation commander?

8 A. Yes.

9 Q. Did you go on all operations?

14:51:38 10 A. Pardon?

11 Q. Did you go on all operations yourself?

12 A. No.

13 Q. When you didn't go on operations did anyone else go?

14 A. Yes.

14:51:48 15 Q. Go on.

16 A. I would send men from my own securities to go and observe
17 on how the operation is going. And when they come back they
18 would give me feedback and I would report to Ibrahim Bazy
19 Kamara, who was the commander.

14:52:20 20 Q. How many securities did you have working for you at this
21 time?

22 A. At that time I will have up to 52 securities.

23 Q. You've told us that you reported to Ibrahim Bazy Kamara.
24 Did you report to anyone else --

14:52:48 25 A. No.

26 Q. -- at this time? You've told us about your role on
27 operations and the role of your securities when they went instead
28 of you on operations. How did your role differ from the role of
29 the battalion commander?

1 A. Well, the battalion commanders are there to take care of
2 their own -- for the battalions, and I as the operation commander
3 are there to take care of all and oversee all the battalions.

14:53:44 4 Q. What was your relationship with battalion commanders -- the
5 battalion commanders?

6 A. The battalion commanders always report to me and I report
7 to Ibrahim Bazzi, who was the commander.

8 Q. Were there other appointments made at this meeting apart
9 from your own appointment?

14:54:15 10 A. Yes.

11 Q. Tell us about them.

12 A. You have the camp commandants.

13 Q. Who was that?

14 A. Which was Salifu Mansaray.

14:54:27 15 Q. Remind us again of his alias?

16 A. Alias Tito.

17 Q. Anyone else?

18 A. You have the operation director.

19 Q. Who was that?

14:54:36 20 A. Hassan Papa Bangura. Then you have Bio, who was still the
21 medical officer.

22 Q. Hassan Papa Bangura, as operation director, who did he
23 report to?

24 A. He reports to Ibrahim Bazzi Kamara.

14:54:59 25 Q. What was your relation with him?

26 A. It was cordial, because on all operations that we plan, we
27 planned it together and we report to Ibrahim Bazzi Kamara.

28 Q. Out of the two of you who was the more senior in
29 appointment at this time?

1 A. It was the operation director.

2 Q. And who was the more senior in rank at this time between
3 you two?

4 A. It was the operation director.

14:55:32 5 Q. At this time at Gberibana about how many of you fighters
6 were there based there?

7 A. We were up to 500 to 600 fighters.

8 Q. Were there any civilians with you?

9 A. Yes.

14:56:02 10 Q. Are you able to estimate about how many?

11 A. No.

12 Q. Were the civilians men, women, children?

13 A. There were men, women and children.

14 Q. After this meeting that you've described at Gberibana did
14:56:30 15 anything else happen there?

16 A. Yes, there was another meeting.

17 Q. How do you know about the other meeting?

18 A. Because I was present on the meeting.

19 Q. What happened at that meeting?

14:56:43 20 A. The other meeting was an operational meeting to go and
21 attack Port Loko.

22 Q. Who was present at the meeting?

23 A. All the commanders were present.

24 Q. Names of a few who were present, please?

14:56:57 25 A. Ibrahim Bazy Kamara, I was present, Hassan Papa Bangura,
26 Salifu Mansaray and all battalion commanders.

27 Q. Who were the battalion commanders at this point, if you're
28 able to remember?

29 A. I could remember a few.

1 Q. Go on.

2 A. You have the Dark Angel Battalion, which was stationed at
3 the Port Loko Road; Tamba Foyo was the battalion commander;
4 Sheriff was his 2IC.

14:57:44 5 Q. I'm going to ask you, please, to spell Tamba Foyo, please,
6 for the Chamber?

7 A. T-A-M-B-A F-O-Y-O.

8 Q. And who was he?

9 A. He was an SLA soldier.

14:58:08 10 Q. You said that Sheriff was his 2IC?

11 A. Yes.

12 Q. Just remind us what you mean by "2IC"?

13 A. Second in command.

14 Q. Would you spell Sheriff, please, for the Chamber?

14:58:22 15 A. S-H-E-R-I-F-F.

16 Q. Is that his full name?

17 A. That's his first name. I only know his first name.

18 Q. Do you know any alias?

19 A. No.

14:58:36 20 Q. Who was he?

21 A. He was an SLA.

22 Q. Do you know about the commanders of any other -- do you
23 remember the names of commanders of any other of these
24 battalions?

14:58:48 25 A. Yes, I could remember the other battalion. The commander
26 that was there was Stanty aka Cake.

27 Q. Would you spell that, please, for the Chamber?

28 A. S-T-A-N-T-Y, Stanty.

29 Q. And what was the aka name, the alias?

1 A. Cake, C-A-K-E.

2 Q. And any other names of battalions commanders that you're
3 now able to remember?

4 A. Those I could remember.

14:59:31 5 Q. Where was Stanty's battalion deployed?

6 A. Stanty's battalion was deployed close to Lai a Junction.

7 Q. Would you spell the name of that junction, please?

8 A. L-A-I-A.

9 Q. Witness, after this meeting did anything happen?

15:00:06 10 A. After the meeting we went on the operation to Port Loko.

11 Q. Who led that operation?

12 A. I led it.

13 Q. What was the purpose of it?

14 A. The purpose was for us to go and get arms and ammunition

15:00:21 15 from the Malians.

16 Q. What happened on that operation?

17 A. We went on the operation and the operation was successful.

18 Q. What was the outcome? Why was it successful?

19 A. Because we had large -- we have large cache of arms and
15:00:46 20 ammunition.

21 Q. Did anything else happen whilst you were in Port Loko?

22 A. After getting the arms and ammunition we returned back.
23 Half way, before we reached the camp, I had to establish
24 communication with Ibrahim Bazzy Kamara.

15:01:08 25 Q. I'll ask you about that in a moment. Was there anything
26 else captured in Port Loko on the operation?

27 A. Yes.

28 Q. What else?

29 A. There were two Malian soldiers that were captured, that we

1 brought as prisoners of war.

2 Q. On the way to Port Loko, before the operation on Port Loko
3 itself took place, did anything happen?

4 A. Yes.

15:01:40 5 Q. What happened?

6 A. We reached a village, which I could not remember the name
7 of the village, where a fat lady was killed by Keforke.

8 Q. Would you spell Keforke, please, for the Chamber?

9 A. K-E-F-O-R-K-E.

15:02:11 10 Q. How do you know that a fat woman was killed by Keforke?

11 A. Because I was there, I was resting in a house. Then when I
12 woke up I saw the dead body of the woman.

13 Q. How had she been killed?

14 A. She was killed by machete.

15:02:46 15 Q. Remind us, who was Keforke?

16 A. Keforke was an SLA soldier.

17 Q. How long did you remain in this village where this lady,
18 this woman, was killed?

19 A. We were there for a few hours.

15:03:02 20 Q. Did you move on then?

21 A. We moved on to the next village.

22 Q. Did anything happen at the next village?

23 A. Next village -- when I reach the next village I saw a lot
24 of human beings on the ground that are dead, some with amputated
15:03:28 25 legs and some with amputated arms.

26 Q. Do you know how that had happened?

27 A. Whilst I was resting in the village where the fat woman was
28 killed I sent some fighters to the next village to be there as
29 blocking for us and when they went, the civilians that they met

1 in the village were all held and killed.

2 Q. How do you know that it was them --

3 A. When I reach --

4 Q. -- who had done this?

15:04:08 5 A. When I reach a complaint was made to me by Sheriff that
6 Cyborg has amputated those people and killed them.

7 Q. Did you do anything as a result of being told this?

8 A. No, because we were heading for our objective, until when
9 we returned back to West Side I had to put the complaint to the

15:04:49 10 commander who was Ibrahim Bazzy Kamara.

11 Q. What did you complain about to Ibrahim Bazzy Kamara?

12 A. About the killing that Cyborg did.

13 Q. Why were you complaining about the killing that Cyborg did?

14 A. Because we went purely on the operation for a military
15:05:13 15 operation to the Malians.

16 Q. Why was the killing of these civilians a source of
17 complaint?

18 A. Because we went on a military operation to fight the
19 Malians and not civilians or to amputate civilians.

15:05:44 20 Q. Witness, you've described what happened in two villages on
21 your way to Port Loko. Did you go on to another village before
22 you got to Port Loko?

23 A. No.

24 [AFRC15SEP05E-SGH]

15:05:51 25 Q. Before you got to Port Loko, after you came across these
26 dead bodies and some amputated bodies in this village you have
27 described, did anything else happen before you got to Port Loko?

28 A. No.

29 Q. Whilst you were at this village, was there anything that

1 you did that you are able to recall?

2 A. Pardon?

3 Q. Whilst you were at this village, was there anything that
4 you did you are you able to recall? Anything that you said or
15:06:20 5 did?

6 A. Yes.

7 Q. Go on.

8 A. Those that were amputated on the last village at Port Loko
9 there was a female girl at about age of about 20 to 22 whose

15:06:45 10 hands were also amputated, but she did not die. So, on my
11 arrival there there was a letter written to the Malians that we
12 are coming to attack them and we placed it round the girl's neck
13 to take it to the Malians in Port Loko.

14 Q. Who wrote the letter?

15:07:19 15 A. The letter was written by the IO, the intelligence officer
16 called Sammy.

17 Q. Would you just spell Sammy for the Chamber?

18 A. S-A-M-M-Y.

19 Q. Who was he?

15:07:40 20 A. He was an SLA Soldier.

21 Q. What happened after the letter had been put --

22 A. After the letter --

23 Q. -- put around the girl's neck?

24 A. When the girl was going to Port Loko, then we were
15:08:01 25 following the girl behind her to Port Loko.

26 Q. Who put the letter round the girl's neck?

27 A. It was written by IO and placed by IO round the girl's
28 neck -- Sammy.

29 Q. Did anyone instruct Sammy to do this?

1 A. Yes.

2 Q. Who?

3 A. I gave the instruction for the letter to be placed on the
4 neck.

15:08:56 5 Q. Witness, as you returned from the West Side to Port Loko,
6 after the successful operation there, did anything happen as you
7 were returning?

8 A. Whilst we were returning I established communication with
9 Ibrahim Bazzy Kamara, telling him that we had got lot of arms and
15:09:28 10 ammunition. He sent the camp commandants Salifu Mansaray, alias
11 Tito, with some civilians to come and collect the arms and
12 ammunition to the West Side jungle.

13 Q. Did they arrive and pick up the arms and ammunition?

14 A. Yes.

15:09:40 15 Q. When you got back to the camp did anything happen?

16 A. When we reached the camp there was a lot of jubilation and
17 I was recommended by Ibrahim Bazzy Kamara to get a rapid
18 promotion as a colonel.

19 Q. Pausing there, why was there jubilation on your return?

15:10:11 20 A. Because we had no arms and ammunition at the West Side
21 jungle, so when we had those arms and ammunition everybody was
22 happy.

23 Q. Did you report to anyone on your return?

24 A. On my return I reported to Ibrahim Bazzy Kamara.

15:10:33 25 Q. What did you report to him about?

26 A. The first thing I reported to him about was the amputation
27 that was going on and killing by that was done Cyborg.

28 Q. What was his response to that?

29 A. His response to that -- because of the jubilation and

1 everybody was happy, he neglected to report.

2 Q. What else did you report to him about?

3 A. I reported -- I reported to him about the two prisoners of
4 war I came with and how the operations went.

15:11:19 5 Q. You have told us that after this operation you were
6 recommended by Bazzy for a promotion. Do you know to whom that
7 recommendation was made?

8 A. Yes.

9 Q. To whom was the recommendation made?

15:11:34 10 A. To Sam Bockarie in Kailahun.

11 Q. How do you know that?

12 A. Because I was there when the signal message was sent.

13 Q. What happened after the message was sent?

14 A. It was endorsed.

15:11:51 15 Q. And therefore what happened to you?

16 A. And I was a colonel.

17 Q. Witness, just dealing with dates, are you able to tell us
18 the date of Independence Day in Sierra Leone?

19 A. It is April 27th.

15:12:20 20 Q. The operation on Port Loko, do you know if it was before or
21 after Independence Day?

22 A. It was before.

23 Q. The year, just remind us of the year?

24 A. 1999.

15:12:44 25 Q. After the Port Loko operation were there any other
26 operations carried out from the West Side, Gberibana?

27 A. Yes.

28 Q. Tell us about them.

29 A. There was one at Newton Junction.

1 Q. What was the purpose of that operation?

2 A. The purpose was also to find arms and ammunition from the
3 ECOMOG troops deployed there.

4 Q. How do you know about that operation?

15:13:08 5 A. I was the operation commander.

6 Q. Any other operations?

7 A. Mile 38.

8 Q. An what was the purpose of that operation?

9 A. For arms and ammunitions.

15:13:24 10 Q. Again, how do you know about that?

11 A. A because I was the operation commander to plan the
12 operation.

13 Q. After the operation on Mile 38 were there any other
14 operations?

15:13:40 15 A. We had another operation at Gberi Junction to attack the
16 Guineans for arms and ammunition.

17 Q. Again, how do you know about that?

18 A. I planned the operation.

19 Q. Were there any other operations after that?

15:14:09 20 A. That was the last operation before the signing of the peace
21 process.

22 Q. Witness, you have described the capture of two Malians at
23 Port Loko during that operation. Did anything -- how long were
24 they held by the men at the West Side?

15:14:31 25 A. They were with us at the West Side for two months.

26 Q. What happened to them after that?

27 A. After the signing of the peace process, we brought them to
28 the army headquarters and handed them over to the SLPP
29 government.

1 Q. Pausing a moment, you are saying "we took them to the army
2 headquarters and handed them over". Who are you talking about
3 when you say "we"?

4 A. I am talking of -- I am talking of me, and other
15:15:04 5 securi ties.

6 Q. Were there any other soldiers whom you handed over at this
7 time?

8 A. Yes.

9 Q. Where were they from?

15:15:26 10 A. I had a Guinean soldier, prisoners of war, which we
11 captured at Kukuna.

12 Q. Any others?

13 A. And we also had a Nigerian soldier which we captured at
14 Mange.

15:15:55 15 Q. Whilst in the West Side after the signing of the peace
16 process, did you remain there?

17 A. No.

18 Q. Where did you go?

19 A. We are called upon to go to Liberia.

15:16:06 20 Q. Who was called upon? You say "we", who do you mean?

21 A. I, Ibrahim Bazzy Kamara, Hassan Papa Bangura and a few
22 other securi ties.

23 Q. Who were you called upon by?

24 A. By the -- we were to go and see Charles Taylor.

15:16:33 25 Q. Did you go to Liberia?

26 A. Yes.

27 Q. Did anything happen when you got there?

28 A. When we went there we had a meeting with Charles Taylor.

29 Q. Did anything happen at that meeting?

1 A. Yes.

2 Q. What happened?

3 A. On the meeting our proposal was to go for us to see Johnny
4 Paul Koroma and to give our demands about re-instating the Sierra
15:17:00 5 Leonean Army.

6 Q. Was there anything said at that meeting apart from that
7 that you recall?

8 A. No.

9 Q. Anything said by Charles Taylor that you recall?

15:17:15 10 A. Yes.

11 Q. What was said?

12 A. He told us that we should work arm in arm with the RUF. We
13 should not split. If we split we will not accomplish our
14 mission.

15:17:40 15 Q. Did you subsequently see Johnny Paul Koroma?

16 A. Yes.

17 Q. Where did you see him?

18 A. In Liberia.

19 Q. What happened when you saw him?

15:17:59 20 A. When we saw him he told us about his treatment the RUF has
21 given him at Kailahun.

22 Q. Did you subsequently leave Liberia?

23 A. Yes.

24 Q. Did anything happen before you left?

15:18:13 25 A. Before we left we are given some sums by Charles Taylor.

26 Q. Some sum; what do you mean?

27 A. Money.

28 Q. How much were you given?

29 A. It was 15,000 United States dollars.

1 Q. Each or between you all?

2 A. All of us for the whole delegation.

3 Q. On your return to Sierra Leone where did you go?

4 A. We came to Freetown. From there we went back to the West
15:18:38 5 Side jungle.

6 Q. When you were in the West Side jungle after you returned
7 from Liberia, were there any changes in the commanders who were
8 present there?

9 A. Yes.

15:18:51 10 Q. Go on.

11 A. On the arrival of Johnny Paul Koroma, I was sent to
12 Freetown to be his chief security officer.

13 Q. Were there any other commanders at the West Side at this
14 time after your return to Liberia?

15:19:14 15 A. Yes.

16 Q. Who?

17 A. Santigie Kanu. Alex Tamba Brima, Foday Kallay they are
18 all -- they all came from Makeni to join us at the West Side
19 jungle.

15:19:47 20 Q. Witness, those are all the questions I have to ask you. If
21 you wait there, there will be some questions, further questions
22 for you.

23 MS PACK: Your Honours, those are my questions.

24 PRESIDING JUDGE: Thank you, Ms Pack. Counsel for the
15:20:00 25 Defence now.

26 THE WITNESS: Excuse me.

27 PRESIDING JUDGE: Yes, Mr Witness.

28 THE WITNESS: I want to just use the rest room.

29 PRESIDING JUDGE: Yes, please do so. Would the Witness

1 Support please assist the witness to leave court.

2 MR DANIELS: Your Honour, likewise --

3 PRESIDING JUDGE: Yes, please, he should be escorted out.

4 First of all, Ms Thompson, you are the first of our counsel
15:22:27 5 in cross-examination?

6 MS THOMPSON: Yes, Your Honour. I am just looking at the
7 time on Friday and I wonder whether we could start afresh on
8 Monday.

9 PRESIDING JUDGE: [Microphone not activated] Is this a sole
15:22:38 10 application, Ms Thompson?

11 MS THOMPSON: I think it is an application on behalf of all
12 the Defence counsel on this side.

13 PRESIDING JUDGE: I see. Has the Prosecution anything to
14 say about this application?

15:22:50 15 MS TAYLOR: Your Honour, we would oppose that application.
16 This is the first week back after a very lengthy recess, the
17 Defence have known for some time that this witness was going to
18 be called this week. There is still three-quarters of an hour.

19 PRESIDING JUDGE: The view of the Bench is that since this
15:23:31 20 has been a lengthy examination-in-chief and since there is a very
21 large series of volumes of witness statements, we will grant this
22 application and adjourn 40 minutes early to allow Defence counsel
23 to prepare their cross-examination.

24 Just pause, please. Have a seat, Ms Thompson.

15:23:56 25 Mr Witness, the counsel for the Defence will have questions
26 for you. You have already sworn to tell the truth. As I said to
27 you yesterday afternoon, until all your evidence is finished you
28 should not discuss any of your evidence or any of this story with
29 any person until all the questions are asked and the evidence is

1 concluded. Do you understand this?

2 THE WITNESS: Yes, My Lord.

3 PRESIDING JUDGE: Thank you. Madam Court Attendant, in the
4 circumstances, please adjourn the Court until Monday morning.

5 [Whereupon the hearing adjourned at 3.20 p.m., to be
6 reconvened on Monday, the 19th day of September 2005, at 9.15
7 a.m.]

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