

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

THURSDAY, 15 SEPTEMBER 2005
9.50 A.M.
TRIAL

TRIAL CHAMBER II

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Mr Geoff Walker

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1 [AFRC15SEP05A - CR]

2 [Thursday, 15 September 2005]

3 [Open session]

4 [Accused Brima, Kamara and Kanu present]

09:15:56 5 [Upon commencing at 9.50 a.m.]

6 PRESIDING JUDGE: Good morning. I am sorry we are a little
7 late starting, but we were working on our decision. Ms Taylor,
8 before I go further I see you are --

9 MS TAYLOR: Yes, Your Honours. There is a new face on the
09:57:13 10 Prosecution Benches and I simply wish to introduce Ms Durocher
11 who is a new intern with the Office of the Prosecutor.

12 PRESIDING JUDGE: Thank you, Ms Taylor, and welcome to
13 Ms Durocher.

14 There is a majority decision in this matter and an oral
09:57:34 15 decision will be read by my learned colleague Justice Sebutinde
16 and full reasons will be published.

17 [Ruling]

18 JUDGE SEBUTINDE: The following is the majority oral
19 decision of the Trial Chamber. The Trial Chamber dismisses the
09:57:52 20 Prosecution request and rules that Witness TF1-150 can be
21 compelled to answer questions relating to the sources of his
22 information. The written reasons for this ruling will be
23 published later today or tomorrow.

24 PRESIDING JUDGE: I dissent from the majority opinion and I
09:58:17 25 will also publish my reasons very shortly today or tomorrow.

26 Ms Taylor, you have heard the Court's decision.

27 MS TAYLOR: Thank you, Your Honour. In light of the
28 Court's decision, might I ask that we have 10 minutes just to
29 organise a swap-over of witnesses and then be in a position to

1 explain to the Court the witness that we will then be calling?

2 PRESIDING JUDGE: Do the Defence have any comment on that?

3 MS THOMPSON: No, Your Honour, I think that will allow us
4 time to go back to our offices to get whatever papers for
09:58:52 5 whichever witness is coming next.

6 PRESIDING JUDGE: Perhaps it might be wise, since we may
7 also have to do that, to take a little bit longer than the 10
8 minutes. Let's reconvene at 10.30 a.m. and include our
9 mid-morning break in that period.

09:59:39 10 Mr Court Attendant, please adjourn court until 10.30 a.m.

11 [Break taken at 9.55 a.m.]

12 [AFRC15SEP05B - AD]

13 [Upon resuming at 10.35 a.m.]

14 PRESIDING JUDGE: Yes, Ms Taylor.

10:42:07 15 MS TAYLOR: Thank you, Your Honour. The Prosecution will
16 now call Witness TF1-167. This witness will give evidence in
17 open session. Originally Trial Chamber I extended the protective
18 measures accorded to group I, category C witnesses. But, by oral
19 decision on 18 October 2004, amended that order so that the
10:42:34 20 witness will give evidence in open session, but that all other
21 protective measures remain in place.

22 PRESIDING JUDGE: Is this the witness that we dealt with
23 this particular aspect of the protective measures prior to the
24 recess? I recall tabling a decision of Trial Chamber I. Is that
10:42:58 25 the same witness?

26 MS TAYLOR: The decision was an oral decision. It is in
27 the transcript, Your Honours, it has been filed on page 11355. I
28 do recall, Your Honour, there was some discussion about this
29 witness, but I am afraid by memory is being tested as to the

1 substance of that.

2 PRESIDING JUDGE: I think that if it is the same person,
3 then that has all be resolved in this Court.

4 MS TAYLOR: Yes, Your Honor. Ms Pack has reminded me that
10:43:25 5 that is in fact the case. This will be lead in evidence by
6 Ms Pack.

7 PRESIDING JUDGE: Thank you. Unless there is some other
8 matter, please proceed, Ms Pack.

9 MS PACK: Thank you, Your Honour. I will call Witness
10:43:41 10 TF1-167.

11 THE INTERPRETER: Your Honours, in what language will the
12 witness be giving his testimony?

13 PRESIDING JUDGE: Ms Pack, the translating unit has asked
14 what language will the witness be giving his evidence.

10:44:29 15 MS PACK: The witness will be testifying in English, Your
16 Honour.

17 PRESIDING JUDGE: Mr Interpreter, did you hear the answer?

18 THE INTERPRETER: Yes, Your Honour.

19 WITNESS: TF1-167 [Sworn]

10:46:16 20 EXAMINED BY MS PACK:

21 PRESIDING JUDGE: Please proceed, Ms Pack.

22 MS PACK: Thank you, Your Honour.

23 Q. Witness, will you give the Court, please, your full name?

24 A. My full name is George Johnson Junior.

10:46:35 25 Q. Is there another name by which you are known?

26 A. Yes, I have an AK name by the name of Junior Lion.

27 Q. Witness, when were you born?

28 A. I was born at KabaLa.

29 Q. When?

- 1 A. On the 4th September 1971.
- 2 Q. What languages do you speak?
- 3 A. I speak Temne and Krio.
- 4 Q. Do you read and write English?
- 10:47:12 5 A. Yes.
- 6 Q. Can you tell us about your education at schooling level?
- 7 A. I went to the Magburaka Boys Secondary School and I stopped
- 8 at -- by sitting my O level, that is form five.
- 9 Q. What did you do after you left school?
- 10:47:35 10 A. After I left school I joined the Sierra Leone military
- 11 force.
- 12 Q. How old were you when you joined the Sierra Leone military
- 13 force?
- 14 A. I was 23.
- 10:47:48 15 Q. What did you do after you joined the Sierra Leone military
- 16 force?
- 17 A. I was at army in the -- at Kenema with my boss Tom Nyuma.
- 18 Q. Can you spell Tom Nyuma, please, for the Court?
- 19 A. T-O-M, Tom. N-Y-U-M-A, Nyuma.
- 10:48:20 20 Q. Who is Tom Nyuma?
- 21 A. Tom Nyuma was the Under Secretary of State, Kenema in the
- 22 NPRC Government.
- 23 Q. What year was it, then, that you went to work for Tom
- 24 Nyuma?
- 10:48:40 25 A. It was in 1993.
- 26 Q. What were you working for him as?
- 27 A. I was a security to him.
- 28 Q. When you joined the Sierra Leone military forces, did you
- 29 receive any training?

- 1 A. Yes. At the early stage I was a volunteer soldier and I,
2 later, as time goes on, I was sent to the Benguema to train with
3 the Executive Outcomes.
- 4 MS PACK: I'll spell Benguema; it's a name you've heard
10:49:18 5 before, Your Honours. B-E-N-G-U-E-M-A.
- 6 Q. How long after you joined the Sierra Leone military forces
7 did you go to Benguema for training?
- 8 A. Say, about a year.
- 9 Q. How long were you in training for?
10:49:39 10 A. I was in training for three months.
- 11 Q. What sort of training did you receive?
12 A. I received the military training, which consists of
13 tactics, weapon handling.
- 14 Q. Were you trained on your own or in a group?
10:50:09 15 A. No, we were in a group.
- 16 Q. How were you divided up?
17 A. Pardon.
- 18 Q. How were you divided up, do you recall?
19 A. We were shared into battalions and companies.
- 10:50:26 20 Q. Were there any commanders involved?
21 A. Yes, I could remember my adjutant was -- I have forgotten
22 his name, it has escaped me.
- 23 Q. It does not matter, no need for the name. After the
24 training what happened?
10:50:52 25 A. After the training I was given a military number and I was
26 assigned back to Tom Nyuma.
- 27 Q. How long did you remain working, then, for Tom Nyuma?
28 A. I worked with Tom Nyuma until 1996.
- 29 Q. Why did you stop working for him?

1 A. Well, I was taken to the Pademba Road maximum prison.
2 Q. Why were you taken there?
3 A. Because I was attached in Kono and I had a mineral stone,
4 diamond, that I did not present to him.
10:51:37 5 Q. How long did you remain in Pademba Road prison for?
6 A. I was in Pademba Road prison until May 25, 1997.
7 Q. What happened on May 25, 1997?
8 A. On May 25, very early in the morning, Pademba Road prison
9 was broke and we came out.
10:52:04 10 Q. Who broke into Pademba Road prison?
11 A. Well, soldiers break into Pademba Road.
12 Q. Soldiers from where?
13 A. Pardon.
14 Q. Soldiers from where?
10:52:16 15 A. Soldiers from the Sierra Leone military force.
16 Q. Who was released from the prison apart from you?
17 A. All the prisoners were released.
18 Q. Do you remember anyone in particular who was in prison with
19 you at Pademba Road prison?
10:52:36 20 A. Yes. You have Major Johnny Paul Koroma, you have Tito --
21 Q. Pause a moment.
22 A. And so --
23 MS PACK: Thank you, witness. If I can just spell those
24 names. Johnny Paul Koroma is a name you have heard before. If I
10:52:47 25 can just spell Koroma, it's K-O-R-O-M-A, and Tito is T-I-T-O.
26 Q. Anyone else in custody whom you recall with you?
27 A. Yes, there were a lot of Sierra Leone Army personnels
28 inside there.
29 Q. I'm just going to ask you broadly about the various

1 positions you might have held in the years following your release
2 from Pademba Road prison during the conflict in Sierra Leone. So
3 just starting with following your release, on 25th May 1997, what
4 did you do immediately after that?

10:53:30 5 A. After the release we were taken to Pademba -- we were taken
6 to the army headquarters at Cockerill, and I was with Major
7 Johnny Paul Koroma as a security.

8 Q. Pause a moment. I am going to ask you to spell Cockerill.
9 Are you able to spell that for the Court?

10:53:53 10 A. Yes.

11 Q. Would you prefer to write it down or are you able to --
12 [Overlapping speakers]

13 A. Yes, I prefer to write it down.

14 MS PACK: Perhaps if I can just ask that the witness is
10:54:04 15 given a sheet of paper, just so he can write down the name and
16 then read it out. I think that is my understanding of what he
17 finds easier in terms of spelling names.

18 Q. What I will do is just ask you to write it and then if you
19 could just read out the spelling, Cockerill Barracks.

10:54:41 20 A. C-O-C-K-R-I-L-L [sic].

21 Q. Thank you, witness. How long did you work as Johnny Paul
22 Koroma's security?

23 A. I was with him for two weeks.

24 Q. And then what did you do?

10:55:05 25 A. I was with him for two weeks and after I was then deployed
26 to Ibrahim Bazy Kamara and I was his chief security officer.

27 Q. Who is Ibrahim Bazy Kamara?

28 A. He was the PLO 3 at that time.

29 Q. What does PLO 3 stand for?

1 A. Principal Liaison Officer 3.

2 Q. Is there another name by which Ibrahim Bazy Kamara was
3 known by?

4 A. He has an a.k.a. name by the name of Dark Angel.

10:55:44 5 Q. Who appointed you to the position as chief security officer
6 to Ibrahim Bazy Kamara?

7 A. Major Johnny Paul Koroma.

8 Q. Did you have at this time a rank in the Sierra Leone
9 military forces?

10:56:10 10 Q. I was promoted as sergeant by Ibrahim Bazy Kamara.

11 Q. When did you receive that promotion approximately?

12 A. As soon as I was attached to him.

13 Q. I am going to ask you to jump forward so that we can have
14 before the Court details of your personal background before you
10:56:36 15 start with the chronology of your testimony. So I'm going to ask
16 you to jump forward to 1998. Were there any all alterations in
17 your rank in 1998 that you are able to recall?

18 A. Yes. In 1998, after the pulling out of the AFRC government
19 in Kono, I was a lieutenant being promoted by Ibrahim Bazy
10:57:04 20 Kamara. And then we pull out from Kono to Mansofinia, I was
21 promoted as captain.

22 Q. Who promoted you to captain?

23 A. Alex Tamba Brima. And I was given an appointment as the
24 provost-marshal.

10:57:25 25 Q. Pause a moment. Who appointed you to the position of
26 provost-marshal?

27 A. Alex Tamba Brima.

28 Q. Alex Tamba Brima, is there another name by which he was
29 known?

1 A. Yes, his a.k.a. name was Gullit.

2 Q. You said you were appointed to the position of provost
3 marshal by Alex Tamba Brima in Mansofinia. Before that what
4 position had you held?

10:58:02 5 A. Before that I was still the chief security office to
6 Ibrahim Bazy Kamara in Kono. As a lieutenant.

7 Q. Moving on, to still in the year 1998, were there any
8 further alterations to the appointments you held in that year
9 that you are able to recall?

10:58:32 10 A. Yes, at Camp Rosos I was given a battalion to command.

11 Q. Who gave you the battalion to command?

12 A. Alex Tamba Brima, a.k.a Gullit.

13 Q. Do you remember the battalion number?

14 A. It was the 4th Battalion.

10:58:49 15 MS PACK: Your Honours, Rosos you've heard before:
16 R-O-S-O-S.

17 Q. Again, still in 1998, but later on in that year, were there
18 any alterations in your appointment later on in the year?

19 A. Yes. When we moved from Camp Rosos to Major Eddie Town, on
10:59:18 20 the arrival SAJ at Newtown, I was then promoted to major and
21 given an assignment as the task force commander.

22 Q. I will just break that down. SAJ, who are you talking
23 about?

24 A. SAJ Musa.

10:59:43 25 Q. Now, you say you were promoted by him to major at Newton,
26 and that you received an appointment to the position of task
27 force commander. Had you had any other appointment before then
28 in 1998 after your appointment to the battalion at Camp Rosos?

29 A. I had no other appointments until when I was assigned to be

1 task force commander at Newton.

2 Q. Later on, after your appointment to the position of task
3 force commander and promotion to major, did you receive any other
4 alterations to your rank or alterations in your appointment?

11:00:44 5 A. Yes. On the attack on Hastings, I was promoted by Alex
6 Tamba Brima to be a lieutenant colonel.

7 Q. Did you receive an alteration in your appointment at this
8 time?

9 A. No, it was still the same.

11:01:03 10 Q. Just so we are clear, can you tell us what year you are
11 talking about now?

12 A. I am still talking of late 1998.

13 Q. Approximately which month?

14 A. December.

11:01:20 15 Q. In the following month did you receive any alterations in
16 your rank or appointment?

17 A. No.

18 Q. Just moving over into 1999, did you receive any alterations
19 in your rank or appointment in 1999?

11:01:48 20 A. Yes. When we pulled out from Freetown in 1999 to the West
21 Side jungle, Gberibana, after Port Loko attack, I was promoted by
22 Ibrahim Bazzy Kamara as Colonel, and my appointment was operation
23 commander.

24 Q. Who appointed you to the position of operation commander?

11:02:17 25 A. Ibrahim Bazzy Kamara.

26 MS PACK: And two names were identified there, Your Honour,
27 of places, and I will just spell them. Gberibana is
28 G-B-E-R-I-B-A-N-A, and Port Loko: Port; Loko, L-O-K-O.

29 Q. Did you remain as an operations commander after that?

1 A. Yes, I was then assigned to be the chief security of Johnny
2 Paul.
3 Q. Approximately when was that?
4 A. I cannot give a specific date.
11:02:59 5 Q. Where was Johnny Paul Koroma located when you were assigned
6 as his chief security?
7 A. He was in Freetown and he was the CCP chairman.
8 Q. Did you receive any alterations in your rank at this time?
9 A. No, I was still a colonel.
11:03:35 10 Q. Who appointed you to the position of Johnny Paul Koroma's
11 chief of security?
12 A. I was sent to him on his arrival from Liberia from Ibrahim
13 Bazzy Kamara.
14 Q. Thank you, Witness. I am now going to ask you to go back
11:04:01 15 in the chronology to 1997. 25 May 1997, you have told the Court
16 that you were released from Pademba Road prison. Did anything
17 happen on 25th of May 1997?
18 A. Yes, when we were released we are to go to the army
19 headquarters, that's at Cockerill, and we went there. On our
11:04:31 20 arrival I was with Major Johnny Paul Koroma.
21 Q. When you got to Cockerill, did anything happen there?
22 A. Yes, we were asked to go to the army ordnance at Murray
23 Town to go and get more arms and ammunition, which we did.
24 Q. You are talking about, "we were asked to go to Murray Town
11:05:00 25 ordnance." Who are you talking about?
26 A. I am talking about the whole force, which were SLAs at that
27 time.
28 MS PACK: Murray Town is obviously a name Your Honours will
29 be familiar with. M-U-R-R-A-Y Town.

- 1 Q. Did you go to Murray Town military ordnance?
- 2 A. Yes.
- 3 Q. What happened there?
- 4 A. We went there and break in the ammunition store and brought
11:05:31 5 lots of arms and ammunition to the army headquarters.
- 6 Q. What had happened prior to your release from Pademba Road
7 on 25th May 1997?
- 8 A. Pardon?
- 9 Q. What had happened in Freetown on 25th May 1997?
- 11:05:50 10 A. There was a coup.
- 11 Q. You have said that in the weeks after the coup you worked
12 as Johnny Paul Koroma's security and after that you went to work
13 for Ibrahim Bazy Kamara. When you worked for Johnny Paul, where
14 were you based?
- 11:06:07 15 A. We were based at the army headquarters.
- 16 Q. And that was?
- 17 A. Cockerill.
- 18 Q. When you worked for Ibrahim Bazy Kamara, where were you
19 based?
- 11:06:17 20 A. We were based at the Hill Station quarters.
- 21 Q. Who was based with you there?
- 22 A. Ibrahim Bazy Kamara was with me and a few securities.
23 Few, few.
- 24 Q. You have told the Court that on 25th May 1997 a coup took
11:06:37 25 place. Do you know who carried out the coup?
- 26 A. It was carried out by 16 members of the Sierra Leone Army.
- 27 Q. How do you know that?
- 28 A. I knew that because the Cabinet was announced later.
- 29 Q. Are you able to say who were the 16 men would carried out

1 the coup?

2 A. Yes. One, was Abu Zagalo. Two --

3 Q. Pause a moment. I am actually going to ask you if you
4 would spell the names of each the persons that you identified.

11:07:18 5 So Zagalo, can you spell, please, for the Chamber?

6 A. Z-A-G-A-L-O. Then two, Alex Tamba Brima; aka Gullit.

7 Q. Go on.

8 A. Three, Ibrahim Bazzy Kamara; AK Dark Angel. Four, Santigie
9 Kanu; AK Five-Five.

11:07:50 10 Q. Pause a moment. Pause a moment. Santigie Borbor Kanu, AK
11 Five-Five; who was he?

12 A. He was also an SLA soldier.

13 Q. Go on.

14 A. Five, Hassan Papa Bangura; AK Bomb Blast.

11:08:15 15 Q. I will just ask you to spell that name, please, if you
16 will.

17 A. H-A-S-S-A-N. Hassan. P-A-P-A, Papa. B-A-N-G-U-R-A,
18 Bangura.

19 Q. Go on then.

11:08:39 20 A. You have Forday Kally.

21 Q. Would you spell that, please?

22 A. F-O-R-D-A-Y, Forday. K-A-L-L-Y, Kally.

23 Q. And if you can just go on with the other names.

24 A. You have Sammy, Samuel Kargbo.

11:09:07 25 Q. Can you spell that, please?

26 A. S-A-M-U-E-L, Samuel. K-A-R-G-B-O, Kargbo.

27 Q. That is seven names that you have identified.

28 A. Yes.

29 Q. Could you name any more?

1 A. You have Momoh Durti.

2 Q. Can you spell that name, please?

3 A. M-O-M-O-H, Momoh. D-U-R-T-I, Durti. You have Sullay

4 Falaba. S-U-L-L-A-Y. F-A-L-A-B-A, Falaba. You have Biorbo,

11:10:07 5 B-I-O-R-B-O.

6 Q. Was that a full name, Biorbo?

7 A. No, I don't know his full name. I only know his first

8 name.

9 Q. Go on.

11:10:21 10 A. Then you have Rambo. I don't know his full name, it's an

11 AK name. He was the chief security to Johnny Paul Koroma.

12 Q. Any others you are able to remember?

13 A. You have Woyoh. That is his only name I know of him.

14 Q. Can you spell that, please?

11:10:47 15 A. W-O-Y-O-H, Woyoh.

16 Q. Any others you are able to remember?

17 A. I can only remember these.

18 Q. Thank you, Witness. If any others come to you over the

19 course of your evidence, then please just name them.

11:11:16 20 Witness, the men that you have identified as carrying out the

21 coup, are you able to say if they held any ranks in the Sierra

22 Leone Army?

23 A. Yes, they were all other ranks in the Sierra Leone Army.

24 Q. Just explain what you mean by other ranks?

11:11:37 25 A. That is less officers. From a corporal -- from a private

26 soldier to RSM. They were amongst those ranks.

27 Q. Was there a title by which these men that you have named

28 became known?

29 A. Yes, they were all called Honourables.

1 Q. I am going to ask you about that first day of the coup,
2 25th May 1997. You have told us that you went to Cockerill. Did
3 anything happen there at Cockerill?

4 A. Yes, at Cockerill at the office of Major Johnny Paul Koroma
11:12:26 5 there was a signal message that was sent by Sam Bockarie.

6 Q. Just pause a moment. Who is he? Who is Sam Bockarie?

7 A. Sam Bockarie was an RUF. He was the high commander of the
8 RUF at that time in Sierra Leone.

9 Q. Is there another name by which he is known?

11:12:47 10 A. He has an aka name called Mosquito.

11 Q. You said there was signal to --

12 A. There was a signal message sent to Sam Bockarie in the bush
13 for them to join up -- for them to join the army so that they can
14 form one government.

11:13:06 15 Q. How do you know that a signal message was sent to Sam
16 Bockarie?

17 A. Because I was inside the office where the signal message
18 was sent.

19 Q. Who sent the message?

11:13:21 20 A. It was sent by Johnny Paul Koroma.

21 Q. By a signal message what do you mean?

22 A. Communications.

23 Q. Through what means?

24 A. Through VHS radio set.

11:13:42 25 Q. You said that the communication was for the RUF to join the
26 soldiers in Freetown. Do you know anything about what
27 subsequently happened?

28 A. Yes. Soon after the communication, the next day, Denis
29 Mingo, AK Superman, came to Freetown.

- 1 Q. Who is Denis Mingo AK Superman?
- 2 A. He was one of the RUF commanders.
- 3 Q. How do you know he came to Freetown?
- 4 A. I was a Cockerill and we came to receive him at the gates.
- 11:14:22 5 Q. Did you see any other RUF commanders in Freetown after
6 that?
- 7 A. Yes, after that I saw Mike Lamin, Gibril Massaquoi, Colonel
8 Isaac, Issa Sesay, Morris Kallon. Those I can remember.
- 9 MS PACK: Those are all names Your Honours have heard
11:14:53 10 before.
- 11 Q. Now, you have mentioned Sam Bockarie. Did you ever see
12 him?
- 13 A. Yes.
- 14 Q. When did you see him?
- 11:15:07 15 A. I saw him earlier, after the coup. Then, later, mid the
16 coup he went up country to Kenema.
- 17 Q. Do you know why he went to Kenema?
- 18 A. He was there to take care of the east because there was a
19 diamond rich area.
- 11:15:28 20 Q. How do you know this?
- 21 A. Because on all meetings I used to go with Ibrahim Bazy
22 Kamara and I would stay outside. But after the meeting, on our
23 return to the house, I will get to know from him.
- 24 Q. In this period after the coup that you have described, was
11:15:58 25 there a government in Sierra Leone?
- 26 A. Pardon?
- 27 Q. Was there a government after the coup on 25th May?
- 28 A. Yes, after the coup there was a government called the AFRC,
29 which is Armed Forces Revolutionary Council.

1 Q. Do you know who are the members of that council?

2 A. Yes, the members were both the 16 men and most of the RUF
3 commanders that came to join.

4 Q. How do you know that?

11:16:44 5 A. Because I was always -- at that time I was always with the
6 head of the government, which was Major Johnny Paul Koroma. And
7 he was the president.

8 Q. You said Johnny Paul Koroma was the president.

9 A. Yes.

11:17:06 10 Q. Was there a vice or deputy president?

11 A. There was a deputy, but he was not available, he was at
12 Nigeria by the name of Saybana Foday Sankoh.

13 Q. Since he was in Nigeria did he hold the position of vice or
14 deputy president?

11:17:33 15 A. Yes, he was the vice, but in his absence Sam Bockarie AK
16 Mosquito takes over his place.

17 Q. Are you able to say, and please say if you are not able to,
18 when it was that Sam Bockarie left Freetown to go to Kenema?

19 A. No, I cannot remember specific dates.

11:17:57 20 Q. In his absence from Freetown, when he was in Kenema, did he
21 still hold the position in Foday Saybana Sankoh's stead as --

22 A. It was Issa Sesay.

23 Q. You have told the Chamber that you were appointed to the
24 position of chief security officer for Ibrahim Bazy Kamara after
11:18:27 25 you stopped working for Johnny Paul Koroma. What was it your job
26 to do as chief security officer?

27 A. My job was to take care of security for Ibrahim Bazy
28 Kamara and all times we had those operation I used to go with
29 securities from him, and I come back and give him situation

1 reports.

2 Q. Did you have a particular role on operations when you went
3 as chief security officer for Ibrahim Bazzy Kamara?

4 A. Yes, I go there and make sure that the operation goes on
11:19:17 5 well and I come to give him a feedback.

6 Q. You have mentioned other securities. How many other
7 securities did Ibrahim Bazzy Kamara have in total in that period
8 in Freetown?

9 A. It was 42.

11:19:29 10 Q. Are you able to remember any of their names?

11 A. Yes, you have Eddie Williams, you have Pea Man, Baski --

12 Q. Pause a moment. I am just going to ask you about those
13 three names. Eddie Williams, did he have another name by which
14 he was known.

11:19:50 15 A. Eddie Williams, aka MAF.

16 Q. Could you just spell for Court, please?

17 A. M-A-F.

18 Q. And you have mentioned Baski. Could you just spell that?

19 A. Baski's full name is Saidu Kambolia, aka Baski.

11:20:07 20 Q. Would you spell Saidu Kambolia, aka Baski, please?

21 A. S-A-I-D-U, Saidu; K-A-M-B-O-L-I-A, aka Baski.

22 Q. And Baski is spell how?

23 A. B-A-S-K-I.

24 Q. Thank you. You have mentioned Pea Man.

11:20:41 25 A. Pea Man, I only know his AK name, which is Pea Man.

26 Q. Any others that you recall?

27 A. We have Abravo.

28 Q. Can you spell that?

29 A. A-B-R-A-V-O.

1 Q. Any others that you recall?

2 A. I can only remember these.

3 Q. Witness, you have told us that Ibrahim Bazy Kamara was a
4 PLO 3, a principal liaison officer. Do you know what he did as a
11:21:20 5 PLO 3?

6 A. Yes, he had some ministries under his control.

7 Q. Do you remember which ministries he had under his control?

8 A. I can remember the custom, energy and power, lotto, and
9 Queen Elizabeth Quay. Those I can remember.

11:21:48 10 Q. Did he have anyone working for him in his role controlling
11 these ministries that you are able to recall?

12 A. He had people that were in the ministries that report to
13 him.

14 Q. So, say, for the energy and power ministries --

11:22:11 15 A. He had Hassan Papa Bangura.

16 Q. What about for the Queen Elizabeth Quay?

17 A. I could not remember honourables that were there.

18 Q. Were there other PLOs? You have mentioned a PLO 3; were
19 there others?

11:22:44 20 A. We have the PLO 2, Alex Tamba Brima, aka Gullit.

21 Q. Do you know what he do as a PLO 2?

22 A. He too had ministries under his control.

23 Q. What about a PLO 1?

24 A. A PLO 1 also had ministries under his control.

11:23:03 25 Q. Are you able to remember who that was?

26 A. It was Zagalo.

27 Q. Do you know what he did as a PLO?

28 A. Yes, he oversees his own ministry and he was the head of
29 the 16 men.

- 1 Q. You have mentioned Alex Tamba Brima, aka Gullit. Do you
2 know where he was located in this period when the AFRC was in
3 government?
- 4 A. Yes, he was in Freetown, but later he was sent to Kono.
- 11:23:45 5 Q. Do you know who sent him to Kono?
- 6 A. Major Johnny Paul Koroma.
- 7 Q. How do you know this?
- 8 A. Because Gullit -- Alex Tamba Brima was to go to Kono with
9 Ibrahim Bazy, and I was with Ibrahim Bazy, but Ibrahim Bazy
11:24:07 10 was stand down.
- 11 Q. Do you know why Alex Tamba Brima and initially Ibrahim
12 Bazy Kamara were to be sent to Kono?
- 13 A. They were sent there to go and take care of the companies
14 and diamond.
- 11:24:32 15 Q. Witness, do you recall when the AFRC government ended its
16 period in government?
- 17 A. AFRC ended at, I would say February 12, 1998.
- 18 Q. Did anything happen apart from that? What happened on
19 February 12, 1998?
- 11:24:58 20 A. February 12, 1998 was the day the president and some other
21 AFRC members pulled out, while on the 13th I pulled out together
22 with Ibrahim Bazy and some other securities.
- 23 Q. Do you know why --
- 24 A. Yes.
- 11:25:27 25 Q. -- Johnny Paul Koroma and others pulled out?
- 26 A. Yes, because the Nigerians had overcome us and there was
27 not enough arms and ammunition to fight them.
- 28 Q. Do you know if the period in which the AFRC was in
29 government was known as any other name?

1 A. Yes, it was the junta.

2 Q. Did you go on any operations during the AFRC or the junta
3 period?

4 A. Yes. I went to the operation at Mammy Yoko, that was on
11:26:13 5 June 2. And there was another operation at Kossoh Town, which I
6 did not go.

7 Q. What were those operation for?

8 A. The operation at Mammy Yoko was to attack the Nigerians so
9 that they can stop fighting us.

11:26:40 10 Q. And the one at Kossoh Town?

11 A. The one at Kossoh Town also was the same thing.

12 Q. Do you know anything about the source of arms and
13 ammunition during this period, the AFRC junta period?

14 A. Arms and ammunition, during the AFRC Government at one time
11:27:07 15 there was a ship that came with some rice, where there were some
16 arms and ammunition.

17 Q. How do you know a shipment came with arms and ammunition
18 and rice?

19 A. Because I went to the Queen Elizabeth Quay and I saw it
11:27:30 20 with my eyes.

21 Q. Did you go there any anyone?

22 A. I went there with Ibrahim Bazzy Kamara.

23 Q. What happened to the shipment of arms and ammunition after
24 arrival?

11:27:43 25 A. It was then conveyed to the president.

26 Q. Was it distributed?

27 A. Yes, it was distributed between RUF/SLA fighters.

28 Q. Did the RUF and the SLA fighters in this period get their
29 arms and ammunition from different sources?

1 A. No, they got it from the same place.

2 Q. During the AFRC, the junta period, do you recall any
3 specific events taking place in that period, apart from
4 operations that you have spoken about?

11:28:30 5 A. Yes, there was a student strike.

6 Q. Do you remember approximately when that was?

7 A. I can remember the month, it was in August. But I could
8 not remember the date.

9 Q. Did anything happen as a consequence of the student strike?

11:28:48 10 A. Yes, students came out to protest against the government,
11 and orders were given by Johnny Paul Koroma for them to be put
12 back quietly.

13 Q. How do you know that orders were given by Johnny Paul
14 Koroma?

11:29:04 15 A. Because I was at a army headquarters and I was there. I
16 saw Rambo, the CSO to Johnny Paul Koroma, distributing machetes
17 to put RUF and SLA fighters to put the students back in out of
18 the streets. Then later I came with Ibrahim Bazy Kamara in his
19 convoy to the Connaught Hospital, where I saw some dead bodies.

11:29:40 20 Q. When Rambo, CSO to Johnny Paul Koroma, was distributing the
21 machetes do you recall anyone else being present at that time?

22 A. Yes, Denis Mingo, aka Superman, was there; SO Williams, he
23 was the army chief of staff, he was there; Ibrahim Bazy Kamara
24 was there; Santigie Kanu was there; and most of the other

11:30:13 25 Honourables were there.

26 Q. I am going to ask you about the pull out from Freetown on
27 the 12th of February 1998 and the 13th of February. Apart from
28 Johnny Paul Koroma and AFRC members, who pulled out of Freetown?

29 A. Well, the pulling out in Freetown, all the RUF personnels

1 and all members of the AFRC government, and also families of the
2 AFRC, all pulled out to the jungle.

3 Q. Was it just commanders, senior members of the AFRC
4 government who pull out?

11:31:12 5 A. No, family members, other ranks, all pulled out.

6 Q. By "other ranks" you mean who?

7 A. I mean the mid-level commanders, the fighters.

8 Q. You pulled out on the 13th of February. What route did you
9 follow?

11:31:37 10 A. Yes.

11 Q. What route did you take?

12 A. We took the Lumley to Goderich, Goderich to York to Tombo,
13 over the sea to Fogbo to go to Newton Junction and then went to
14 Masiaka.

11:32:00 15 Q. How long did unit take you to get to Masiaka?

16 A. It took about three -- two nights, two days.

17 Q. You pulled out with whom?

18 A. I pulled out with Ibrahim Bazzy Kamara.

19 Q. I am going to ask you to look at a map, Witness. Your
11:32:21 20 Honours, if I might have a map distributed. It has been
21 disclosed to my learned friends and I have copies for the Court.
22 It is not a map that Your Honours have, and I have copies for
23 Your Honours. Your Honours, this is a road map of Sierra Leone
24 and Freetown, the back of which has been used before with the two
11:33:35 25 Freetown maps on it. But I am going to ask the witness, please,
26 to look at the larger map of Sierra Leone. Firstly, Witness,
27 just as you are opening the map, would you tell the Chamber is
28 this a map, or a copy of a map, that you have seen before?

29 A. Yes.

1 Q. When have you seen this map before?

2 A. Well, I have been using this map in the jungle.

3 Q. I ask you to look at this map. I will ask you simply to
4 encircle two of the locations which you have spoken about in
11:34:20 5 charting your route from Freetown in 1998. If you could just
6 encircle Tombo and mark it with the letter A, and if you could
7 encircle Fogbo and mark that with the letter B.

8 A. It has been done.

9 Q. Thank you. Witness, tell us, how did you get from Tombo to
11:34:54 10 Fogbo as you were withdrawing out of Freetown?

11 A. We used those canoes at Tombo - the fishing canoes at
12 Tombo - to cross us over the sea the Fogbo.

13 MS PACK: Your Honours, I would like to admit this map into
14 evidence, and I will be asking the witness to refer to it again
11:35:21 15 in the course of his examination-in-chief.

16 PRESIDING JUDGE: Counsel for the Defence, Ms Thompson, do
17 have anything to say about this application to admit this map?

18 MS THOMPSON: No, Your Honour, no objections.

19 MR FOFANAH: May I be heard, Your Honours. We have not
11:35:41 20 seen the markings that he has made -- that the witness has made.

21 PRESIDING JUDGE: Pause, Mr Fofanah. Are you seeking to
22 tender the finally marked map, Ms Pack, or the map in its blank
23 stage?

24 MS PACK: My apologies, Your Honour. I would seek to admit
11:35:58 25 it in its marked form, but it will be then subsequently marked
26 because I will be asking the witness to go back to it. So I will
27 be seeking further applications to have it admitted as further
28 marked.

29 PRESIDING JUDGE: I see. Well, there are two marks on it

1 already, Mr Fofanah. Do you we to see those or do you wish to
2 see the final edition?

3 MR FOFANAH: May I confer with my colleagues briefly?

4 [Defence counsel conferred]

11:36:28 5 MR FOFANAH: Your Honours, we will wait for the final map.

6 PRESIDING JUDGE: Am I to admit it in its present form now?
7 Can it be tendered now and then you will see it when it is
8 finally marked?

9 MR FOFANAH: Your Honour, the consensus is that you wait
11:36:53 10 until the markings are finally done.

11 MS PACK: Your Honours, I could ask in the alternative that
12 it be marked for identification now, so that at least it has some
13 status while it is being continually marked by the witness.

14 PRESIDING JUDGE: The consensus is that it should be
11:37:34 15 tendered when it is finally marked by the witness in its final
16 edition. So we can mark it for identification now. I have sort
17 of lost track of our numbers. Mr Court Attendant, could you
18 assist me, please?

19 MR WALKER: Yes. The current number will be P30.

11:37:54 20 PRESIDING JUDGE: It is not tendered yet; it is still only
21 marked for identification. It will be MFI 5, will it? We will
22 just mark it for identification at the moment, Ms Pack.

23 MS PACK: Thank you, Your Honour.

24 Q. You can close up the map now, Witness. Just keep it on
11:38:23 25 your desks. Thank you. Witness, you got to Masiaka. Was anyone
26 there?

27 A. Yes, at Masiaka, we met SAJ Musa there.

28 Q. Anyone else?

29 A. Issa Sesay.

- 1 Q. Who was in the command in Masiaka?
- 2 A. It was SAJ Musa, because he was in the highest in command.
- 3 Q. And he was in command of whom there?
- 4 A. He was commanding on both RUF and SLA forces that pulled
11:39:13 5 out from Freetown.
- 6 Q. Apart from these commanders that you have spoken about,
7 apart from commanders in Masiaka, who else were was there?
- 8 A. You have all honourables that pulled out, with the
9 exception of Alex Tamba Brima, who was at Kono.
- 11:39:42 10 Q. Did anything happen on the way from Freetown to Masiaka?
- 11 A. Yes, there was a lot of looting on the way.
- 12 Q. You have described that SAJ Musa was in command of both RUF
13 and SLAs in Masiaka. I would like you to pause a moment and tell
14 the Chamber, if you are able, what were members of the RUF
11:40:15 15 wearing generally when you saw them in Masiaka?
- 16 A. Most of them took put civilians' dresses on, mixed, some
17 have trousers, military.
- 18 Q. What about the SLAs?
- 19 A. SLA, few were in military fatigue and some in civil attire.
- 11:40:39 20 Q. Did anything happen when you were in Masiaka?
- 21 A. Yes, in Masiaka there was an operation planned by SAJ Musa
22 to go and attack Bo.
- 23 Q. How do you know there was an operation planned?
- 24 A. There was a meeting called. I was in the meeting with
11:41:07 25 Ibrahim Bazy Kamara and others.
- 26 Q. Can you remember the names of anyone else at the meeting?
- 27 A. Yes. Issa Sesay, AF Kamara, Hassan Papa Bangura, Foday
28 Kallay. Those I can remember.
- 29 Q. Apart from planning an operation to Bo, did anything else

1 happen at this meeting?

2 A. Yes, all honourables were promoted to brigadier-general.

3 Q. Who promoted them?

4 A. It was done on their own behalf.

11:41:56 5 Q. You talk about a plan to attack Bo. Did an operation
6 subsequently take place to your knowledge?

7 A. Yes, yes.

8 Q. How do you know that it took place?

9 A. I knew because the troops went. AF Kamara and Issa Sesay
11:42:19 10 were to command the troops, and they came back to Masiaka after
11 the operation.

12 Q. Did you go on it yourself?

13 A. No.

14 Q. I ask you to spell AF Kamara.

11:42:40 15 A. A dot F, K-A-M-A-R-A.

16 Q. Who was he?

17 A. He was an SLA major.

18 Q. Do you know anything about whether he held any particular
19 appointment, or had held a particular appointment during the AFRC
11:43:18 20 junta government?

21 A. I could not remember.

22 Q. After the operation in Bo, when the troops had come back,
23 did any else happen in Masiaka that you remember?

24 A. When the troops returned we are told to pull back to
11:43:39 25 Makeni.

26 Q. What then happened?

27 A. We pulled out to Makeni. On the way to Makeni at Lunsar at
28 the Mabeseme Eye Clinic the hospital was looted.

29 Q. Pause a moment. Just spell the name of the clinic that you

1 have identified.

2 A. Mabeseme, M-A-B-E-S-E-M-E.

3 Q. How do you know that the Mabeseme Clinic was looted in
4 Lunsar?

11:44:28 5 A. Because I saw one of their vehicle with Mike Lamin.

6 Q. Did anything else happen that you were able to recall
7 between Masiaka and Makeni?

8 A. No.

9 Q. Did you arrive at Makeni?

11:44:53 10 A. Yes.

11 Q. Who was there on your arrival?

12 A. On my arrival at Makeni, because we went to Port Loko with
13 Ibrahim Bazy Kamara to escort his wife to go to Guinea and we
14 had an accident. So on our arrival at Makeni I did not spend a
11:45:20 15 long time there and then I was taken to Kabala.

16 Q. You said, talking about -- we went with Bazy towards Port
17 Loko to leave his wife there. Who else went with you?

18 A. All the securities were with me, like Saidu Kambolia,
19 Abravo, Pea Man, Ibrahim Bazy Kamara, his wife, Anifa Bedor.

11:45:57 20 Those I can remember.

21 Q. You have just given a name, would you spell that name,
22 please?

23 A. A-N-I-F-A, Anifa; Bedor, B-E-D-O-R.

24 Q. After the accident, what happened to Anifa Bedor?

11:46:26 25 A. After the accident, she was left at Port Loko and we came
26 back, where I was given treatment by some Red Cross guy that were
27 adopted by SAJ Musa.

28 Q. Where were you treated? Whereabouts, which location?

29 A. It was Masiaka; after the accident I was treated back at

1 Masiaka.

2 Q. When you got to Makeni, and you said you weren't long
3 there, but did you see anything happen in Makeni?

4 A. Yes, I saw a lot of looting, because I see soldiers
11:47:04 5 breaking shops.

6 Q. Did you hear anything being said at around this time?

7 A. Yes, all soldiers were saying it is Operation Pay Yourself.

8 Q. Did you know what that meant?

9 A. Well, Operation Pay Yourself simply means -- at the time we
11:47:35 10 were pulling out we had no salaries that they pay us monthly, so
11 anything you get is for you.

12 Q. Once you got to Makeni, did you stay there?

13 A. No.

14 Q. Where did you go?

11:47:54 15 A. We went to Kabala.

16 Q. Who did you go to Kabala with?

17 A. I went to Kabala with Ibrahim Bazy Kamara.

18 Q. Did anything happen you when you got to Kabala?

19 A. Yes, I was taken to the government hospital, and later I
11:48:12 20 was taken from there to my family house, where I stayed.

21 Q. Did you stay there with anyone?

22 A. I stayed there with Ibrahim Bazy Kamara.

23 Q. Did anything happen in Kabala whilst you were there?

24 A. Yes. There was a meeting held so we could go and attack
11:48:35 25 Kono.

26 Q. Do you recall who was present at that meeting?

27 A. You have Hassan Papa Bangura, you have Ibrahim Bazy
28 Kamara, you have Biorbo Sesay, and some other commanders, and
29 Superman.

1 Q. Who chaired the meeting?

2 A. Superman chaired the meeting.

3 Q. You have said a name, Biorbo Sesay. Is that the same

4 Biorbo you referred to earlier?

11:49:19 5 A. Yes.

6 [AFRC15SEP05C - CR]

7 Q. How do you know that this meeting took place?

8 A. Because I went there.

9 Q. Where did it take place?

11:49:25 10 A. At Kabala.

11 Q. Do you know in particular where?

12 A. No.

13 Q. Apart from deciding to attack Kono, was anything else said

14 at this meeting that you're able to recall?

11:49:43 15 A. Yes. What was said on the meeting was that SLAs should

16 come together with the RUF commanders so that we can go to Kono.

17 But SAJ Musa refused and he took his own way to Koinadugu, whilst

18 we moved to Kono.

19 Q. When you say "we moved to Kono", who --

11:50:20 20 A. The whole troops.

21 Q. Were there any commanders with you, that you recall, moving

22 to Kono?

23 A. Yes. You have Denis Mingo a.k.a. Superman, Ibrahim Bazy

24 Kamara, Hassan Papa Bangura. Those I could remember.

11:50:42 25 Q. Was there anyone in command of the troop that moved towards

26 Kono?

27 A. Yes, the troop was commanded by Denis Mingo.

28 Q. Did he have anyone deputising him?

29 A. Next to him was Ibrahim Bazy Kamara.

- 1 Q. How do you know this?
- 2 A. Because I was with the troop, and I was a chief security to
3 Ibrahim Bazy Kamara.
- 4 Q. Now, you said that SAJ Musa went to Koinadugu. Do you know
11:51:21 5 if he went with anyone to Koinadugu?
- 6 A. Yes, he went with half of the other troops, but I could not
7 remember all the people he went with.
- 8 Q. Do you remember if he went with any commanders, whose names
9 you are able to remember?
- 11:51:37 10 A. Yes, he went with Brigadier Mani and Liberian Bropleh.
- 11 Q. Can you spell, firstly, Mani?
- 12 A. M-A-N-I.
- 13 Q. And also Bropleh, please.
- 14 A. B-O-P-L-E-H [sic].
- 11:52:07 15 Q. Brigadier Mani, who was he?
- 16 A. He was a member of the Sierra Leone Armed Force.
- 17 Q. What about Liberian Bropleh?
- 18 A. Liberian Bropleh was a Liberian that was helping the Sierra
19 Leone military force to fight against the rebels.
- 11:52:32 20 Q. How do you know that?
- 21 A. Because at that time I was in the army, so I knew when my
22 boss, Tom Nyuma, was the Defence Minister.
- 23 Q. Did anything happen when you got to Kono?
- 24 A. When I arrived at Kono, we are targeted at Bumpé by the
11:53:08 25 Kamajors. But we had to fight against them and later we took
26 control of Koidu.
- 27 MS PACK: Bumpé you've heard before, Your Honours,
28 B-U-M-P-E, and Koidu, K-O-I-D-U.
- 29 Q. Who was in command of the attack on --

- 1 A. Denis Mingo.
- 2 Q. You said you took control of Koidu. What happened after
3 you took control of Koidu?
- 4 A. After taking control of Koidu, we had to come back to the
11:53:58 5 village of Johnny Paul Koroma, Mabonkani, to collect him so that
6 he could pass through to Kailahun.
- 7 Q. Do you know who went back to the village of Johnny Paul
8 Koroma, Mabonkani?
- 9 A. Yes, Sam Bockarie -- sorry, Denis Mingo a.k.a. Superman,
11:54:20 10 Hassan Papa Bangura and some other fighters, which I could not
11 remember.
- 12 Q. Did you go yourself?
- 13 A. Yes.
- 14 Q. Did you go?
- 11:54:29 15 A. Yes.
- 16 Q. Can you spell Mabonkani please, for the Court? If you
17 can't, please say.
- 18 A. M-A-B-O-N-K-A-N-I.
- 19 Q. Did Johnny Paul Koroma subsequently arrive in Koidu Town?
- 11:55:00 20 A. Yes.
- 21 Q. Do you remember how long he remained there?
- 22 A. He was there for just three nights.
- 23 Q. Did anything happen that you remember in Koidu Town whilst
24 you were there?
- 11:55:13 25 A. On his arrival, there was a meeting at the house of Denis
26 Mingo.
- 27 Q. Whereabouts was the house of Denis Mingo?
- 28 A. I couldn't remember the street, but back of the Opera
29 Cinema.

1 MS PACK: That's O-P-E-R-A Cinema.

2 Q. Do you remember approximately what month of the year this
3 was?

4 A. No.

11:55:48 5 Q. How do you know that there was a meeting at the house of
6 Denis Mingo?

7 A. Because I went at the meeting.

8 Q. Do you recall who else was there?

9 A. Yes.

11:56:05 10 Q. Who else?

11 A. You have Morris Kallon, Johnny Paul Koroma, Rambo his CSO,
12 Ibrahim Bazy Kamara, Hassan Papa Bangura. Those I could
13 remember.

14 Q. Who chaired the meeting, do you remember?

11:56:33 15 A. The meeting was chaired by Denis Mingo.

16 Q. What happened at the meeting?

17 A. In the meeting it was discussed that we should be under the
18 RUF in Kono.

19 Q. By "we", who are you talking about?

11:56:52 20 A. The SLAs should be under the RUF.

21 Q. Do you recall any response to that?

22 A. Yes. When Johnny Paul told us at the meeting that we
23 should be under the RUF, there was an argument that some other
24 commanders refused, but at the end, they were all convinced to be
11:57:17 25 under the RUF.

26 Q. Did anything else happen at this meeting that you're able
27 to recall?

28 A. Yes.

29 Q. What else happened?

- 1 A. It was agreed upon so Johnny Paul could be at Kailahun.
- 2 Q. Did anything else take place?
- 3 A. No.
- 4 Q. After the meeting at Superman's house that you've
- 11:57:55 5 described, did anything else take place in this period in Koidu
6 Town whilst Johnny Paul Koroma was still there?
- 7 A. I couldn't remember any other thing that happened, unless
8 when he was escorted to Kailahun.
- 9 Q. Who was escorted then to Kailahun?
- 11:58:19 10 A. Denis Mingo escorted Johnny Paul Koroma to Kailahun.
- 11 Q. How did you know that he went?
- 12 A. I was at the meeting and it was decided upon, who should go
13 and who to stay.
- 14 Q. After Johnny Paul Koroma was taken to Kailahun, did Denis
11:58:51 15 Mingo, a.k.a. Superman, remain in Kailahun?
- 16 A. No, he returned back to Koidu Town.
- 17 Q. Did anything happen after he returned back to Koidu Town?
- 18 A. On his arrival there was another meeting called upon. That
19 meeting was based on the command structure for us to defend Kono.
- 11:59:18 20 Q. How do you know that meeting took place?
- 21 A. I was in the meeting.
- 22 Q. How long had Denis Mingo been away from Koidu Town before
23 his return?
- 24 A. It was a week.
- 11:59:39 25 Q. Do you recall who chaired the meeting at which the command
26 structure was set up for you to defend Kono?
- 27 A. It was Denis Mingo.
- 28 Q. Do you recall who else was present at the meeting?
- 29 A. Yes. You have Ibrahim Bazy Kamara, Morris Kallon,

1 Santigie Kanu, Momoh Dotti, Abdul Sesay. Those I could remember.
2 Q. You said at this meeting a command structure was set up for
3 you to defend Kono. Do you recall anything else occurring at
4 this meeting -- being said at this meeting?
12:00:36 5 A. There was some promotions made.
6 Q. Who made the promotions?
7 A. Denis Mingo, a.k.a. Superman.
8 Q. Do you know anything about the command structure that was
9 set up at this meeting?
12:00:51 10 A. Yes.
11 Q. How do you know about the command structure that was set
12 up?
13 A. I was there in the meeting and I was also promoted to
14 lieutenant.
12:01:05 15 Q. Did you receive any change in your appointment at this
16 meeting, apart from being --
17 A. No.
18 Q. You've told us then that you were Bazzy's chief security
19 officer at this time?
12:01:18 20 A. Yes. Yes.
21 Q. What was it your job to do, then, whilst you were in Kono
22 as CS0?
23 A. To take care of security for Ibrahim Bazzy Kamara to ensure
24 that he is safe. And whenever there is operations I would choose
12:01:38 25 some men from his security to go on the operation if I don't go.
26 Q. Did you go on operations?
27 A. Yes, I go on most of the operations.
28 Q. What was it your job to do on operations?
29 A. My job was to move the troops so that we can accomplish our

1 attack and come back, and I give situation reports to Ibrahim
2 Bazzy Kamara.

3 Q. Do you recall the names of the other securities who were
4 with Ibrahim Bazzy Kamara in Kono?

12:02:27 5 A. Yes.

6 Q. Can you name them, please?

7 A. We have Saidu Kambolia, Maf, Bravo, BS, Cyborg.

8 Q. Sorry, would you repeat the last one?

9 A. BS. I only know his initials.

12:02:51 10 Q. Go on. You've mentioned Cyborg?

11 A. Cyborg.

12 Q. Could you spell Cyborg, please?

13 A. C-Y-B-O-R-G.

14 Q. Is that a full name?

12:03:12 15 A. No, his full name, Alda Baline.

16 Q. Could you spell it?

17 A. A-L-D-A. Baline, B-A-L-I-N-E.

18 Q. Anyone else that you can recall?

19 A. I can only recall these.

12:03:44 20 Q. These securities that you have identified, let me just go
21 back to Maf. Did he have any other -- you have identified that
22 he was also called Eddie Williams.

23 A. Eddie Williams, yeah.

24 Q. Did he have any other appointment that you are aware of?

12:03:58 25 A. Yes, on our arrival at Mansofinia, when we left Kono, he
26 was appointed as Bazzy's chief security officer, whilst I was a
27 provost-marshal at that time.

28 Q. In Kono, apart from being a security to Bazzy, did he have
29 any other position that you are aware of?

1 A. No.

2 Q. And Saidu Kambulai, was he known by another name?

3 A. Baski.

4 Q. Did he have any other position that you are aware of in
12:04:47 5 Kono?

6 A. Yes, we were all promoted to lieutenant and they had a
7 battalion. After the restructure in Kono, we are placed into
8 battalions.

9 Q. Who had a battalion?

12:05:13 10 A. You have Saidu Mansafari, aka Tito, had a battalion.
11 Savage had a battalion. Those I could remember.

12 Q. You were talking about Saidu Kambulai, aka Baski.

13 A. Saidu Kambulai.

14 Q. What were you going to say about him?

12:05:34 15 A. Saidu Kambulai was also in a battalion.

16 Q. What about Eddie Williams?

17 A. Eddie Williams was also in a battalion, but as a 2IC.

18 Q. Tell us -- repeat what you've just said?

19 A. He was placed in a battalion, but he was a 2IC.

12:05:54 20 Q. Just tell us what you mean by 2IC?

21 A. Second in command to the battalion commander.

22 Q. I'm going to ask you just a little about the command
23 structure that you have described being set up in this meeting
24 that you attended. Firstly, was there anyone in overall command?

12:06:28 25 A. Yes, Denis Mingo was the overall commander.

26 Q. Was there anyone who was second to him?

27 A. Second to him was Ibrahim Bazy Kamara. Then you have --

28 Q. Pause a moment. Was he, to your knowledge, always in the
29 position of being second to Denis Mingo whilst you were in Kono?

1 A. Yes, but the last days on our pull-out from Kono, Alex
2 Tamba Brima came from Kailahun with some reinforcement and on
3 their arrival to Kono, when going to Mansofinia, Alex Tamba Brima
4 was in command and Bazzy was two to him.

12:07:20 5 Q. When you say on his arrival he was in command, who was he
6 in command of, Alex Tamba Brima, on his arrival in Kono?
7 A. On his arrival at Kono, you have Denis Mingo who was the
8 overall commander. Then next to him is Alex Tamba Brima, because
9 he was senior than Ibrahim Bazzy.

12:07:41 10 Q. As far as you know, did Ibrahim Bazzy Kamara have any other
11 position, apart from the --
12 A. Yes, he was in charge of the G4.
13 Q. What do you mean by the G4?
14 A. Keeping arms and ammunitions.

12:08:05 15 Q. Now, you have said that Denis Mingo was in overall command
16 in Kono. Do you know if there was anyone to whom he reported?
17 A. Yes, Denis Mingo at that time reports straight to Sam
18 Bockarie, aka Mosquito, at Kailahun.
19 Q. How did you know that?

12:08:34 20 A. Because there was a VHS communication set at his house and
21 we used that VHS communication set to send messages to Kailahun.
22 Q. How do you know that messages were sent to Kailahun on the
23 VHS communication set?
24 A. Because at that time I was chief security to Ibrahim Bazzy.

12:09:12 25 At all time when he goes to the radio communication, I go with
26 him. So I'm always there when some messages are sent.
27 Q. Do you know any other positions that were held by any
28 others as a result of the command structure?
29 A. Yes, you have the G5.

1 Q. Who was that?

2 A. It was Santigie Kanu, aka Five-Five, he was in charge of
3 the civilians and abductees. Then you have the medical.

4 Q. Who was that?

12:10:04 5 A. It was Biorbo Sesay. And you have the battalion at Tombodu
6 being commanded by Savage. You also have another battalion at
7 Mamudo.

8 Q. Pause a moment. Just repeat the name you have just
9 mentioned. Repeat the name.

12:10:37 10 A. You have Tombodu.

11 Q. Okay, and you said there was another battalion somewhere
12 else that you recall.

13 A. The one at Tombodu was Savage commanding it.

14 Q. Pause a moment. I'm just going to ask you a little about
12:10:55 15 Savage. Who was he?

16 A. He was an SLA soldier.

17 Q. Was Savage his full name?

18 A. No. I only knew that name for him.

19 Q. Apart from the appointments that you have told us about, do
12:11:18 20 you recall any others specifically from the command structure as
21 a result of that meeting?

22 A. You have Morris Kallon who was in charge of creating
23 obstacles -- obstacles, to create obstacles on the road leading
24 to Koidu Town.

12:11:59 25 Q. Witness, you have mentioned another battalion at Mamudo.

26 A. Yes, which was commanded by Salifu Mansaray, aka Tito.

27 Q. Perhaps if you just spell Salifu Mansaray, aka Tito.

28 A. S-A-L-I-F-U M-A-N-S-A-R-A-Y.

29 Q. Can you spell Mamudo, please, for the Court?

1 A. M-A-M-U-D-O.

2 Q. Witness, you have mentioned a G4 and a G5. Were there
3 other appointments in this category, the G category that you've
4 described, that you're able to recall?

12:13:18 5 A. You have Hassan Papa Bangura who was in charge of
6 operations too.

7 Q. Apart from a G4 and a G5, was there a G1, 2 and 3?

8 A. You have FAT Sesay who was in charge of G1, administration.

9 Q. It's not a name that we've had before from you. Who was
12:13:46 10 FAT Sesay?

11 A. FAT Sesay was an SLA officer.

12 Q. Had you come across him before Kono?

13 A. Yes.

14 Q. Where had you come across him before?

12:14:04 15 A. I know him even before the AFRC junta.

16 Q. Was there a G2 or a G3, or didn't those positions exist?

17 A. No.

18 Q. Witness, at this time you've spoken about knowing that
19 Denis Mingo reported to Sam Bockarie because there was a VHS set
12:14:43 20 at Superman's house and he used to send messages to Kailahun.
21 Who was he sending messages to in Kailahun?

22 A. Sam Bockarie was always talking to -- Denis Mingo was
23 always talking to Sam Bockarie.

24 Q. How do you know that he was talking to Sam Bockarie?

12:15:07 25 A. Because I used to be at the signal -- at the signal set.

26 Q. How do you know it was Sam Bockarie that he was talking to?

27 A. Because he had a call sign.

28 Q. Do you recall the call sign for Sam Bockarie?

29 A. Yes, it was called Globe.

1 Q. Can you spell Globe?
2 MS PACK: It's just G-L-O-B-E, Your Honours.
3 THE WITNESS: G-L-O-B-E.
4 MS PACK:
12:15:45 5 Q. Do you recall call signs for anyone else?
6 A. Yes, you have Ibrahim Bazy Kamara, called Dark Angel. You
7 have Santigie Kanu, called Chuku.
8 Q. How do you spell Chuku?
9 A. C-H-U-K-U.
12:16:07 10 Q. Any other call signs you are able to remember?
11 A. You have Alex Tamba Brima, called Godfather. You have
12 Superman called Time Bomb. You have Gibril Massaquoi called
13 Jaffa.
14 Q. Witness, I'm going to ask you, in this period in Kono and
12:16:36 15 later, you said you went to Mansofinia and then were in Major
16 Eddie Town. Do you recall what SLAs were wearing in this period?
17 A. Yes, it was mixed. Only few -- only few that had full
18 uniform fatigues and most of those are the commanders.
19 Q. When you were in Kono and later, how would you know what
12:17:16 20 rank a commander, for example, held?
21 A. Well, as you know, we were in Freetown as a government and
22 in the military, so when we are pulling out, most SLAs have their
23 pip that they use in the jungle.
24 Q. What do you mean by a "pip".
12:17:41 25 A. That's to identify the rank.
26 Q. And you pointed to your shoulder?
27 A. Yes, they put it on their shoulder to identify the rank
28 they are.
29 Q. So, for example, can you give an example of --

1 A. For example, like a captain, you will have three buttons;
2 lieutenant colonel, one button and a crown.

3 Q. You've spoken about radio, these signals. Do you recall
4 any particular communications whilst you were in Koidu Town?

12:18:17 5 A. Yes, there was one other communication. That was to go and
6 collect arms and ammunition at Kailahun.

7 Q. And who was that communication between?

8 A. The communication was between Denis Mingo and Mosquito, Sam
9 Bockarie.

12:18:41 10 Q. How do you know that it took place?

11 A. Because I was asked to choose some securities from -- the
12 securities of Ibrahim Bazy to join up to collect the
13 ammunitions, and the ammunitions were brought and I saw them at
14 the house of Denis Mingo and it was shared, and Bazy had some
12:19:06 15 ammunitions that we were keeping at his house.

16 Q. Can you recall the ammunition then that you saw and brought
17 to Denis Mingo's house?

18 A. It was AK rounds by boxes and some grenades that were
19 placed in a rice bag, and some RPG bombs.

12:19:46 20 Q. Do you know why Ibrahim Bazy Kamara was given some of this
21 ammunition that you've described?

22 A. Yes, because he was the G4 and he was the 2IC at that time
23 at Kono.

24 Q. 2IC, just tell us what you mean by that?

12:20:04 25 A. Second in command to Sam -- to Denis Mingo.

26 Q. Now you've told us earlier that you moved on from Kono at
27 one point. Do you recall how long you were in Kono for; how much
28 time?

29 A. I cannot remember the right date.

- 1 Q. Are you able to remember approximately whether it was weeks
2 or months or not?
3 A. About two months.
4 Q. From Kono where did you go?
12:20:46 5 A. From Kono we went to Masofinia.
6 Q. Why did you leave Kono?
7 A. We left Kono because the Nigerians had pressured us into
8 Kono, so we just had to leave.
9 Q. By "the Nigerians" who are you talking about?
12:21:03 10 A. I'm talking about the ECOMOG troops.
11 Q. You said you went to Mansofinia. Do you know -- who did
12 you go to Mansofinia with?
13 A. I went to Mansofinia with Ibrahim Bazzy Kamara, Alex Tamba
14 Brima, Santigie Kanu and half of the other troops that were in
12:21:34 15 Kono.
16 Q. Is that SLA, RUF, or what?
17 A. The majority was SLA.
18 Q. How did you get to Mansofinia, you personally?
19 A. We went to Mansofinia on foot.
12:22:05 20 Q. On the way to Mansofinia, which places did you pass through
21 to get there?
22 A. Passed through Tombodu, Kayima --
23 MS PACK: If the witness may be permitted to look at the
24 maps, Your Honours.
12:22:47 25 Q. You said you passed through Tombodu and Kayima.
26 A. We passed through Tombodu, Peyama, Kayima, Yarya, Worodu,
27 Kondea and Mansofinia.
28 Q. When you got to Tombodu, did you see anything there?
29 A. Yes. On arrival at Tombodu we met the battalion commander

1 that was there by the name of Savage. And when we met he had
2 already killed a lot of people, thrown in a pit.

3 Q. Who were you with when you saw a lot of people thrown in a
4 pit in Tombodu?

12:23:56 5 A. I was with half of the troops from Koidu going to
6 Mansofinia, including Alex Tamba Brima, Ibrahim Bazy Kamara,
7 Santigie Kanu, and some others.

8 Q. And the people thrown in the pit, were they --

9 A. They were all civilians.

12:24:26 10 Q. Were they alive or were they dead?

11 A. They were dead.

12 Q. Did you see what had happened to them?

13 A. I met them dead, but I could see that they were killed by
14 machetes.

12:24:37 15 Q. Could you estimate how many you saw in the pit?

16 A. I cannot give a right number, but there were plenty, more
17 than 150 people in the pit.

18 Q. Did you see how many -- did you see anything else in
19 Tombodu as you went there on your way to Mansofinia?

12:25:00 20 A. Yes, going up the court barri from the pit, there was some
21 dead body on the floor, about five, which I saw.

22 Q. You said the court barri. Just explain what you mean by a
23 court barri.

24 A. A court barri is a house where the paramount chief holds
12:25:31 25 cases.

26 Q. Had you been to Tombodu before this time when you passed
27 through on your way to Mansofinia?

28 A. Yes, the time we were in Kono, we used to go to Tombodu in
29 the evening to drink palm wine.

- 1 Q. You say "we used to go". Who went with you?
- 2 A. We used to go with -- I used to go with Ibrahim Bazzy
3 Kamara, Hassan Papa Bangura, Tito, Baski. Those I could
4 remember.
- 12:26:09 5 Q. How many times about did you go to Tombodu?
- 6 A. Two times.
- 7 Q. Did you see anything on those two occasions upon which you
8 went there?
- 9 A. Yes, on the first day we went there were some civilians
12:26:28 10 that were placed outside and were being flogged by Savage.
- 11 Q. How do you know?
- 12 A. I was there and I saw it.
- 13 Q. When you say "some civilians", tell us how many?
- 14 A. About seven.
- 12:26:49 15 Q. What did you actually see happen?
- 16 A. I saw Savage ordering his boys to flog the civilians
17 publicly.
- 18 Q. On the other occasion, the second occasion upon which you
19 went to Tombodu, did you see anything on that occasion?
- 12:27:10 20 A. On the second occasion I could not remember exactly what I
21 saw.
- 22 Q. This time you said that Savage was the commander of the
23 battalion at Tombodu. Do you know what his rank was at this
24 time?
- 12:27:38 25 A. He was a lieutenant.
- 26 Q. Do you know who appointed him to that rank?
- 27 A. Denis Mingo, aka Superman.
- 28 Q. How do you know that?
- 29 A. Because I was also promoted on the same day.

1 Q. When was that?

2 A. On the restructuring meeting at Koidu Town.

3 Q. Did Savage pull out with you from Kono to Mansofinia?

4 A. No, he stayed at Tombodu under the command of Denis Mingo.

12:28:24 5 Q. The battalion under his command in Tombodu, did they remain
6 there with him?

7 A. Yes, the battalion left there, but some of his fighters
8 went with the troops to Mansofinia.

9 Q. When you got to Mansofinia -- first of all, are you able to
12:28:51 10 say approximately what month of the year it was when you got
11 there?

12 A. It was about April.

13 Q. Which year, just remind us?

14 A. It was 1998.

12:29:06 15 Q. When you got to Mansofinia did anything happen?

16 A. On my arrival at Mansofinia, Alex Tamba Brima, Santigie
17 Kanu and some other commanders went to SAJ Musa at Krubola to
18 tell him that we have pulled out from Kono and we are now at
19 Mansofinia.

12:29:33 20 Q. How do you know that these commanders went to see SAJ Musa?

21 A. Because Mansofinia is a very small village and I was
22 staying in the house with Ibrahim Bazy and around that house you
23 have all the other commanders there.

24 Q. Do you know what happened at the meeting or the visit of
12:30:14 25 these commanders to SAJ Musa?

26 A. On their return from SAJ Musa they came back and I was with
27 Ibrahim Bazy Kamara in the evening seated on the verandah of the
28 house and Alex Tamba Brima, Santigie Kanu, they were seated at
29 the house of Alex Tamba Brima and Ibrahim Bazy was called and I

1 went with him to the house and they told him that SAJ have told
2 them that we should try to restructure the fighters and after
3 that we have to leave Mansofinia to make a camp at the Bombali
4 axis which the camp was Camp Rosos.

12:31:19 5 Q. After you were told this, you and Bazzy, by Alex Tamba
6 Brima, did anything then happen in Mansofinia?

7 A. Yes, the restructuring had to go on.

8 Q. How do you know that a restructuring went on?

9 A. All the fighters were called on a muster parade and at that
12:31:50 10 muster parade, they had to divide them into battalions which was
11 done by FAT Sesay, because he was the admin officer.

12 Q. Apart from dividing fighters into battalions did anything
13 else happen at this muster parade?

14 A. Promotions were given.

12:32:20 15 Q. Who made the promotions?

16 A. Alex Tamba Brima, and I was promoted to captain and given
17 an appointment as provost-marshal whilst all the other commanders
18 that came with the troops were all promoted one step higher.

19 Q. Apart from your own appointment, were there other
12:32:45 20 appointments made at this muster parade to positions in the
21 command structure?

22 A. Yes, you have --

23 Q. Just pause a moment. Who made those appointments?

24 A. Alex Tamba Brima.

12:33:04 25 Q. I am just going to ask you, firstly, about your own
26 appointment to provost-marshal. What did you do as a
27 provost-marshal?

28 A. As a provost-marshal, I was there to take care of
29 disciplinary actions on the fighters and to ensure that on all

1 operations we go, till we reach Camp Rosos, we shall move on the
2 right path, and any fighter that commits a law -- because we had
3 laws that we were given. Any fighter that commits will be
4 arrested and be judged on what we call jungle justice.

12:34:02 5 Q. So, for example, what sort of laws would you be
6 identifying?

7 A. One, there was a law of not stealing government properties,
8 which, I mean arms and ammunition and medical. Two, no raping
9 should go on when they are on operations. Anyone goes above that
12:34:39 10 will be punished.

11 Q. What sort of punishments were imposed?

12 A. Well, the punishments for those two laws is killing or
13 public flogging.

14 Q. You said you were responsible as a provost-marshal for
12:35:07 15 ensuring that the troops moved on the right path. What do you
16 mean by that, as you went on all operations to Rosos?

17 A. I mean by the right path, if an objective has been given,
18 like, for example, we are going to attack a certain specific
19 town, I should ensure that the fighters move to that particular
12:35:35 20 town and not to no other town.

21 Q. In your position as provost-marshal, did you move on the
22 operations?

23 A. I move on all operations.

24 Q. Was there anything else you were doing, apart from ensuring
12:36:01 25 that the fighters move on the right path or route to get to the
26 attack points?

27 A. No.

28 Q. Whom did you report to in your position as provost-marshal?

29 A. As provost-marshal I report to Alex Tamba Brima or Ibrahim

1 Bazzy Kamara.

2 Q. Did you have any men working under you as a
3 provost-marshal?

4 A. Yes, the initial stage I had 11 securities.

12:36:38 5 Q. What were they doing? What was their role?

6 A. Their role was to protect me.

7 Q. Now, you've spoken about the restructure that took place in
8 Mansofinia. Apart from your appointment, I would like you,
9 please, to identify any other appointments that were made in

12:37:11 10 Mansofinia.

11 A. Yes, you have the G5.

12 Q. Who was that?

13 A. The G5 was headed by Santigie Kanu, a.k.a. Five-Five. He
14 was in charge of all abdcutees.

12:37:26 15 Q. What about the G1?

16 A. The G1 was FAT Sesay. He was in charge of administration.

17 Q. Any other appointments --

18 A. You have the G4, who was Ibrahim Bazzy Kamara.

19 Q. Just pausing with Ibrahim Bazzy Kamara, apart from the
12:37:49 20 position of G4, do you know if he held any other appointments?

21 A. He was the commander number two on the operation to Gullit.
22 And you have the operation commander.

23 Q. Who was that?

24 A. Who was Hassan Papa Bangura. And you have Biorbo, who was
12:38:19 25 in charge of medical.

26 Q. How do you know about the positions that everyone held in
27 the command structure?

28 A. At that time I was provost-marshal, so on all meetings I am
29 present and all operations I go. So I know everything about

1 whatever we do.

2 Q. Now, you've said that there had been an instruction from
3 SAJ Musa for you to move from Mansofinia to set up a camp in
4 Bombali. Did that then happen?

12:39:13 5 A. Yes.

6 Q. What happened?

7 A. After restructuring, we had four battalions that we started
8 the move with. We moved from Mansofinia, passed back to Yarya,
9 which was the -- is the home town of Alex Tamba Brima, came
10 through the Makeni-Kamabai highway into Karina, passed Karina,
11 passed Batkanu, and just on the right-hand part of Batkanu over
12 the river, there we had Camp Rosos.

13 MS PACK: I'm just going to deal with some spellings there,
14 Your Honour. Yarya, which is Y-A-R-Y-A. And Makeni-Kabala
12:40:21 15 Highway, you've heard both of those names before. Makeni.
16 Kabala, K-A-B-A-L-A. Karina, Your Honours have heard,
17 K-A-R-I-N-A. Batkanu, B-A-T-K-A-N-U. And Rosos, R-O-S-O-S.

18 MS THOMPSON: Your Honour, I hope I'm not being a pain, but
19 may I just ask my learned friend to ask the witness to go over
12:40:55 20 that route again. I kind of missed some places.

21 MS PACK: What I will do is I will ask him to mark the
22 route on the map for my learned friends and for the Court in a
23 moment.

24 PRESIDING JUDGE: Will that be satisfactory, Ms Thompson?

12:41:08 25 MS THOMPSON: That's fine, thank you, Your Honour.

26 MS PACK:

27 Q. Just before I ask you to mark the route, just tell us the
28 route that you went on from Mansofinia to Rosos, what sort of
29 terrain were you moving on?

1 A. It was in the jungle.

2 Q. Do you remember the names of any other places that you
3 passed through, apart from the names that you've identified to us
4 to today?

12:41:30 5 A. Well, I'm not too conversant with those names, so I cannot
6 give them.

7 Q. I'm going to ask you to look at that map again. Open it
8 up, please. I'm going to pass to you a highlighter and ask you
9 to mark your route from Mansofinia to Rosos with a highlighter
12:41:50 10 pen.

11 MS PACK: Can I ask for the learned Court Attendant's
12 assistance to pass a pen up to the witness?

13 Q. Witness, if you would use the highlighter to mark from
14 Mansofinia to Rosos, just marking the route that you followed.

12:43:34 15 A. [Marks] I've done so.

16 Q. Thank you, Witness. And I would ask you, if you've still
17 got the other pen in front of you, the biro, if you would just
18 encircle two locations, Karina and Rosos. Mark Karina C and
19 Rosos D.

12:43:54 20 A. Done so.

21 Q. Thank you.

22 MS PACK: Perhaps, Your Honours, at this stage my learned
23 friends might want to see the route the witness has marked, and
24 Your Honours might wish to see that too?

12:44:09 25 PRESIDING JUDGE: Mr Court Attendant, could you assist us
26 and show the map to counsel for the Prosecution.

27 [Map shown to Prosecution]

28 MS THOMPSON: Your Honour, whilst that is being done, might
29 I ask that one of the defendants uses the convenience?

1 PRESIDING JUDGE: Yes, he should be escorted, Ms Thompson.

2 [Map shown to Defence]

3 [Map shown to Bench]

4 PRESIDING JUDGE: Ms Pack, I note the time. It is now the
12:50:50 5 time we normally adjourn for the lunchtime adjournment. It may
6 be appropriate now to adjourn the Court to 2.15.

7 [Break taken at 12.47 p.m.]

8 [On resuming at 2.20 p.m.]

9 PRESIDING JUDGE: [Microphone not activated] I think, Ms
12:51:06 10 Pack. Is he in the Court precincts?

11 MS PACK: I am afraid I would have to ask someone to go and
12 check.

13 PRESIDING JUDGE: Thank you. Perhaps if we could ask the
14 Madam Court Attendant. We would be grateful if you could check
14:24:06 15 where our witness has gone.

16 [The witness entered court]

17 PRESIDING JUDGE: Please proceed, Ms Pack. We have just
18 been dealing with the map.

19 MS PACK: Thank you, Your Honour.

14:26:17 20 Q. Witness, just to remind you where we were before the lunch
21 break, which was you had drawn the route which was taken by you
22 and the troops from Mansofinia to Camp Rosos. One of the
23 locations that you marked on the map was Karina and I am going to
24 ask you about that location.

14:26:50 25 Before Karina did anything happen that you can remember?
26 Before you got there?

27 A. I could remember when we crossed into Karina there were
28 orders given by Alex Tamba Brima that Karina is the hometown of
29 the President, His Excellency Ahmad Tejan Kabbah. Karina must be

1 burnt down and anyone who sets hands on must be killed.

2 Q. How do you know that these orders were given by Alex Tamba
3 Brima. And if you just wait for the question to finish.

4 A. Because I was always with the headquarter team where you
14:27:38 5 have all the high commands. I always moved with that team.

6 Q. Do you remember where it was that this order was given?

7 A. The order was given just before we entered Karina.

8 Q. Who was there when the order was given?

9 A. Pardon?

14:27:55 10 Q. Who was present when the order was given?

11 A. All commanders that were in the headquarter like Ibrahim
12 Bazzy Kamara, Santigie Kanu, Alex Tamba Brima himself, Tito and
13 other commanders that I could not remember.

14 Q. After these orders had been given before you got to Karina,
14:28:26 15 what then happened?

16 A. As we are entering Karina there was a house that was on the
17 right-hand side of the street and a Benz vehicle was parked
18 outside.

19 Q. Pause a moment.

14:28:44 20 PRESIDING JUDGE: I didn't hear what the witness said was
21 parked outside.

22 MS PACK: He said a Benz vehicle.

23 THE WITNESS: Mercedes Benz vehicle.

24 PRESIDING JUDGE: Thank you, Mr Witness.

14:28:53 25 MS PACK:

26 Q. Who were you with at this point?

27 A. I was with Ibrahim Bazzy Kamara.

28 Q. Anyone else with you?

29 A. Eddie Williams, aka Maf was also there.

1 Q. What happened after you got to this house on the right-hand
2 side with the Mercedes Benz outside it?

3 A. Eddie Williams went into the house, wrapped people with the
4 carpets of the house and set the house on fire.

14:29:39 5 Q. Let's just break that down a little. You said he grabbed
6 people with the carpet from the house. What do you mean by that?

7 A. I mean the carpet in the house in the parlour was wrapped
8 with the people he met inside the house.

9 Q. Where did this take place?

14:30:02 10 A. It happened -- it happened just before we entered Karina.
11 The first houses into Karina Town.

12 Q. How did you know that people were wrapped in the carpet
13 from inside the house?

14 A. I was standing just opposite the building with Ibrahim
14:30:19 15 Bazzy Kamara and Baski.

16 Q. Do you know how many people were wrapped in the carpet?

17 A. I could not give a specific number because I did not go
18 inside the building.

19 Q. How did you know that people were wrapped in a carpet?

14:30:45 20 A. When Eddie Maf placed the house on fire, then he came and
21 joined us opposite the house and told us that he wrapped people
22 with carpet in the house.

23 Q. Did you see how he put the house on fire?

24 A. Yes.

14:30:58 25 Q. What did he do?

26 A. He drew fuel from the Benz, Mercedes Benz car that was
27 parked outside the house, and sprinkled it right around the
28 parlour, inside the house and outside. And the house was -- he
29 scratched a match and dumped it in the house and the house went

- 1 ablaze.
- 2 Q. At the time that this was going on and you said you were
3 outside the house --
- 4 A. Yes, opposite the house.
- 14:31:38 5 Q. -- Who was with you?
- 6 A. I was Ibrahim Bazy Kamara, Saidu Kambulai, and some other
7 security guards.
- 8 Q. What were you doing?
- 9 A. We were standing outside the house waiting for Maf.
- 14:31:57 10 Q. After the house was set on fire, what did you do?
- 11 A. We went into Karina Town.
- 12 Q. Who did you go in with?
- 13 A. I went with Ibrahim Bazy Kamara together into the town.
- 14 Q. When you got into the town, did you see anything there?
- 14:32:16 15 A. Yes, I saw a lot of dead bodies, house on fire, and I saw a
16 lot of dead bodies in a mosque. And I also saw Cyborg holding
17 small children, taking them up two-story houses and leaving them
18 to fall down.
- 19 Q. I will just ask you about that first. You say you saw
14:32:51 20 Cyborg taking children into a two-storey house. How many times
21 did you see this take place?
- 22 A. I saw it once, but the children were more than four that I
23 saw he dropped down.
- 24 Q. Remind us, Cyborg, what was his position at the time?
- 14:33:13 25 A. He was a security to Ibrahim Bazy Kamara.
- 26 Q. About how old were the children who were dropped from the
27 two-storey house?
- 28 A. They are between five to ten.
- 29 Q. You say that you also saw dead bodies in Karina. Are you

1 able to estimate how many dead bodies you saw?
2 A. I cannot give the right figure, but there were plenty.
3 Q. You say that you saw houses on fire. Are you able to say
4 approximately how many houses you saw on fire?
14:34:16 5 A. I cannot give a specific number of house, but half the town
6 was burnt down.
7 Q. And you have described seeing dead bodies at a mosque. Are
8 you able to say about how many dead bodies you saw at the mosque?
9 A. There are plenty.
14:34:36 10 Q. Did you see -- were you able to see what had happened to
11 them?
12 A. No, I only met dead bodies there and they were -- the
13 mosque was attacked by Halaji Kamanda aka Gunboot.
14 Q. Perhaps you would spell Halaji Kamanda aka Gunboot, please.
14:35:03 15 A. May I please have a pen and a paper, please?
16 MS PACK: If Mr Court Attendant would, please, with a pen
17 and paper. Madam Court Attendant.
18 A. H-A-L-A-J-I, Halaji. K-A-M-A-N-D-A, Kamanda.
19 Q. And his alias.
14:35:10 20 A. Aka Gunboot. G-U-N-B-O-O-T.
21 Q. Whereabouts did you see the bodies at the mosque?
22 A. Bodies, I saw bodies inside the mosque and outside the
23 mosque.
24 Q. Are you able to remember whether the bodies that you saw
14:36:31 25 outside were men, women, children?
26 A. They were -- the bodies outside the mosque were all men.
27 Adults.
28 Q. Were you able to see how they had died?
29 A. The ones outside that I saw were -- they were fired with a

1 gun. They had gunshots.

2 Q. When you went into Karina, you say you went in with Ibrahim
3 Bazzy Kamara and also Eddie Williams, aka alias Maf. Who else
4 went in Karina?

14:37:22 5 A. The whole troops were moving, we all went through Karina.

6 Q. Are you able to recall whether any of the commanders went
7 in?

8 A. Yes. Alex Tamba Brima, Santigie Kanu, Biyo, Hassan Papa
9 Bangura. Those I can remember.

14:37:55 10 Q. On your way to Rosos - and I am talking about the whole
11 journey from Mansofinia to Rosos - did you pass through other
12 villages apart from Karina and Batkanu?

13 A. Yes, we passed through several villages, but I cannot call
14 their names.

14:38:20 15 Q. Did you see any civilians in those villages?

16 A. Yes, all the villages we went through had civilians, which
17 were captured and abducted.

18 Q. Are you able to estimate about how many civilians were
19 captured and abducted?

14:38:41 20 A. At that point I could not give a specific amount of
21 civilians, but there were hundreds of civilians.

22 Q. Do you recall anything else happening in the villages that
23 you were passed through on the way?

24 A. Yes, most of the villages were burnt down and civilians
14:39:11 25 that were in the villages were abducted.

26 JUDGE SEBUTINDE: Counsel, I am not sure, is that abducted
27 or adopted? What is it?

28 MS PACK: I have taken it to be abducted, but I will ask
29 the witness to repeat.

1 Q. Are you saying adopted or abducted the civilians that you
2 came across on the way through?

3 A. Adopt.

4 Q. What do you mean by adopt?

14:39:48 5 A. Well, I mean when we go through the villages the civilians
6 that we meet had been captured and we joined them forcefully with
7 the whole troop and move.

8 JUDGE LUSSICK: I think the witness was actually saying
9 "adopt", but the meaning he just gave is consistent with the word
14:40:30 10 "abduct".

11 MS PACK: Yes, Your Honour.

12 Q. Witness, on your way from Mansofinia to Rosos as you were
13 moving, who were you moving with?

14 A. I was always moving with the headquarter, where you have
14:40:56 15 all the senior high commands.

16 Q. Who did that include?

17 A. You have Alex Tamba Brima, who was the overall commander,
18 next to him was Ibrahim Bazy Kamara. You have Santigie Kanu in
19 charge of the G5, and you have Biorbo in charge of the medical.
14:41:24 20 And you have Woyoh -- Abdul Sesay -- and other commanders.

21 Q. And at this point did you have any men under your command
22 as you were moving?

23 A. Yes.

24 Q. How many?

14:41:44 25 A. At that time from Mansofinia to Camp Rosos I only had 11
26 men under my command.

27 Q. Their job was to do what?

28 A. Their job was to take care of my security.

29 Q. Anything else?

1 A. No.

2 Q. On your way to Rosos you said you were with headquarters,
3 the senior high command. Are you able to say what they were
4 doing on the way to Rosos?

14:42:25 5 A. The headquarter is there -- the high command at the
6 headquarter, they take care of all the operations, and all the
7 orders come from the headquarters.

8 Q. When you got to Rosos, where were you based?

9 A. I was based in Rosos village. There was the headquarter.

14:43:07 10 Q. So who else was based with you there?

11 A. Alex Tamba Brima, Ibrahim Bazy Kamara, Santigie Kanu,
12 Hassan Papa Bangura, and the 4th Battalion, which I later become
13 the commander of.

14 Q. At Rosos -- what were these the headquarters doing whilst
14:43:40 15 at Rosos?

16 A. Just like I said, the headquarters was in charge of
17 planning all operations and giving military orders.

18 Q. When you were at Rosos, did anything happen in the villages
19 surrounding the camp?

14:44:05 20 A. Yes. All the villages around Rosos we had -- we had
21 battalions deployed at all the villages around and the
22 headquarter in the middle.

23 Q. Did anything happen in any of these villages that you able
24 to recall?

14:44:27 25 A. No.

26 Q. And other villages, apart from the ones where battalions
27 were deployed to, do you recall anything happening in those
28 villages?

29 A. Yes, there was one village close to Rosos they called

1 Mateboi.

2 MS PACK: I Will spell that. That is M-A-T-E-B-O-I, Your
3 Honours.

4 Q. Go on, what happened there?

14:44:58 5 A. At Mateboi, the commander Ibrahim -- the commander, Alex
6 Tamba Brima, sent a team to Mateboi to get all the civilians to
7 join us at Camp Rosos. But that was not done. The civilians did
8 not come and another team was sent there.

9 Q. Who was the head of that team?

14:45:28 10 A. It was Arthur, Captain Arthur.

11 Q. How did you know that another team was sent to the village?

12 A. Because I was at the headquarter and all operations that go
13 I will know because I was commanding the battalion.

14 Q. The name identified there, Arthur, can you spell that,
14:45:45 15 please?

16 A. A-U-T-H-E-O [sic].

17 Q. Could you just repeat that?

18 A. A-U-T-H-O [sic].

19 Q. Go on, you were going on to say that a second team under
14:46:14 20 his command, under Arthur's command, went.

21 A. The second team went, and on their return they came with a
22 lot of -- they came with a lot of arms, which was brought by
23 Adama Cut Hand and the head of the chief as Arthur.

24 Q. You said arms were brought by Adama Cut Hand.

14:46:43 25 A. Arms that were amputated.

26 Q. How do you know that Adama had done that?

27 A. Because he came to the headquarter and I saw it.

28 Q. I just ask you to wait until finish my question before you
29 answer. Just so that the court reporter is able to record what I

1 am asking and what you are answering. Thank you, Witness. Adama
2 Cut Hand can you just spell that name please?
3 A. A-D-A-M-A, Adama; C-U-T H-A-N-D, Cut Hand.
4 Q. Who was Adama Cut Hand?
14:47:32 5 A. She was a soldier of the SLA.
6 Q. Did she hold any particular position in the troop?
7 A. No.
8 Q. What did you see when she returned from Mateboi?
9 A. From Mateboi saw her hanging a necklace that has a human
14:47:49 10 being hand, fingers.
11 Q. And these were amputated?
12 A. Yes.
13 Q. Was it fingers or hands?
14 A. Hands.
14:48:14 15 Q. When you saw this were you with anyone?
16 A. Pardon.
17 Q. When you saw Adama Cut Hand with amputated hands around her
18 like a necklace, was anyone with you?
19 A. I could not understand the question.
14:48:33 20 Q. When you saw Adama Cut Hand return from Mateboi, was anyone
21 with you when you saw her?
22 A. Yes.
23 Q. Who was with you?
24 A. Arthur himself that went on the operation was there,
14:48:48 25 Ibrahim Bazy Kamara, Alex Tamba Brima.
26 Q. Did you go on the operation to Mateboi?
27 A. No.
28 Q. You have said something about head of the chief. What did
29 you see happen in relation to that?

- 1 A. The head of the chief. The head of the chief was cut off
2 and brought to the headquarter.
- 3 Q. How do you know that?
- 4 A. Because when Arthur came he reported that it was the head
14:49:21 5 of the chief.
- 6 Q. And when you say it was handed over to headquarter, who was
7 present when the head was handed over?
- 8 A. The high command -- the high command, Alex Tamba Brima, was
9 there, Ibrahim Bazy and other commanders.
- 14:49:56 10 Q. You have also told us that you passed on the way -- the
11 troop passed on the way to Rosos through Batkanu. Are you able
12 to remember anything that occurred in Batkanu?
- 13 A. No, at that present moment nothing happened until when we
14 are at Rosos and an operation was sent to attack Batkanu.
- 14:50:30 15 Q. Who sent the operation?
- 16 A. The operation was sent by the operation commander, who was
17 Hassan Papa Bangura.
- 18 Q. How do you know?
- 19 A. Because, as I said, I was at the headquarter and in all
14:50:46 20 operations I would know about it, because I had a battalion that
21 I was commanding.
- 22 Q. Do you know what happened on the operation to Batkanu?
- 23 A. The Operation at Batkanu was to attack Batkanu for arms and
24 ammunition, but on the return back to the camp there was no arms
14:51:28 25 and ammunition got from the operation. They only came with some
26 civilians and lots of food stock.
- 27 Q. Did you go on the operation?
- 28 A. No.
- 29 Q. Were there any other operations that you are able to recall

1 that took place from Rosos when you were based at Rosos?

2 A. There was another operation at Gbinti.

3 MS PACK: Gbinti is spelt G-B-I-N-T-I.

4 Q. Did you go on that operation?

14:52:09 5 A. No.

6 Q. Witness, you have spoken about abductions that took place
7 on the way to Rosos and whilst you were at Rosos. Who was
8 abducted?

9 A. Civilians. Adults, children.

14:52:42 10 Q. Were they men, women, the adults?

11 A. Both men and woman.

12 Q. Girls, boys, the children?

13 A. They are both men and women.

14 Q. Were the men used for anything after they were abducted?

14:53:00 15 A. The men were used -- some were used to carry arms and
16 ammunition and food, and some were choosed [sic] to be trained as
17 fighters.

18 Q. Were the women used for anything?

19 A. The women always are there to help cook. To cook.

14:53:37 20 Q. When you were at Rosos did you have any particular role?

21 A. Yes, at Rosos there was a training organised at Rosos,
22 which Santigie Kanu was overseeing the training and FAT Sesay,
23 the G1 in charge of admin, was also in charge of the training.
24 And I was also in the training to protect the people they trained
14:54:25 25 not to run away.

26 Q. What was the consequence if people who were trained ran
27 away?

28 A. If someone is caught running away from the training he will
29 be killed.

1 Q. Are you talking about a civilian here or a soldier?
2 A. The ones they are training from civilians to become
3 fighters.
4 Q. Do you recall any instances of anyone running away?
14:54:56 5 A. Yes.
6 Q. What happened?
7 A. There were two that attempted to runaway. The one made his
8 way through. The one that was captured was killed as an example.
9 Q. How do know that he was killed?
14:55:17 10 A. I was there.
11 Q. Who executed him?
12 A. He was executed by Cyborg.
13 Q. How?
14 A. With machete.
14:55:47 15 Q. Do you recall who was carrying out the training at Rosos?
16 A. The training was carried out by Tamba Fasuluku, who was an
17 RSM.
18 Q. Thank you, witness. Could you spell Tamba Fasuluku,
19 please, for the Court?
14:55:59 20 A. T-A-M-B-A, Tamba; F-A-S-U-L-U-K-U, Fasuluku.
21 Q. Do you know how long the training at Camp Rosos lasted for?
22 A. It lasted for about three weeks.
23 Q. Who was trained?
24 A. Both adults and children and a few ladies.
14:56:54 25 Q. By "children", what sort of age group are you talking
26 about?
27 A. Pardon?
28 Q. By children, what do you mean? What ages?
29 A. Between between 10 to 15.

- 1 Q. Did the children who were trained have any particular name
2 that they were known by?
- 3 A. They were called the SBUs, Small Boy Unit.
- 4 Q. Are you able to estimate about how many people were trained
14:57:27 5 at Rosos?
- 6 A. It was 520.
- 7 Q. How are you able to say that?
- 8 A. Because I was there and I had the comprehensive nominal
9 role, the figure.
- 14:57:53 10 Q. About how many of those were children?
- 11 A. I cannot give a specific number, but there were up to 15 to
12 20.
- 13 Q. And you said some ladies were trained. About how many?
- 14 A. Five. Five.
- 14:58:26 15 Q. Do you know what the training was?
- 16 A. The training was concentrated on weapon handling, tactics,
17 firing and manoeuvring.
- 18 Q. After the training did anything happen to those civilians
19 who had been trained?
- 14:58:59 20 A. Yes, they were shared into battalions.
- 21 Q. How were they shared into battalions?
- 22 A. Muster parade was called and they divided them into even
23 numbers to all the four battalions.
- 24 Q. How do you know that a muster parade was called?
- 14:59:20 25 A. I was there.
- 26 Q. Who divided them into battalions?
- 27 A. The admin officer, Mr FAT Sesay.
- 28 Q. Are you able to estimate about how large in number the
29 battalions were after these civilians had been trained and added

1 to them?

2 A. My own battalion had 150 armed men.

3 Q. Let us deal with your own battalion. You have told us
4 earlier that when you were in Mansofinia you were appointed to
15:00:08 5 the position of provost-marshal by Alex Tamba Brima. When did
6 that change?

7 A. It changed soon we reached Camp Rosos.

8 Q. What happened?

9 A. I was given a battalion to command.

15:00:21 10 Q. Which battalion number?

11 A. The 4th Battalion.

12 Q. Who gave you the battalion to command?

13 A. Alex Tamba Brima.

14 Q. Your battalion was based where, just remind us?

15:00:40 15 A. It was based at headquarter, the village of Camp Rosos.

16 Q. The men under your command, you said about 150 men were in
17 your battalion, are you able to estimate about how many of those
18 had been trained at Rosos?

19 A. No.

15:01:16 20 Q. Did you have any SBUs under your command?

21 A. Yes.

22 Q. Are you able to say how many SBUs you had under your
23 command?

24 A. I had about 13 SBUs in my battalion.

15:01:44 25 Q. How old were they roughly?

26 A. Between 10 and 15.

27 Q. Did you have a deputy to you as battalion commander?

28 A. Yes, at Camp Rosos I had a deputy.

29 Q. What was his name?

1 A. The deputy I had was called Kodale.
2 Q. Can you spell that, please?
3 A. K-O-D-A-L-E.
4 Q. How long were you at Camp Rosos, based there for?
15:02:37 5 A. Just for about two months, then we pulled out from there to
6 Major Eddie Town.
7 [AFRC15SEP05E - SV]
8 Q. Are you able to remember the month you pulled out?
9 A. No.
15:02:50 10 Q. Are you able to remember the season, whether it was the
11 wet --
12 A. It was during the rainy season.
13 Q. Now, you've said you went to a town called Major Eddie
14 Town. Is that the real name for the location that you went to?
15:03:25 15 A. The real name is Gberi Mantmtank.
16 Q. Are you able to spell that?
17 A. No.
18 MS PACK: Your Honours, I can spell that if you'd like me
19 to, otherwise we can just leave it. I'll spell it. It's Gberi
15:03:56 20 Mantmtank, G-B-E-R-I; Mantmtank, M-A-N-T-M-T-A-N-K.
21 Q. Are you able to estimate about how far Gberi Mantmtank,
22 Major Eddie Town, was from Rosos?
23 A. I cannot give the mileage, but it is a day walk from Rosos
24 to Gberi Mantmtank.
15:04:35 25 Q. Why did you leave Rosos?
26 A. Because we are -- because we had -- we are pressured at
27 Rosos by the ECOMOG jet. So we had to leave Rosos.
28 Q. Witness, I'm going to ask you please to open up that map
29 again in front of you and to mark on the main map of Sierra Leone

1 the route that you took to Major Eddie Town from Rosos. And I'd
2 like you also to mark with an X the location of Major Eddie Town.
3 Mark with an X, in fact, and the letter E.
4 A. X?
15:05:52 5 Q. Yes. X and then if you could just put the letter E next to
6 it.
7 A. Yeah.
8 Q. Is that done, Witness?
9 A. Yes.
15:06:04 10 MS PACK: Thank you. Your Honours, it may be the Defence
11 and certainly I would like to see what the witness has marked.
12 PRESIDING JUDGE: Madam Court Attendant, would you assist
13 us by first taking and showing the map to first the Prosecution
14 and then Defence and then to the Bench.
15:10:42 15 Please proceed, Ms Pack.
16 MS PACK: Thank you, Your Honour.
17 Q. Mr Witness, I'm going to ask you about Major Eddie Town.
18 Who was based there?
19 A. Major Eddie Town was the headquarter and you have the most
15:10:58 20 senior commander, Alex Tamba Brima. Next to him was Ibrahim
21 Bazzy Kamara. Then you have the G5 commander, Santigie Kanu.
22 Then you have the G1 in charge of administration, FAT Sesay.
23 Then you have and Bio.
24 Q. Repeat the last name, please.
15:11:29 25 A. Bio.
26 Q. Apart from the commander, was there anyone else based at
27 Major Eddie Town at the headquarters?
28 A. You have Baski, Saidu Kambulai. Then later 0-Five.
29 Q. I'll ask you about 0-Five a little later. You've talked

1 about battalions having been deployed when you were at Rosos.
2 Were there battalions deployed at Major Eddie Town?
3 A. There was a standby battalion to take care of securities.
4 Q. Where was that based?
15:12:20 5 A. Securities of the camp.
6 Q. Where was that based?
7 A. In Major Eddie Town. Then you have the 4th Battalion,
8 which I command, was deployed at Rochin. A village called
9 Rochin, just three miles off Major Eddie Town.
15:12:44 10 MS PACK: Pause a moment. Rochin is R-O-C-H-I-N.
11 Q. Can you remember the deployments of other battalions
12 around?
13 A. You have the 3rd Battalion, which was headed by Arthur.
14 Then you have the 1st Battalion, which was headed by Salifu
15:13:07 15 Mansaray, aka Tito. Then the 2nd Battalion was in the
16 headquarter to take care of security for the headquarter.
17 Q. Did you have any commanders under you in your battalion?
18 A. I commanded the 4th Battalion. My 2IC was Kodali [phon],
19 and I also have -- I have a soldier there called Sammy. That is
15:13:54 20 the name I knew him for.
21 Q. What was he responsible for?
22 A. He was my intelligence officer for the battalion.
23 Q. Sammy, can you just spell that please?
24 A. S-A-M-M-Y.
15:14:16 25 Q. You've referred to a Sammy earlier, if you remember. You
26 were talking about, at the very outset of your evidence, the 16
27 men who carried out --
28 A. No.
29 Q. -- the coup. Is this the same Sammy or a different one?

1 A. He's not part of the 16 men.

2 Q. Did you have any other soldiers with any other specific
3 functions in your battalion that you're able to tell us about?

4 A. No.

15:15:07 5 Q. How did those men under your command receive arms and
6 ammunition?

7 A. The arms and ammunition were kept by me, the battalion
8 commander. I get it from the headquarter and I keep them. When
9 we are ready to go on operations I share some to my fighters.

15:15:46 10 Q. Apart from fighters under your command, did you have any
11 others under your command as a battalion commander?

12 A. Yes, apart from fighters I had some civilians that were
13 with me in my battalion to carry arms and ammunition when we were
14 going on operations and also to convey food.

15:16:23 15 Q. Your civilians whom you had with you in your battalion, how
16 did you know what they would be doing on operations?

17 A. I was the battalion commander so I know whatever is going
18 on in my battalion.

19 Q. Did you have anyone who was in command of the civilians in
15:16:49 20 your battalion?

21 A. Yes. I have BS.

22 Q. What was the position that he held?

23 A. He takes care of all the civilians in my battalion. That's
24 the G5.

15:17:06 25 Q. What would he do in his position as the G5 taking care of
26 civilians in your battalion?

27 A. He takes care of the civilian, for them not to run away, to
28 get them all intact; and whenever we need -- I need civilians to
29 convey food, I would get a certain number of civilians from him

1 and when we come back from operations they are all centralised
2 with him.

3 Q. In your position as battalion commander who did you report
4 to?

15:18:08 5 A. I report to Alex Tamba Brima.

6 Q. Who did you receive your instructions from?

7 A. I get it from Alex Tamba Brima.

8 Q. Did you ever go on any operations with your battalion?

9 A. Yes. I have gone on operations to Kukuna but I don't move
15:18:49 10 with the whole battalion, I just pick few fighters.

11 Q. Who would you report to on operations?

12 A. On operations, I report to the operation commander who was,
13 in the absence of 0-Five, was Hassan Papah Bangura, and when
14 0-Five came, I report to 0-Five and he reports to Alex Tamba
15:19:16 15 Brima.

16 Q. When you were at --

17 MS PACK: Sorry, there was a name there, Your Honours, and
18 I should spell it. Kukuna, K-U-K-U-N-A.

19 Q. When you were at Major Eddie Town, on your arrival there do
15:19:51 20 you recall anything happening, any specific incident that you
21 recall?

22 A. Yes.

23 Q. Go on.

24 A. There were some abductees that were accused of being witch.

15:20:16 25 Q. About how many were accused of being witches?

26 A. There were seven female.

27 Q. How do you know this?

28 A. I was there.

29 Q. Do you recall their ages, approximately?

- 1 A. Twenty -- between 20 to 30.
- 2 Q. Who accused them of being witches?
- 3 A. Well, one morning we were all called upon from all the
4 battalions and when we came to the headquarter and we met, these
15:20:59 5 seven ladies have been arrested, accusing them of being a witch
6 at the headquarter.
- 7 Q. Did anything happen to them after they were accused of
8 being witches?
- 9 A. Yes.
- 15:21:16 10 Q. What happened?
- 11 A. They were displayed and they were impaled.
- 12 Q. Do you recall whereabouts this happened?
- 13 A. It happened at Major Eddie Town.
- 14 Q. After they were impaled, did anything happen?
- 15:21:49 15 A. After they were impaled, some of them were killed, not all
16 of them.
- 17 Q. And what happened? Did anything happen to the bodies of
18 those who were killed?
- 19 A. Yes, they were thrown into the river.
- 15:22:08 20 Q. Do you recall who carried out the impaling?
- 21 A. The impaling was carried out by some fighters like Cyborg,
22 Kabila, Mad Crazy, SBU Killer, those I could remember.
- 23 Q. I'll just ask you to repeat and spell some of those. You
24 said Cyborg, which you've dealt with already. Kabila, would you
15:22:46 25 spell that, please, for the Chamber?
- 26 A. K-A-B-I-L-A, Kabila.
- 27 Q. And the next one you said was Mad Crazy?
- 28 A. Mad Crazy, M-A-D C-R-A-Z-Y.
- 29 Q. And the last one was SBU Killer?

1 A. S-B-U K-I-L-L-E-R.

2 Q. Who was Kabila?

3 A. Kabila was an SLA soldier.

4 Q. And Mad Crazy?

15:23:24 5 A. Was also an SLA soldier.

6 Q. And SBU Killer?

7 A. SBU was one of those small boys that were trained.

8 Q. Do you know if anyone gave any orders for these women to be

9 impaled?

15:23:49 10 A. Yes, the orders were given from Alex Tamba Brima.

11 Q. How do you know this?

12 A. I was there in the display and I know everything because we

13 were sent to call upon from all the battalions.

14 Q. After these women were impaled and you said some of them

15:24:15 15 were killed, let me just ask you how many of them in fact were

16 killed?

17 A. Three.

18 Q. After these events occurred do you remember anything

19 happening?

15:24:32 20 A. The next thing that happened, on the arrival of 0-Five we

21 had to arrest all the high commands.

22 Q. Do you remember, after these women were impaled and some

23 killed, the reaction of any of those who were present when this

24 occurred?

15:25:04 25 A. No.

26 Q. You've spoken about the arrival of 0-Five. Who was he?

27 A. 0-Five was an SLA soldier but he was sent to come to Major

28 Eddie Town by SAJ Musa from Kurubonla.

29 Q. Kurubonla, it's been mentioned before but I better spell

1 it. It's K-U-R-U-B-O-N-L-A?
2 A. B-O-N-L-A.
3 Q. Did 0-Five come with anyone from Kurubonla?
4 A. Yes, when he was coming he came with some fighters from
15:26:01 5 Kurubonla.
6 Q. Can you estimate how many?
7 A. About a hundred to 200 fighters.
8 Q. How do you know that he arrived?
9 A. I was given the task to go and collect him.
15:26:29 10 Q. After 0-Five arrived in Major Eddie Town did anyone else
11 subsequently arrive in Major Eddie Town?
12 A. Yes. Later SAJ Musa took him with some other fighters,
13 about hundred of them.
14 Q. Do you recall about how long SAJ Musa came after 0-Five
15:26:54 15 arrived?
16 A. Between three weeks.
17 Q. Did anything happen after the arrival of 0-Five in Major
18 Eddie Town?
19 A. Yes.
15:27:08 20 Q. What happened?
21 A. There was the arrest of all the senior high commands.
22 Q. And by that you mean who?
23 A. I mean Alex Tamba Brima; Ibrahim Bazzy Kamara; Santigie
24 Kanu; Hassan Papah Bangura; Woyoh; Abdul Sesay; and Bio.
15:27:39 25 Q. Do you know why they were arrested?
26 A. Well, the purpose of their arrest was that they were not
27 planning the operation properly.
28 Q. Who arrested them?
29 A. We were all given a task to arrest. I went to arrest

1 Ibrahim Bazy together with Baski and Foday Bah Marah went to
2 Alex -- Hassan Papah Bangura. Then Gullit was arrested by Tito.
3 And Five-Five -- I could not remember the others, how they were
4 arrested.

15:28:22 5 Q. Just pause a moment. With Foday Bah Marah, I don't think
6 you've spelt this yet today, so would you just spell that,
7 please, for the Chamber?

8 A. F-O-R-D-A-Y B-A-H M-A-R-A-H aka Bolduze, B-O-L-D-U-Z-E
9 [sic].

15:29:02 10 Q. Thank you, Witness. Do you know who planned the arrest of
11 these individuals, the high command?

12 A. It was planned by -- it was planned by 0-Five and all the
13 battalion commanders.

14 THE WITNESS: Excuse me, please, I want to use the
15:29:20 15 guestroom.

16 MS PACK: Yes, pause a moment there, Witness.

17 PRESIDING JUDGE: Yes, please go. Could someone assist the
18 witness to go, thank you.

19 [The witness withdrew]

15:31:45 20 [The witness entered court]

21 MS PACK:

22 Q. Witness, did anything happen to you in Major Eddie Town?

23 A. Yes.

24 Q. What happened to you?

15:32:14 25 A. I had a problem with my 2IC.

26 Q. What was the problem?

27 A. There were laws that were made by Alex Tamba Brima that
28 stealing government properties, execution. And there was an

29 operation run. The fighters came to rest at my own battalion and

1 overnight my 2IC went around and stole some arms and ammunition
2 from the fighters. So on my arrival at my battalion from the
3 headquarter I ordered for his arrest and he cocked his weapon
4 against me. So there was a confrontation between us. He
15:33:10 5 sustained a gunshot from me and he died, and I was arrested to be
6 taken for jungle justice at the headquarter.

7 Q. Who arrested you?

8 A. Pardon?

9 Q. Who arrested you?

15:33:25 10 A. 0-Five went to arrest me, 0-Five.

11 Q. And what happened after your arrest?

12 A. After my arrest I was brought and I was on detention at the
13 house of 0-Five.

14 Q. How long were you detained for?

15:33:41 15 A. Two weeks, and I was removed to go and collect SAJ Musa.

16 Q. Who removed you to go and collect SAJ Musa?

17 A. Alex Tamba Brima.

18 Q. Was this then before or after Alex Tamba Brima was arrested
19 by 0-Five?

15:34:06 20 A. It was before they were arrested.

21 Q. Was Alex Tamba Brima arrested before or after the arrival
22 of SAJ Musa?

23 A. He was arrested before the arrival of SAJ Musa.

24 Q. Did you subsequently go to get SAJ Musa?

15:34:33 25 A. Yes.

26 Q. How long -- where did you get him from?

27 A. I went to collect him, the northern part of Bombali. I
28 cannot remember the village.

29 Q. How long did it take you to get there?

- 1 A. Just two days from Major Eddie Town.
- 2 Q. And after you'd got him did you bring him back to Major
3 Eddie Town?
- 4 A. Yes.
- 15:35:11 5 Q. You were just speaking now about the laws that had been
6 passed by Alex Tamba Brima against stealing government property.
7 When were those laws passed?
- 8 A. Those laws were passed soon as we reach Major Eddie Town,
9 when we came from Rosos.
- 15:35:31 10 Q. How do you know those laws were passed?
- 11 A. The laws were written on the vanguard and distributed to
12 all battalion commanders. So I had mine at my battalion.
- 13 Q. The laws were written on a what?
- 14 A. On a vanguard, vanguard, a card.
- 15:35:56 15 Q. What is a vanguard?
- 16 A. It's a piece of card.
- 17 Q. Apart from the law against stealing government property,
18 what other laws were written on the vanguard that was distributed
19 to you and other battalion commanders?
- 15:36:26 20 A. There should be no raping, stealing of government
21 properties prohibited, like arms and ammunition, medicines. And
22 there was another law that if anyone -- any fighter be reluctant
23 to go an ambush must be publicly flogged. Those I could
24 remember.
- 15:37:03 25 Q. Do you remember approximately when it was, which month,
26 that SAJ Musa arrived in Major Eddie Town?
- 27 A. It was mid September, just about this same time.
- 28 Q. Which year?
- 29 A. 1998.

- 1 Q. On his arrival did anything happen?
- 2 A. On his arrival there was a meeting that was called by him
3 about the arrest of all the honourables.
- 4 Q. How do you know a meeting was called by him?
- 15:38:07 5 A. I went to the meeting.
- 6 Q. Was anyone else present?
- 7 A. Yes, all the other commanders that were there were present,
8 all battalion commanders.
- 9 Q. Were the honourables present?
- 15:38:24 10 A. No.
- 11 Q. And by the honourables, just remind us, who do you mean?
- 12 A. Alex Tamba Brima, Ibrahim Bazzy, Five-Five, Hassan Papa
13 Bangura, Bio, Woyoh, Abdul Sesay.
- 14 Q. What happened at this meeting?
- 15:38:44 15 A. At this meeting he called on the meeting and 0-Five told
16 him about what had happened for the arrest of the honourables.
- 17 Q. And anything else was said at that meeting?
- 18 A. He only said they should be under house arrest from that
19 moment.
- 15:39:15 20 Q. Who said that?
- 21 A. SAJ Musa.
- 22 Q. So how long did they remain under house arrest for?
- 23 A. They were there until we left Major Eddie Town to Newton.
24 MS PACK: That's N-E-W-T-O-N, Your Honours.
- 15:39:34 25 Q. What happened when you got to Newton?
- 26 A. On our arrival at Newton we were there for three days and a
27 meeting was called upon for the move to Freetown. And all the
28 honourables were reinstated into the movement again.
- 29 Q. Just going back to Major Eddie Town, you've told us before

1 that SAJ Musa came with about a hundred other fighters. Did he
2 come with anyone else to Major Eddie Town, apart from fighters?

3 A. No.

4 Q. Apart from this first meeting that you've described, did
15:40:35 5 anything else happen in Major Eddie Town after SAJ Musa's
6 arrival?

7 A. Yes. The fighters he came with were divided and placed
8 into battalion, and there was two battalion that was made, that
9 went up to six battalions.

15:41:07 10 Q. Are you able to estimate about how many men at this point
11 were in each battalion?

12 A. About 200 to 250.

13 Q. How are you able to tell us this?

14 A. I was -- I had the 4th Battalion and I was always working
15:41:30 15 with 0-Five at that time. He was the operation commander.

16 Q. You've said that 0-Five was operation commander at this
17 time. When was he made operation commander?

18 A. Since he came from Krubola, when he joined us at Major
19 Eddie Town.

15:42:12 20 Q. Who made him operation commander?

21 A. Alex Tamba Brima.

22 Q. Did anything happen in terms of your position after SAJ
23 Musa arrived in Major Eddie Town?

24 A. Pardon?

15:42:44 25 Q. Were there any changes to your position or appointment
26 after SAJ Musa arrived in Major Eddie Town?

27 A. Yes. The changes that was made, it was at Hastings when we
28 had our last meeting when I was promoted to lieutenant colonel
29 and been given a task as a task force commander.

1 Q. You've told us that you were arrested in Major Eddie Town?
2 A. Yes.
3 Q. Did you, after your release, have any position in the
4 structure of the troops?
15:43:31 5 A. Yes, I was still -- I was still assigned as the
6 provost-marshal.
7 Q. Who assigned you to that position?
8 A. SAJ Musa.
9 Q. Who then was in command of the 4th Battalion at this time?
15:43:48 10 A. It was Saidu Kambulai, aka Baski.
11 Q. You've described a meeting in Major Eddie Town after SAJ
12 Musa's arrival. Were there any other meetings after his arrival?
13 A. Yes, the other -- the last meeting there was when he told
14 us about the march to Freetown, that we should come to Freetown
15:44:20 15 before the RUF do so.
16 Q. How do you know that this meeting took place?
17 A. I was at the meeting.
18 Q. Was anyone else present?
19 A. Yes, all battalion commanders were present.
15:44:40 20 Q. Anyone else?
21 A. And even the honourables were present.
22 Q. As provost-marshal at this time who were you reported to?
23 A. I was reporting to 0-Five and 0-Five to SAJ Musa.
24 Q. Before you left Major Eddie Town did anything else happen?
15:45:28 25 A. No.
26 Q. You've talked earlier about an operation on Kukuna.
27 A. Yes.
28 Q. When did that take place?
29 A. It took place after SAJ Musa had come.

1 Q. Who went on that operation?

2 A. O-Five, I went, Saidu Kambulai, Halaji Kamanda.

3 Q. Halaji Kamanda, just remind us how to spell that, please.

4 A. H-A-L-A-G-I [sic] K-A-M-A-N-D-A.

15:46:37 5 Q. Did anything happen on that operation?

6 A. Yes, this operation was successful. Then we had a lot of

7 arms and ammunition and there was one Guinean soldier that was

8 captured and we brought him as a prisoner of war.

9 Q. Were there any other operations which took place before you

15:47:05 10 left Major Eddie Town?

11 A. There was another operation at Pendembu.

12 MS PACK: That's P-E-N-D-E-M-B-U.

13 THE WITNESS: B-E-N-D-U-G-U.

14 MS PACK:

15:47:21 15 Q. Witness, you spell it then, please.

16 A. Pendembu. Okay, P-E-N-D-E-M-B-U.

17 Q. Did you go on this operation?

18 A. No.

19 Q. Do you know who went on this operation?

15:47:55 20 A. Yes.

21 Q. Who went?

22 A. Arthur Salifu Mansaray. Those I could remember.

23 Q. Did any particular battalion go on this operation?

24 A. The 3rd Battalion and the 1st Battalion.

15:48:18 25 Q. Do you know who led the operation?

26 A. The operation was led by Arthur.

27 Q. Do you know what happened on the operation?

28 A. I did not go, but on their return we lost Arthur. He died

29 and the operation was not successful.

- 1 Q. When you say it wasn't successful, what do you mean?
- 2 A. Well, the fighters did not overrun the town and they did
3 not come with arms and ammunition.
- 4 Q. Do you recall seeing anything else on the return of the
15:49:07 5 fighters from Pendembu?
- 6 A. Yes. On their return Adama Cut Hand came with more
7 amputated arms.
- 8 Q. Do you know if she was a member of any particular
9 battalion?
- 15:49:34 10 A. She was in the 1st Battalion.
- 11 Q. Apart from this location, Pendembu, and from Mateboi, which
12 you've described earlier, did you see Adama Cut Hand on her
13 return from any other operations?
- 14 A. No.
- 15:50:10 15 Q. When you saw Adama Cut Hand on this operation returning
16 with more amputated hands, were you with anyone?
- 17 A. Yes, I was at the headquarter where you have Alex Tamba
18 Brima, Ibrahim Bazy Kamara and all other commanders.
- 19 Q. Do you recall any response to her returning with amputated
15:50:49 20 hands?
- 21 A. Nothing was said.
- 22 Q. When you -- when SAJ Musa arrived in Major Eddie Town,
23 you've told us that he came with a certain number of fighters, do
24 you recall any particular fighters, individuals, that he came
15:51:25 25 with by name?
- 26 A. Yes.
- 27 Q. Who?
- 28 A. He had ZM Sidiki.
- 29 Q. Can you spell that, please?

1 A. Aka Terminator.

2 Q. Can you spell that, please, for the Chamber?

3 A. Z-E-D-E-M -- that is Z-M. Then S-I-D-I-K-A.

4 Q. Anyone else?

15:51:57 5 A. KE, Sidike. Then you have Hashim.

6 Q. Just staying with Zedem Sidike for a moment, who was he?

7 A. He was an SLA soldier.

8 Q. Go on, you were about to name someone else?

9 A. Hashim.

15:52:17 10 Q. Can you spell that, please?

11 A. H-A-S-H-I-M.

12 Q. Who was he?

13 A. He too was an SLA soldier.

14 Q. Anyone else that you recall?

15:52:30 15 A. You have Colonel Blood.

16 Q. Is that his real name?

17 A. No, aka name. I don't know his real name.

18 Q. And who was he? Who was he, Colonel Blood?

19 A. He was a Liberian. He was a Liberian.

15:53:00 20 Q. Which group was he part of?

21 A. He came with SAJ Musa.

22 Q. Do you know if he was a member of any particular armed

23 group?

24 A. He was an RUF.

15:53:14 25 Q. Were there any other members of the RUF who came with SAJ

26 Musa, S-A-J Musa?

27 A. Yes. You have CO Alfred, who was a signaller.

28 Q. Do you know his full name?

29 A. No.

1 Q. You have spoken earlier about SAJ Musa going to Kubola with
2 commanders Mani and Bropleh. Do you know where they were at this
3 time that SAJ Musa arrived at Major Eddie Town?
4 A. SAJ Musa left them at Kubola.

15:54:14 5 Q. How do you know that?
6 A. Because when SAJ Musa came he told us that he was chased
7 out from Kubola by Superman and he only came with a few fighters
8 and all the remaining stayed at Kubola.

9 Q. I'm going to ask you now about your route from Major Eddie
15:54:45 10 Town. After you left Major Eddie Town, where did you go?
11 A. From Major Eddie Town we came to Mange.
12 MS PACK: I'll spell that M-A-N-G-E.
13 THE WITNESS: M-A-N-G-E.
14 MS PACK:

15:55:01 15 Q. Witness, of the troop and of the civilians you've described
16 who were in Major Eddie Town, who left and moved on on this
17 route?
18 A. The whole troops moved from Major Eddie Town, no one left
19 behind.

15:55:22 20 Q. After Mange, where did you go?
21 A. We went to Lunsar. From Lunsar we came to Gberi Junction.
22 MS PACK: Let me pause there and spell those. Lunsar
23 L-U-N-S-A-R. Gberi, G-B-E-R-I.
24 Q. And after Gberi Junction, where did you go?

15:55:59 25 A. After Gberi Junction we bypassed Masiaka. We came to Mile
26 38 and we went back to attack Masiaka. From there we came
27 straight to Newton Junction. Around that area we had a camp
28 there.

29 Q. I will just ask you about Mile 38. Is there another name

1 by which Mile 38 is known?
2 A. Mile 38?
3 Q. Yes.
4 A. It's called Magbuntoso.
15:56:39 5 MS PACK: Which is M-A-G-B-U-N-T-O-S-O.
6 Q. How were you moving between these locations? Were you on
7 the road or what was the route that you were taking?
8 A. Well, mostly we moved at night and we used a footpath.
9 Q. Are you able to describe the order in which you were
15:57:16 10 moving - and by that I mean the order of men and of civilians,
11 fighters and so on?
12 A. Yes. We had two battalions always in front.
13 Q. Go on.
14 A. After the two battalions we have the headquarter which
15:57:43 15 consists of all the senior high commands. And also in the
16 headquarter you have our arms and ammunition and the civilians
17 that were abducted. Then you have another battalion to provide
18 security for the headquarter. Then you have the remaining three
19 battalions at the rear.
15:58:10 20 Q. Where did you move in this line of troops?
21 A. At this time I always move with the headquarter.
22 Q. By this time about how many civilians, abducted civilians,
23 were there with you?
24 A. There were plenty.
15:58:32 25 Q. Are you able to give a number or not?
26 A. No.
27 Q. I'm going to ask you again to look at that map and, if the
28 highlighter pen is still with you, to mark the route that you
29 took from Major Eddie Town to the area, the Newton area that you

1 have described, where you then spent three days. And I would
2 also like you to mark, please, just again with an X and then the
3 letter F, the area -- the Newton area where you stayed for those
4 three days?

15:59:46 5 [Witness complied]

6 Q. And if you could mark with an X the Newton area and assign
7 that with a letter F next to it, please.

8 A. It's been done.

9 MS PACK: Thank you, Witness. Your Honours, if I might be
16:01:10 10 given the map to look at and my learned friends and of course
11 Your Honours.

12 PRESIDING JUDGE: Yes. Madam Court Attendant, please
13 assist.

14 Ms Pack, we have seen the map, thank you. I note that it
16:09:34 15 is just a few minutes after the normal time we would adjourn on
16 our new, revised timetable. Ms Pack, is this a convenient point
17 in your examination-in-chief to adjourn?

18 MS PACK: Yes, it is, Your Honour.

19 PRESIDING JUDGE: Very well. Unless there is some other
16:09:52 20 matter we will adjourn to tomorrow. Mr Witness, could you put
21 your earphones back on, please.

22 Mr Witness, we are going to now adjourn to tomorrow
23 morning. This morning you have taken the oath and promised to
24 tell the truth. You are not to discuss your evidence or any part
16:10:11 25 of this story with anyone until this, your evidence, is finished
26 completely. Do you understand?

27 THE WITNESS: Yes.

28 PRESIDING JUDGE: Thank you. Madam Court Attendant, please
29 adjourn court to tomorrow morning.

1 [Whereupon the hearing adjourned at 4.07 p.m.
2 to be reconvened on Friday, the 16th day of
3 September, 2005, at 9.15 a.m.]

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