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VERTEENWOORDIGING SOOS VOORHEEM.

JOHN NTESO, beëdig, verklaar (deur tolk):
(Posisie aan getuie verduidelik):

VERHOOR DEUR MNR. FLEWMAN: John, hoe oud is jy?

--- Vier-en-vyftig.

Woon jy in Sharpeville? ---Ja.

Het jy 'n besigheid daar? --- Ek het, ja.

Wat se besigheid is dit? --- Kole en hout. Ek
verkoop kole en hout.

Onthou jy die dag van die skietery? ---Ja.

Kan jy onthou dat daar daardie oggend sekere
vliegtuie laag oor Sharpeville-lokasie gedruk het? ---
Ja. Ek onthou dit.

Het jy na die Polisie-stasie gegaan? ---Ja.

Wanneer was dit; min of meer dieselfde tyd as
die vliegtuie oor gekom het? --- Dit was toe die vlieg-
masjiene daar gevlieg het, dat ek na die Polisie-stasie
gegaan het.

Kan jy net vir sy Edole sê waar jy gestaan het.
Jy weet daar is 'n klein hek waar jy ingaan, van die groot
teerstraat, en dan is daar 'n groot hek. Waar het jy
gaan staan? --- Ek het by die klein hekkie gestaan,
maar aan die linkerkant van die klein hekkie.

Vanwaar jy daar gestaan het, kon jy sien of daar
voertuie inkom by die groot hek? --- Ek het dit gesien, ja.

Het daar verskillende soorte voertuie daar ingekom?

--- Dit is so.

Het enige van hierdie voertuie daar naby waar jy gestaan het, kom staan? ---Ja. Ek het daarna gekyk. Dit het daar naby my kom staan.

Watter soort voertuig was dit? --- Dit is een van hierdie voertuie waar die blankes hier aan die binnekant aangaan.

Is dit 'n kar - wat hulle noem 'n saracen? --- Dit is een van hulle, ja.

Nou, terwyl jy daar staan, het jy opgelet wat aangaan binnekant die Polisiegronde? ---Ja; ek het in die perseel van die Polisiegronde - ek kon sien wat daar aangaan.

Het jy nie-blankes daar gesien, anderkant die draad? ---Ja; hulle was naas net drietjies.

Het enige van hulle daar met jou gepraat - nie met jou persoonlik nie maar met die skare waar jy gestaan het? ---Hy het daar op en neer teen die draad geloop en gesê dat ons nie aan die draad moet vaakou nie.

Kort voor die skietery, het daardie manse nog op-en-af geloop binne die Polisiegronde? ---Nee. Hulle was gevang - eers een, hy is ingesem; die tweede is ingesem en die ander een by die hek. Dit is voor die skietery plaasgevind het.

Die eerste twee van wie jy praat, het hulle sonar ingeloopt, het dit maklik gegaan of het hulle hulle teëgesit? ---Ja; sonder enige moeilikheid.

Was daar enige moeilikheid met die derde een? ---Ja; daar was 'n bietjie onverskilliglik geruk en dan het hulle hom ook met die vaiste hier teen die ribbes geslaan.

Kan jy vir sy Edele sê presies hoe, seker jy kon sien,

hoe die skietery begin het en wat toe gebeur het? —
Voordat die skietery begin het, het 'n blanke persoon
wie gekleed was in 'n khaki-ooryak, in die saracen koeëls
gelaai.

Het hy dit self gedoen of het hy dit aan iemand
gegee, of wat het gebeur? — Hy het dit gedoen.

Wat het daarna gebeur? — Een wat onder was op die
grond, het toe in die saracen ingeklim, ook 'n blanke
persoon,. Die nie-blanke skare het toe 'n gerass ver-
oorsaak. Ek het toe my hand opgesteek om te probeer
die skare kry om nie te rans nie want ek het gedink
moontlik is daar iets wat daardie man sou sê, dat ons
kon hoor wat hy sê. Daarna toe hoor ek die skote.

Wat het jy toe gedoen? — Ek het weggehardloop.

En die skare rondom? — Die skare as 'n geheel
het weggehardloop, oor die straat na die ander kant van
die straat-toe.

Hoe ver het jy gekom? — Toe ek by die hoek van
'n draad van 'n huis kom, toe sien ek daar is mense wat
geval het. Ek het probeer oor die mense kom wat daar
geval het, om uit te kom. Toe is ek in die been geskiet
- in die voet geskiet.

Het 'n paar dinge van die skare, daar. Het jy
opgelet of die skare, sover jy kon sien, die Polisie wou
aanval voor die skietery? — Nee.

Wat het die skare gedoen voor die skietery, terwyl
hulle daar gestaan het? — Die skare het gesing en hulle
hande opgesteek.

En "Afrika!" geskree, seker? — Ja.

Het jy voor die skietery gesien of daar klippe van
die skare gegee is na die Polisie-toe? — Dit het ek nie

gesien nie.

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Van watter deel van die saracen het hulle geskiet? --- Hierdie kant skiet hy drie skote, hierdie kant drie skote; ek was tussen die twee. Ek is deur die klein koeëltjies getref; hier in die middel skiet hy net klein koeëltjies.

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Hoekom het jy by die Polisie-stasie daar gewag? --- My kinders was op pad na die werk-toe. Hulle was gekeer om nie werk-toe te gaan nie, en dit is die rede waarom ek daarheen is. Ek wou hoor wat die rede was.

Hoe het jy gedink gaan jy hoor wat die rede was? --- Ek het gereken ek sal die rede hoor van die meneer wat die skare sou toegesprek het.

Het jy gehoor dat iemand die skare gaan toespreek, daar? ---Ja. Ek het gehoor dat daar 'n meneer sou kom en hy sou die skare toegesprek het.

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GEEN VREDEKE VERAE NIE.

KRUISVERHOOR DEUR MNR. CLAASSEN:

Jy sê jy het

daar gekom, by die klein hekkie gestaan toe die vliegtuig oor gevlieg het? ---Ja. Ek het gesê ek het aan die linkerkant van die klein hekkie gestaan toe die vliegtuig daar oor kom.

Het jy daar bly staan totdat die skietery plaasgevind het? ---Ja.

Wanneer het jy gehoor van die man wat die mense sou kom toespreek? --- Daardie het ek gehoor die Maandagmôre van die gebeure, toe my kinders verhoed was om werk-toe te gaan - daardie selfde dag, die môre.

Voor jy by die Polisiestasie gekom het? ---Ja.

Hoe laat omtrent? --- Ek dink die kinders het ongeveer 8.30 teruggekem by die huis, nadat hulle verhoed was om werk-toe te gaan.

Is dit daardie tyd dat jy toe gehoor het dat die man die mense sou kom toespreek? ---Ja.

Wie het vir jou gesê? --- Die mense wat met die straat verby gegaan het, het gesê "Oms gaan daarheen" en van hulle het ek gehoor dat daar iemand sou wees om die skare toe te spreek.

Jy het nie van hulle vernem waar hulle die gerug gehoor het nie? ---Nee; ek het nie.

Het jy daardie tyd geweet dat daar 'n byeenkoms sou wees by die Polisiestasie? --- Ek het nie geweet dat daar sou na die Polisiestasie gegaan word daardie dag nie; maar ek het daardie dag gehoor.

Het jy nie geweet die mense sou na die Polisiestasie gaan nie, maar toe jy hoor om half-nege dat daar iemand sou kom om die mense toe te spreek, toe hoor jy vir die eerste keer die mense gaan na die

Polisiestatie? --- Dit is so, ja.

Toe jy by die Polisiestatie kom, die drie nie-blankes wat jy gesê het op die Polisieterrein was, was hulle alreeds daar? --- Dit is so, ja.

Ken jy hulle name? --- Nee, ek ken nie hulle name nie.

Jy het gepraat van iemand wat op-en-neer geloop het langs die draad en gesê het die mense moet nie die draad vashou - teen die draad leun nie? --- Nee, ek het van een gepraat, nie van al drie wat sou binne die draad geloop het en aan die mense gesê het hulle moet nie aan die draad vashou nie. Een het dit gedoen, nie al drie nie.

En jy ken hom ook nie? --- As ek die persoon sou sien, sal ek kan sê dit is hy daardie, alhoewel ek hom nie ken nie. Al wat ek kan sê, hulle het aan die draad

Jy het ons ook vertel van drie wat gearresteer was; watter een was die man - die een wat eerste gearresteer is, tweede of derde? --- Dit is so: Hulle was drie. Eers is die een weggegaan, dit is van die wat nie teen die draad rondgeloop het en met die mense gepraat het nie; en toe die tweede een wat ook in dieselfde posisie was - ook binne gewees het maar nie met die mense gepraat het nie. Die derde persoon was die een wat binne die draad rondgeloop het en aan die mense gesê het hulle moet nie aan die draad vashou nie. Hy was die laaste gearresteer.

Verstaan ek nou mooi van jou dat die man wat gesê het die mense moet nie aan die draad vat nie, was op die Polisieterrein gewees? --- Hy was binnekant die draad, van die Polisieterrein.

Is hy die enigste een wat jy gesien het wat gesê het die mense moet terugstaan? --- Dit is al een wat ek

gehoor het en gesien het.

En jy was daar, waar jy gesê het jy het gestaan, tot die skietery plaasgevind het? ---Ja.

Het jy iemand gesien aan die buitekant van die draad, aan die Bantoes se kant van die draad, wat ook so op-en-af loop? --- Daar was 'n groot skare mense. Ek het nie 'n ander een buitekant die draad gesien op-en-af loop nie.

Het die mense na-aan die draad gestaan? ---Hulle het, ja.

Het hulle teen die draad geleun? ---Ja; hulle het so teen die draad vasgehou, soos ek wys.

Hoe ver het hulle met hulle liggame van die draad af gestaan? --- Ek kan nie sê hoe ver die mense wat daar aan die draad vasgehou het, se liggame van die draad af was nie. Al wat ek kan sê, hulle het aan die draad vasgehou en gekyk wat daar aan die binnekant aangaan.

Het jy miskien gesien of hulle die draad oor druk? --- Waar ek gestaan het, het hulle die draad gerespekteer deur terug te staan en die draad nie na vore te stoot nie.

Maar jy kon nou ook sien wat daar aan die Westekant gebeur het, aan die kant wat wys na die kliniek-toe? --- My oë het maar net sover gesien as tot daar by die hek. Daar het my sien opgehou.

En het hulle aan die Westekant ook nie teen die draad geleun nie? ---Nee; ek weet nie.

Die persoon wat op-en-neer geloop het langs die draad om die mense weg te hou van die draad af, het jy hom gehoor praat met die mense? ---Ja; hy het ordentlik met die mense gepraat en hier by my verbygekom, ook, terwyl ek met die mense praat.

Het hy die eenkeer sedem, of meer keer?

Ek dink hy het twee keer met die mense gepraat, want nadat hy die eerste keer met hulle gepraat het, is hy daar na die Polisie-toe. Daar het hy so'n bietjie gepraat en hy het weer teruggekom en gesê "Dit word gesê julle moet nie aan die draad vashou nie".

Ek praat nou nog van die drie Bantoes wat binnekant die draad was. Is daar enigiets anders aan die mense gesê deur enige van hulle? --- Nee. Dit is al een wat ek gehoor praat het, en ek het gesê wat hy gesê het.

Die mense met wie die persoon gaan praat het, die Polisie met wie hy gaan praat het, was dit blanke Polisie? --- Dit was 'n blanke polisieman wie hy mee gepraat het.

Laat ons hoor van die aanranding wat gepleeg is op die derde persoon wat gearresteer is? --- Die derde persoon is by die hek gegryp aan die klere, gestamp met die vuis teen die ribbes.

Wat hy buitekant die hek, aan die Bantoes se kant, toe hulle hom gegryp het? --- Hy was nie aan die Bantoes se kant nie, alhoewel hy by die groot hek was waar die voertuie in gegaan het; maar hy was nie aan die Bantoes se kant nie.

Is dit net een persoon wat hom so behandel het, of was daar drie? --- Hy was gevang deur 'n Polisieman wat in burgerlike klere gekleed was. Toe het daar 'n ander twee by hom gekom en hom ghelp en hulle het hom toe hier in die ribbes met die vuiste gestamp.

Hoeveel het hom geslaan? --- Hy was alleenlik deur een geslaan en dit is die persoon wat in burgerlike klere gekleed was.

Wat hom eerste gegryp het? --- Ja; dit is reg.

En toe, nadat hy hom so geslaan het, wat het

gebeur? ---Nee, hulle het niks verder aan hom gedoen
nie, behalwe dat hulle hom na die Polisiegebou geneem
het en dit is toe dat die skare objektieer het en gesê
het dat hulle hom nie moet slaan nie.

Jy het gesê die skare het gesê hulle moet hom
nie slaan nie? ---Ja.

Was dit net een persoon uit die skare wat dit
gesê het, of was daar meer? ---Nee; dit is die skare
as sulks.

En wanneer jy sê hulle het objektieer, bedoel jy
slegs dit of is daar iets meer wat gebeur het wat vir jou
gelyk het asof hulle objektieer teen die arrestasie? ---
Dit is die skare wat gestaan het waar ek gestaan het.
Die woorde wat hulle gebruik het, was: "Hy moet hom
nie slaan nie; hy moet hom soggar so vat".

Kon jy sien dat hulle kwaad geword het? --- Ja;
die skare was kwaad, daar waar ek was.

Het dit nie vir jou gekyn asof hulle op daardie
oomblik 'n bietjie kwaaiër vorentoe druk nie? ---Nee.

Het daarna, het jy gesien wat het by die hek
aangegaan? ---Nadat daardie persoon van die hek weggegaan
was, was dit die laaste wat ek gesien het wat daar by die
hek gebeur het. Daarna het ek nie weer gesien wat daar
gebeur het nie.

Jy het nie van die Bantoes gesien wat inkom nie? ---
Nee.

Ek het verstaan dat jy sê die skare het toe 'n geraas
veroorzaak? ---Ja; hulle het.

Presies wanneer was dit? ---Hulle het gesing, die
mense wat daar gestaan het. Dit was ook 'n geraas, deur
te sing. Maar toe hierdie persoon nou geslaan word, toe

het hulle 'n geraas gemaak en gesê hy moet nie geslaan word nie, hy moet net geneem word.

Jy het hierdie sin gebruik nadat jy ons vertel het van die man wat op die grond gestaan het en in die saracen ingekliem het? --- Ek het so gesê, ja.

Die geraas wat hulle gemaak het, was dit toe die man in die saracen inkliem, of nie? --- Nee. Die geraas was toe klaar. Daar was toe nie 'n geraas nie.

Jy sê jy het die man gesien koeëls inlaai in die saracen? --- Ja.

En jy was onder die indruk dat jy deur die koeëls van die saracen geskiet is? --- Ja.

Hoekom sê jy so? Jy het mos al weggehardloop toe jy geskiet is? --- Terwyl ek weggehardloop het, het ek aanhoudend omgekyk; dit is waarom ek dit sê.

En die een het nog altyd gevuur? --- Ja; hy het. Die klawers het toe op die grond geslaan.

Wat bedoel jy by "klawers"? --- Hierdie skraal koeëltjies.

DIR VOORSITTER: Jy sê hulle het op die grond geslaan. Waar bedoel jy? --- Op die teerpad; as jy oor die pad gaan.

Ek het miskien nie gehoor nie, maar kan jy vir my sê waar was jy min of meer gewees toe hierdie skoot jou in die been getref het? --- Ek was op die hoek van 'n perseel se draad toe ek die skoot in die voet kry.

As ek vir jou'n foto wys van die Polisie-stasie in Zwane-straat, sal jy miskien min of meer kan aandui waar jy was? --- Ek sal, ja. (Getuie verduidelik).
Ek het reg oor gehardloop hier van die klein hekkie af, en toe ek oerkant, by die draad se hoek kom, toe tref

die skoot my.

MR. FLEWMAN: For the purposes of record, Sir, the Witness indicates from the position where he was standing, which was in the vicinity of the small gate, he ran straight across Zwane Street, that is South to the fence. That is his indication. I am not sure that he understands the photograph.

DIE VOORSITTER: Was jy nog in Zwane Straat gewees toe die koeël jou getref het? ---Nee; ek was al oor die straat gewees.

Op die sypaadjie? --- Ek was al oor die syweg ook gewees. Ek was daar by die hoek van 'n jaart.

KRUISVERHOOR HERVAT: Toe jy nou oor Zwane-straat hardloop - ek neem aan daar was groot verwarring onder die mense. Party het deurnekaar gehardloop? ---Ja; ons het weggehardloop.

Was dit 'n bietjie moeilik vir jou om vinnig weg te kom? --- Ek kon nie hard hardloop nie.

Jy het nou al die tyd daar gestaan, van taalik vroeg af tot die skietery. Het jy 'n persoon gesien wat daar met 'n luidspreker geloop het, van die Polisie? --- Nee, ek het so-iets nie daar gesien nie.

Het jy nie twee persone gesien wat daar loop nie, die een dra iets en die ander een het 'n mondstuk? ---Nee.

Het die mense taalik aanhoudend gesing? ---Hulle het, ja.

Was daar maar altyd 'n groot geraas? --- Dit is 'n geraas as hulle sing, ja.

DIE VOORSITTER: Sing die mans ook, of is dit net die vrouens wat sing? --- Dit was deurnekaar.

KRUISVERHOOR HERVAT: Dit is seker maar moeilik om

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te hoor wat mens hier so 'n klein entjie van jou af
sê, nê? --- As 'n persoon so 'n entjie van jou af is
en hy so praat, dan kan jy nie mooi hoor nie, as
gevolg van die singery.

GEENVERDEDE VRAE NIE.

HERVERHOOR DEUR MNR. PLEWMAN: Jy sê toe hierdie

man in burgerlike drag die persoon wat hy gevang het,
geslaan het, het die skare geskree dat hy hom nie moet
slaan nie. Jy sê waar jy gestaan het, was die skare
toe ook 'n bistjie kwaad? --- Dit is so, ja. ---

Maar het daardie skare probeer by die Polisiestamp
inkom en die Polisie aanval? --- Nee. Hulle het bly
staan waar hulle was. Hulle het nie probeer die
Polisiestamp ingaan nie.

DIE VOORSITTER: Hierdie inligting wat jy gekry
het omtrent halfnege die nêre dat 'n persoon die Bantoes
by die Polisiestamp sou toespreek, hoeveel keer op
daardie dag het jy dit gehoor? --- Ek het dit maar
eenkeer gehoor. Ek is toe ook daarheen.

Dit is voor jy Polisiestamp-toe gegaan het? ---
Dit is so, ja.

Nie op een of ander tyd in die loop van daardie
dag, toe jy by die Polisiestamp gekom het, het jy weer
'n herhaling van daardie berig gehoor nie? --- Nie daar
waar ek gestaan het nie. Daar het ek dit nie gehoor nie.

Kan jy heeltemal seker daarvoor wees, of kan jy
 miskien 'n fout maak? --- Ek is seker.

His house, then, is to the east of the Police
Station and behind the Methodist Church? --- That
is correct.

ROBERT MAJA, sworn, states (through Interpreter):

EXAMINED BY MR. KENTRIDGE: Mr. Maja, you are a Minister of the Presbyterian Church of South Africa? --- I am.

An ordained Minister? --- I am an ordained Minister.

Do you live in Sharpeville? --- I do.

And do you have a congregation there? --- Yes; I have.

Are there many in your congregation? --- Yes, there are.

And do you conduct regular services? --- I do.

Do you have a school? --- Yes. I have ^{had} a school built but it was taken over by the Government.

On the 21st March of this year, were you in Sharpeville? --- I was.

At about what time did you leave your house on the morning of the 21st? --- I am not so sure about the time but I think it was between 10 and 11.

And where did you go? --- I went to one Minister, Mr. Boye, who is a Minister of the Anglican Church.

In Sharpeville? --- Yes; at Sharpeville.

Did you go to his house? --- Yes; I did.

Is his house near to the Police Station? --- It is a little distance from there, but not very far.

Would you please examine this photograph and see if you can point out where the house is? --- (Witness indicates).

His house, then, is to the East of the Police Station and behind the Salvation Army church? --- That is correct.

When you arrived at his house, what - did you find him home? ---I found his wife at home and I enquired from her where he was, and she told me that he had gone to the Police Station.

And did you also go to the Police Station? --- Yes. I then passed to look for him at the Police Station.

Did you find a crowd of people at the Police Station? ---I found many people on the open, there.

Near the Police Station? ---Yes.

Did you find Mr. Boye? ---No; the crowd was too big. I did not find him there.

Did you spend some time there among the crowd? --- I did. I walked about amongst the crowd, there, to try and see if I could find him but I could not find him.

Can you tell us what the mood of the crowd was at that time? --- They were happy.

Did the crowd seem to you to be aggressive? ---No.

Or hostile towards the Police? --- There was nothing indicating fighting.

You did not see any weapons carried by members of the crowd?--- Not a single one.

At the time you were there at the Police Station amongst the crowd, did you notice any aeroplanes flying over? ---Yes; they did. A few would come and thereafter a few again, and so forth.

Did they dive low over the crowd? ---Yes; they did. There were youngsters that were throwing their hats at these aeroplanes - "Hoorah! Hoorah!" - flinging their hats up.

Were these young people who were doing that? --- Young boys!

And how did you interpret that gesture of throwing their hats into the air and shouting "Hoorah!"? --- They were enjoying it.

After a time, did you leave? --- Yes; I did; to look for Mr. Boye.

Did you return to his house? --- Yes; I did and asked his wife to make me a cup of tea.

And did you have tea there? --- Yes; I had some tea here - myself and Mr. Boye, and Mr. Majola.

Is Mr. Majola also a clergyman? --- He is a Minister of the Presbyterian of Hama Zimba; that is what the church is called.

Did you stay for some time at Mr. Boye's house? --- Yes; I did.

Were you still there when the shooting broke out? --- Yes, I was.

Were you sitting indoors, or outdoors? --- We were outside, on the stoop of the garage.

From where you were sitting, was it possible for you to see any part of the crowd around the Police Station?

--- Yes. I could see the crowd from there but I could not say what was happening.

Could you hear, for instance, singing or shouting from the crowd, from Mr. Boye's house? --- May I explain it this way: These people that were there were not controlled by anyone. You would find a few people, five or six singing; others sing there. They were not under control that they should listen to one saying not to do this or that, whatever is to be done.

Were you still on the verandah when the firing started? --- I was at Mr. Boye's place when the firing

And did you hear it? ---Oh, very clearly.

And did you run out of the house? --- At first, before I went out, I asked Mr. Boje that the two of us go where where the shooting takes place, to try and prevent it, putting a stop to it.

Did you go out? ---Yes, I did.

Did you cross the field next to the Police Station?

---I did.

Did you see anything there? --- Such as what?

Well, did you see any bodies? --- There were many people lying there; some of them were dead; some of them, their intestines were protruding.

Did you go right up to the Police Station? ---

No. I did not then, having seen that, go to the Police Station. I tried to render assistance to these injured people.

But how far did you go, when you were going to render assistance; did you walk close to the Police Station? --- From body to body.

THE CHAIRMAN: From which side would you approach the Police Station; would it be along Zwane Street, or on the Northern side, that is the side where the shops are? --- I was on the shop's side.

EXAMINATION CONTINUED: Did you see any of the crowd running while shooting was still going on? --- When the first report of the firearms started, then the people started running.

Did you see that? ---I did - with my eyes.

Did you see any of them fall? ---Yes; I did.

Where? --- Before I had got out of Mr. Boje's house, a woman fell in front of the gate leading to his

garage and a youth fell in front of the gate of his yard.

Do you know why they fell? --- I went to this woman and I saw that she was bleeding, and I did not take notice thereafter because my eyes were looking further on.

Was she shot? ---Yes; she was. She was bleeding.

This place where you saw the woman fall, could you describe it perhaps more clearly. Was it in the field? ---It was about two yards from Mr. Boye's gate.

Was it near the Salvation Army church? ---No. I am sorry - it was two feet from the gate.

Let's make it clear. Where this woman fell - just think of that place; was it further from the Police Station than the Salvation Army? --- Far from the Salvation Army, too; just close to the gate.

Mr. Boye's house is farther from the Police Station than the Salvation Army church? ---Yes.

When you went after the shooting to these bodies, did you see any clothing lying about on the ground - hats or shoes? --- There were a number of shoes and hats.

Did you see sticks lying about? ---None.

Did you render assistance to the wounded? --- Every corpse that was lying on that opening - I passed every one of them and I gave some of them water.

Where did you get the water? --- When I was at Machiba the people who were down there knew me. They called me by name. They said, "Minister Maja, I am thirsty; I want some water". Some of them said, "Minister Maja, I have been burnt terribly by the sun". I tried by taking his shoes to make a pillow for them to

lie on. The wounded, what I could pick up there as far as the clothing was concerned, I tried to cover them with that to protect them against the burning of the sun.

Where did you get the water? --- On the other side of the road, at the corner. I saw a woman with a big canned fruit bottle. I ran to her and I took that bottle from her and I went over into the yard, and there I drew water.

Did you spend some time amongst the wounded, there? --- I was the last one to leave after the dead had been removed, and the wounded.

I just want to show you a photograph that was taken after the shooting. Do you see it? --- That is me, assisting there.

That is a photograph taken - one of those produced by Mr. Robinson, of the Rand Daily Mail? --- That is me.

Is that the bottle you are speaking of? --- Yes; that is the bottle I was speaking about.

(Photograph of R. Maja assisting wounded, Exh. "TTT", handed in).

Now, here is another photograph taken by the photographer of the "Star" after the shooting. Is that you on the photograph? --- I am the one in front of them here. I went and fetched an officer - this is the man I referred to; the brains were lying out.

What did you do about that? --- Before the ambulances came, I went to all the captains. I said, "I am asking you, if you take that corpse, please remove the brains as well". When the Minister Mahawane came to me before the corpse was removed, it then came to my mind that

they had left the brains behind. I went back to the captain that I had spoken to previously. I said, "I asked you to remove the brains". It was then that he called this non-European Policeman and told him to remove the brains from there (as shown).

(Photograph showing Bantu constable picking up brains with spade, Exh. "UUU" handed in).

That is yourself on the photograph? — That's me.

And is the Rev. Voyl on the photograph? — No; he is not there.

Amongst the people who were dead and injured, did you find anyone who you knew? — It is hard to say. I cannot say because at that time I was very busy indeed. I was very energetic to see what was happening, then.

Did you find afterwards, though, when you heard later who had been killed, and who had been wounded, that you knew any of the people? — Some of my congregation were shot dead.

What sort of people were they? — I remember an old man, Sepampoere — he was an old man.

Was he killed? — Yes; he was killed.

What sort of a man was he? — A very decent man.

Is he the sort of man you would expect to go fighting the Police? — No.

Is his widow called Salamina? — It is very hard to get the name unless I refer to the books.

And the other members of your congregation whom you found had been either killed or wounded, were they decent people? — Some of them were ^{old} youngsters. It is hard to explain how they were.

And were some adults? ---Yes; they were.

In general I would like to ask you about this crowd as it was when you saw it. We have heard mention in this Commission of Tsotsis. Would you have described it as a crowd of tsotsis? ---No.

THE CHAIRMAN: I don't think anyone has up to now described the crowd as a crowd of tsotsis.

EXAMINATION CONTINUED: Did you notice in general whether the people in the crowd seemed to be ordinary, decent people? ---It is hard to say that a person is a tsotsi unless you know his behaviour, or something about him, or his movements.

Well, in that case, I will simply just ask you again: When you saw that crowd, did you see any aggressive behaviour, anything which looked like fighting or an intention to fight? ---I have come here to speak and I have said, there was nothing amongst the crowd, there, that I saw. They behaved very well. I went to all these people that were injured and the dead, as these people looked at me and I have said and there was not a single one came and asked me what had happened; they were just looking at me. They looked at me in a manner as if they were going to ask what was happening.

Did they appear surprised? --- Very.

I take it that you must have spoken to people in Sharpeville about the shooting? ---How?

In general; I'll put it this way: Have you heard anything which would explain to you why the shooting took place? --- The whole Sharpeville village is surprised, only to say in regard to how they feel about it - they are all surprised as to how the shooting took place; they don't know why.

During the course of that morning, the morning of the 21st, were you at any time asked by the authorities to speak on their behalf to the people? --- No.

Do you know whether there was any damage to the houses of the people in Sharpeville as a result of the shooting? ---I know about one house, yes. One of my friends' house was struck by two bullets. It is practically out of the Sharpeville village, to the West.

Was he struck when he was in his house? ---No; the house was struck.

Whereabouts was this? --- That was just outside the Sharpeville village, towards the A.N.E. church.

Would that be to the West of the Police Station? --- Yes.

About how far from the Police Station, would you estimate? ---You have to cross many streets before you get to that house.

Have you come across any case of any person being injured by a bullet when he was at home? --- I know of one instance where a wife told me that her husband while lying on the lawn reading a book at his house, was shot in the foot or in the leg.

I want to ask you a final question about the crowd as it was when you were there. Were you able to get any impression of why they were there, what they were waiting for? ---Before I reply to your question, I would like you to listen to my feelings first. When I was walking amongst those people, there, I was not taking matters - I was not concerned about the people there. My main object was looking for Mr. Voyi. I heard it being said amongst them that there was someone who was going to speak to them

at 2 o'clock.

NO FURTHER QUESTIONS.

MR. LOUW: NO QUESTIONS.

- ADJOURNED: 11.10 a.m. -

- RESUMED: 11.35 a.m. -

ROBERT MAJA, still under oath:

CROSS-EXAMINED BY MR. CLAASSEN: I understood

you to say that you went to the Rev. Voyi's house that morning? ---Yes. I did.

What time did you go to his place? --- Between 9 and 10 - I am not sure.

What did you say was the object of going there? --- Well, I went there on my own matters.

But didn't I understand you to say that you intended going to the Police Station with somebody else to try and stop things? --- Yes; with Voyi - that is after the shooting.

How long have you been living in Sharpeville? --- This is my tenth year.

Where were you before? --- Randfontein.

Were you also a Minister there? ---Yes.

Was this the first protest meeting that you had attended? --- Which protest are you talking about?

The protest meeting of the 21st March? ---I know nothing about the protest as such.

Well, the meeting at the Sharpeville Police Station. I call it a protest meeting. I don't say you went there for the purpose that the other people went there, but you were there, on your own evidence? ---I have said, I went

there to look for Voyi. The word "tsotsi" before? --- It is

I am not for the moment concerned with the purpose of your going there. You were there and to some extent you saw what was happening before the shooting? --- At the time when I was present, yes.

From what you saw of this crowd, did you think that they were inflamed or excited? --- I have said here this morning that there were people - the people that were there, were all in a happy mood. They were happy.

What time did you leave to go back to the Rev. Voyi's home? --- Between 11 and 12; I am not sure.

You were looking for the Rev. Voyi. You did not concern yourself so much about the people who were present? --- That is so. I was not concerned about the other people.

And no doubt you saw some people there who were most respectable and people who you did not think would resort to violence? --- I have said - and I repeat again what I have said, and that is this: The people that I saw at the Police Station, were respectable people. They were standing there doing nothing at all. They were just looking to see what was going to happen.

You also saw a number of young men there? --- Yes; youngsters were playing in the street, there.

All of them? --- I can't say all; it is very hard to say all. --- Yes.

Did you see some youngsters amongst the crowd? --- I saw youngsters throwing their hats at the aeroplanes, being in a happy mood.

Do you know the type of young Bantu in the location that is normally called a tsotsi? --- That is an insult, those words - "tsotsi"; it is a swear word.

Have you heard the word "tsotsi" before? --- It is all over; it is a swear word.

Well, now, whether it is a swear word or not, do you the type of person in respect of whom it is used? --- I can refer it to every nation.

That may be so; but we are now speaking about the residents of the location? --- I would refer it to one who is arrested and doing the wrong thing - a tsotsi.

Only when he is arrested would you identify him as a tsotsi? --- Yes.

As he is free in the location and ...? --- Leading a good life, then he is not.

Supposing he is not living such a good life but he has not been arrested? --- How can you now say?

Well, in any case, you can't identify amongst the youngsters in the location what is normally called a tsotsi; is that what you say?

THE CHAIRMAN: Let me put it this way: You have probably - in many of the larger centres you have a certain section of the youth referred to in English as "ducktails" and in Afrikaans as "eendsterkte". Now, have you got the same sort of element in every Bantu community as well? You have heard the word "ducktail"? --- Yes.

And you've got some impression of what the ducktail stands for? --- Yes.

What I wanted to know is, have you any of that type of person, for instance, in Sharpeville as well? --- I have heard the word being used in Sharpeville, but I have not seen them.

As far as your knowledge of circumstances goes,

would there be any appreciable number of these - call them "ducktails" if you want to? ---In Sharpeville, the life has been all the time a very happy life. We have never had these people called Tsotsi's or ducktails - as far as I know.

Amongst the younger people of those that you know best, namely your congregation, have you seen any tendency on the part of the younger members to fall away from the Church and to live in a manner which calls for reproof?

--- I have not in my church - in my church I have the people running the youth and I always get to know if anyone is absent and I go and see that person, why is he absent and what is he doing. But I have never come across that, that I can come to saying they are tsotsi's.

I will tell you why I personally am interested in that. There has been some evidence about people who went about during the night and the early hours of the 21st March threatening people and in some cases assaulting people in relation to the gathering that was to take place that day. I am trying to find out what sort of people were those? ---If one goes behind those things one might find the truth; but I have not gone so far.

CROSS-EXAMINATION CONTINUED: When did you for the first time hear that there was going to be this meeting at the Police Office or did you not hear it at all? ---

It was the previous day that I picked up a pamphlet in the street, saying those people are not supposed to go to work on Monday.

Is that the first time it came to your notice? ---
It was the first time it came to my notice.

And did this pamphlet say for what purpose they were going to the Police Station? --- For pass laws and some people, "Good morning". That was all I could just do.

I don't know what else.

That morning, did you know that people were not going to work from Sharpeville? --- I did not know it, but from the pamphlet I read, it said that people should not go to work.

So when you saw this crowd of people around the Police Station, you knew about it; you knew what they were there for? --- I can only say what I think, but not that I know.

You knew what they were there for, from what you had read in the pamphlet? --- The pamphlet did not say - it was just telling me what was going to take place.

For how long did you move about amongst the crowd at the Police Station? --- I just said, I went back to Mr. Voyi. I think I went there between 9 and 10.

So you think you were there amongst the crowd from about 9 to 10? --- I think so.

For about an hour? --- I think so. I am not sure.

THE CHAIRMAN: You were there some time before the aeroplanes came? --- No; I was there when the aeroplanes came.

And then some time after the aeroplanes had gone, you went back? --- I had been there all the time and I went back.

You went back to the Rev. Voyi's home? --- Yes.

CROSS-EXAMINATION CONTINUED: Did you speak to the people there? --- No.

You were just looking for the Rev. Voyi? --- There I was looking for the Rev. Voyi.

You did not speak to anybody at all? --- I greeted some people, "Good morning". That was all I could just do.

and nothing more. I did not identify them. But I saw people

When you saw this crowd there, did you not think that something may happen there - something wrong?

---I just said, there was a rumour from which I gathered, I heard from the rumour, people moving about, they were waiting for 2 o'clock; this captain or one of their officers was going to address them. It was just a rumour I had gathered.

During the time that you were there, I take it you noticed that the crowd was increasing all the time?

--- All the time the crowd was increasing.

Did you not have some fear of what might happen there that day? --- Fear?

Yes? --- I am not the type of man who would be afraid.

I am not talking about your own safety. I am not talking about whether you might be injured.

Weren't you afraid that the people might resort to violence? --- I was not afraid - not at all. There was no fear of that kind.

Did you see some men walking on the Police side of the fence, some of the leaders of the crowd? ---

I must say, I do not know who was the leader, as I said this morning. I knew nothing of the leader of that crowd and I knew nobody who was leading the crowd there.

I am asking you whether you saw, while you were there, that there were some people who were walking inside the Police grounds? --- May I answer in this way: There were the C.I.D.'s inside and there - they were in private dress. There were Police inside, therefore I did not know - that C.I.D. does not belong to that crowd or that crowd; that man belongs to that

crowd; I just could not identify them. But I saw people moving round about.

Did you hear any Non-European man addressing the crowd at all while you were there? ---No.

Did you see whether the people were leaning up against the fence? ---No. When I came there, there was a big crowd by the gate, as if they wanted to go in at the gateway - not leaning against the fence; the small gate - not the big gate.

In Zwane Street - you know Zwane Street? ---
The ... inside there were the Police.

THE CHAIRMAN: There are two gates - the one opposite the clinic, that is the double gate? ---Yes; the small gate.

The other gate is where you enter if you want to go into the charge office, as a member of the public? --- That is the gate I am speaking of.

Did you say that they wanted to go in at the gate? ---Not to say that they wanted to. The Police could just come in and go out and come in and go out. It was not impossible to go in. The Police could easily come out and just tell them to keep quiet and so on.

Did you see the Police going in and out at that gate? --- Oh, yes.

European police? ---Yes; Europeans and African Police.

Going in and out? --- Going in and out at that small gate.

Did you notice what they did when they went out? --- No. Not what they did; what they said to the people. "Don't make a noise; keep quiet". "Stand away" - just

that; "Stand away".

When they got outside amongst the crowd? ---
- they could easily
When they came to the gate. They did not go out - they
ordered people to speak low.

Did they move far away from the gate? --- The people?

Those Police who went out of the gate and told the
people to remain quiet; did they move far away from the
gate after going outside? --- There were two groups of
Police there; one group was on the street - I think
it is what is called Zwane Street; they were there.
And then, inside there were the Police.

But I understood you to say that the Police were
going in and out of the gate? ---Yes. They were able to
do so.

And you said that when they went out, it was to
keep the crowd quiet? ---Yes.

Did they first go out of the gate and then speak
to the people? --- They would go back in the yard again.

I wonder if he wanted to speak to the people why
he should go outside the gate. He could address them
from inside the gate? --- Because the crowd was very
big. If the crowd is big, then when people are mumbling
it is not easy for one person to speak like that. Now
here I've got this loudspeaker - people cannot hear.
So he had to come closer to the people and say "Get away;
get away; get away!" Go back.

You say for that purpose he went out of the small
gate? ---Yes.

Did you notice a man with a loudspeaker inside? ---
No. I did not take notice.

You did not hear him addressing the crowd? ---No

It might be after I had left. While I was there, I did not take notice.

With all the shouting and noise that was going on there, do you think that if somebody wanted to address the crowd they would have been able to hear him? --- Would you put that question again?

Do you think if some of the Policemen, one of the Policemen from inside the fence wanted to address the crowd, would they have been able to hear him? --- If they were told to be silent and they were silent, then the Policeman could say what he likes.

How would they be silent if they could not hear saying "Be silent"? You say he would first have to tell them, "Be silent"? ---Yes.

They might not hear that? --- They could hear him. That they could hear? ---Yes.

If he was to address them they would not be able to hear? --- They would hear; surely they would.

Did you notice anybody in control of that crowd at all? ---No.

You did not notice people who appeared to have been appointed to keep them in order, move round amongst them and so on? --- Not amongst the people. I did not take notice of that. I could only see the policemen were inside.

THE CHAIRMAN: In looking for the Rev. Veyi, did you go right round the Police Station? ---I went round the Police Station.

Did you move on the outskirts of the crowd, or did you ...? ---I went through the crowd, and then I went to the other street, I think you call it Zwane Street - the

tarred road.

Did you just walk on the outside of the crowd, or did you go in to them to look for him? --- I went right into the crowd. I went to Zwane Street and then came back to Mr. Voyi's house.

CROSS-EXAMINATION CONTINUED:
/So, did you arrive at his house before him? --- I found him at his house.

You then did not go back to the crowd until after the shooting? --- I did not go back to the crowd until after the shooting took place.

Did he go back with you, then? --- No; he remained behind.

What was the purpose of your going to the Police Station then, after the shooting? --- I saw here was a lady who fell by the gate; and there was a boy by the small gate - he also fell. Then I saw there were a lot of people lying dead. I went there because I am a religion man.

- you went
You were not there with the object of rendering what assistance you could? --- No.

Didn't he think of going there for the same purpose? --- I asked Mr. Voyi to go with me, but he did not want to.

CROSS-EXAMINATION CONTINUED:
What was his trouble? --- I can't tell you.

And I understood you walked round and rendered assistance where you could? --- Yes; I did my best.

And I take it you were not the only one rendering assistance? --- There - I remember one man was behind me but I don't know what purpose he was there for. I saw one man behind me. When I asked him what he was doing, he said he was looking for his little boy.

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I am/only speaking about civilians - everybody included; how many were there that you thought were rendering assistance to the wounded? --- I don't know, because after a while people came in - many of them came in.

You were not the first one on the scene? --- I think myself to have been the first one; I don't know. I took myself to be the first one.

Shooting stopped while you were still at the Rev. Voyi's house? --- Yes.

And you walked to the Police Station. You did not run? --- I ran.

When you got to where these people were lying, the wounded and the dead, do you take it you were the first one on the scene? --- I met a Policeman who was chasing people away; "Get away; get away; get away". And I met these Native boys on the spot.

THE CHAIRMAN: Would that be the road between the clinic and the Police Station, or where? --- Between the clinic and the Police Station, and the shops.

More to the North? --- Yes. There was a message Native boy there telling these people to get away "Otherwise they will shoot them"; he used those terms.

CROSS-EXAMINATION CONTINUED: You thought that that was wrong? --- I was thinking of helping these people. I thought nothing of judging the case.

When you were there all by yourself, - didn't these people assist as well the Police? --- The captain was outside the yard. Now, I went to this captain and I said to him, "Please, will you take these brains, too".

Was the captain the only one outside the gate? ---

And that Native Policeman.

Only the two of them? --- Yes; that is what I saw.

What were the others doing? --- As I said this morning, I had not much time to look around. I was looking to see what I could do to help the people.

I am not asking you what every individual Policeman did? --- I did not look to see what every Policeman was doing; I did not look at that.

I am not asking you what every individual one did; what did they do as a body of men? Were they just standing about inside the Police yard? --- I am sorry, I cannot answer that question.

Yes, but did you see them; did you see the Police? --- I saw the two Policemen outside the yard. That is what I saw - the Captain and this African Police.

Is that all that you saw of the Police? --- Yes.

You did not see the other Policeman? --- Well, afterwards, when we came to help they came out, of course - that was long afterwards.

At this time that you were there rendering assistance and you saw the captain outside and one Bantu Policeman, you did not see the other Police at all? --- No.

In other words, they did not go out to render assistance? --- I don't say that.

Well, they could not have - if what you say is correct, then they could not have rendered assistance to the injured as soon as they did.

THE CHAIRMAN: Could you give me some estimate of how long it took you from the Rev. Vojta's home to the Police Station - just roughly. You say you ran there or got there as quickly as you could. Is it a matter of a few minutes only, or would it be longer?
 --- I think it would have taken five minutes.

CROSS-EXAMINATION CONTINUED: Do I understand that you went to each individual wounded person who was lying there? ---Yes.

And you gave assistance where you could? ---Yes.

And everyone you came to was without assistance?
 ---Yes.

You saw nobody else giving them assistance at all? --- I am sorry - it must be clear to the Court. When I came to the spot, I ran hard and there was nobody on the spot; when I came to the rest of the people, they were there, too.

Do you say that when you had been to about half of the wounded, then only the others came? ---Yes.

Are you quite sure of that? ---I am quite sure of that. I mean, it is where I meet people - when I went there, I was alone; when these people were driven away, the Policeman was not helping the people. I was doing the helping. And then, when I passed this corner, then I met the people.

Met the "people"? --- Met the people, yes.

Which people? --- Residents came there.

You mean residents of the location? ---Yes.

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Besides the Police who were in the street, there.

THE CHAIRMAN: You said that the Bantu Policeman chased the people away. Did he attempt to interfere with you at all or did he let you go on with your work that you were doing for the injured? ---He did not interfere with me.

CROSS-EXAMINATION CONTINUED: I take it when you were doing what you could for those people that were wounded, the other people from the location started running to the scene - if they would have started running to the scene and were round about everyone, they would have interfered with your work? ---No. I think everybody was willing to help, who could have helped there.

THE CHAIRMAN: Have you sometimes seen what a nuisance people can be at a spot where there has been a motor accident and somebody is injured - only one person? --- Why these African Police were driving the people away, is because people wanted to turn back and see to their wounded people; that is what I noticed. But then he drove them away saying he will hit them if they come back.

CROSS-EXAMINATION CONTINUED: How do you know that when they came back they wanted to ...? --- There were brothers and sisters of theirs that were shot.

That may be; but how do you know that everyone that came there, came to see whether they could identify their relatives? --- Everybody with sense would know that. If you are going to your brother and your brother is shot, surely everybody knows you intend to help him.

You did not consider the possibility of some people wanting to come there - did it occur to you at all that

people who were merely inquisitive might be coming to the scene there and be in the way of others who had to render assistance? Did that occur to you, or not? --- That is what I thought, that they were coming to help their people.

Do you think that the Police there should have allowed everybody who wanted to come to the scene where people were lying about, some dead, some injured - anybody, allow everybody that wanted to come there ...? --- Did I ever say that?

No, but that is what you seem to imply. How soon after the shooting stopped, did you see the ambulances around? --- I am not sure. Anything round about ten minutes, or so.

You think that any time was wasted to get ambulances to the scene? --- I could not say that.

My question is a very simple one. Within about ten minutes after the shooting ...? --- No, but you want me to put somebody's sense, not my own sense. I have nothing to do with what the Police did, and I am not there to judge the work of the Police nor to judge what the people were doing. I was there to look for Mr. Voji, and I went there to - because I thought it was my duty to help them all. You want to dig me out and express what I think of that man and what I think of that. No, I am sorry.

No, but the position is this, that I think you have been doing some judging? ---No; I am not a judge. I do not judge people.

Were you the only one to give some of the wounded water? --- I got into the paper, you can see, Sir.

Yes; you got into the paper? ---I was the only

one - I saw only myself; perhaps others were there and I did not see them.

There may have been others? --- There may have been others. I did not see them.

There may have been European constables and others, and Bantu constables who were rendering assistance and giving water to people that needed it. You won't deny that? ---No; I have held nothing against anybody. I am only just saying what I have seen.

How long would you say it took before all the wounded had been removed? --- I think that you can gather from the captain.

Yes, but now the captain may not be believed? --- You must ask the captain.

Don't you want to give me an answer? ---No.

THE CHAIRMAN: What is your impression? You were busy working with these people who were injured. Your mind was not addressed to the time. What is your impression. You stayed there until the wounded had been removed? ---I don't want confuse the captain - I will admit what the captain says. If he says it took an hour, well then it took an hour.

I would be very surprised, unless someone looked at his watch specifically, if three honest people were to give the same estimate? ---I am sorry, I would not like to interfere with the captain's statement.

CROSS-EXAMINATION CONTINUED: You would not like to risk an estimate at all? --- No.

NO FURTHER QUESTIONS.

MR. KENTRIDGE: NO RE-EXAMINATION.

H. MAJA
By the Chairman

BY THE CHAIRMAN: What I want you to tell me if you can - on your evidence you attended to most of the wounded and I wonder if you can perhaps give me an idea of where you found them. Where did you find most of the wounded? Were most of them in the street, between the clinic and the Police Station? --- There is the library on the other side, there. Alongside the many people were lying there.

That is now between the clinic and the Police Station? --- The Police Station, the clinic and the library, and the shops; there is a square. Along that square there were many people lying. From there, there is a cross street, as I have said, from the shops, crossing the South. Alongside that cross street ...

If you could look at Exh. "B", the photograph; as I understand it, you were approaching from East of the Police Station - you were approaching the Police Station and you crossed the field on the Northern side of the Police Station on your way to the Western side? --- Yes.

Now, you have mentioned the two people who were wounded or who fell, virtually at the Rev. Vaji's house. In regard to those two people, as far as you could judge, had they been wounded at some other spot and had then run and had eventually dropped where you found them, or did you get the impression that they were shot where they were, and dropped? --- These people were shot at the gate, who fell by the gate. To me they appeared to have been shot there, the bullet caught them there. / But with that boy, it seems to me he was running.

And then fell? --- And then - whether he caught it there, or ran, I don't know. I did not go back to consult, to find out.

R. MAJA
By the Chairman.

Apart from those two, now, I want you to look at the photograph to give me some impression of whether you found the injured people, as you were now approaching the Police Station and passing on the North side on the way to the Western side - where you found them, just approximately? --- People were lying here (indicates).

MR. KENTRIDGE: I think he indicated, Mr. Chairman, the roadway between the clinic and the Police Station and also the part of that roadway to the North.

THE CHAIRMAN: Did you at any time come round to Zwane Street, that is the street running along the Southern side of the Police Station? --- Do you mean after the shooting?

Yes, well, when you were tending the wounded? ---
Yes.

Did you come across anybody in Zwane Street? ---
Yes.

Where - more towards the South-Western corner, or more to the East? --- The South-Western corner.

That would be the street between the clinic and the Police Station? --- Yes.

Was that where you found most? --- Yes.

Then, did you find some others ...? --- Some across the road, on the pavement, on the other side.

Perhaps you can tell me this: Up to the time that the ambulances came, however long it took them to come, did you get the impression that people were moving about the dead and the injured - whether they were giving assistance, or whatever they were doing; as you would attend to somebody and move off, did you become aware of people moving about - Policemen or

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civilians? --- Assisting the ...

I don't know whether you can tell me whether they gave assistance; ^{I am} but getting the impression that dead were being carried about? --- The civilians were assisting, and the Police were also there.

You saw them moving about? --- Yes.

FRANK BERNARD SNEIGANS, beëdig, verklaar:

VERHOOR DEUR MNR. CLAASSEN: U is 'n konstabel in die Suid-Afrikaanse Polisie gestasioneer te Newlands? --- Dit is reg.

Op die 31e Maart, het jy per saracens oer gekom na Sharpeville -lokasie? --- Dit is reg.

Onder wie se bevel was jy? ---Onder bevel van kapt. Brunner.

Omtrent watter tyd het julle by die ingang van die lokasie gekom? --- Ek is nie presies seker van die tyd nie, maar dit was om-en-by 1-uur in die namiddag.

het
Toe julle daarvandaan reguit na die Polisie-stasie gegaan, of het julle vertoef, daar? ---Nee, ons is tussen die skare deur tot binne-in die gronde van Sharpeville Polisiestasie.

Op pad - op wat sou jy die skare skat rondom die Polisiestasie, daardie tyd? --- Daar was etlike duisende gewees; ek skat enigiets van om-en-by 10,000/15,000.

Het julle ingegaan by die groot hek? ---Ons het ingegaan by die groot hek.

Die Hoeveel saracens het julle gehad? ---Ons het drie saracens gehad.

Ander voertuie? ---Nee, saam met die saracens

was nie ander voertuie gewees nie.

Net die drie saracens? --- Net die drie saracens.

Was jy een van die manskappe in een van die saracens? --- Dit is reg.

Jy was nie die bestuurder nie? --- Nee.

Jy was ook nie operateur van die masjiengeweer nie? --- Nee, ek was ook nie operateur nie.

Waarmee was jy bewapen? --- Ek was bewapen met 'n sten-masjiengeweer.

Hoe het die Posisie vir jou voorgekom met julle aankoms by die Polisieposisie? --- Met ons aankoms sal ek sê die skare was baie oproerig gewees, maar op daardie oomblik dat ons aangekom het, was die posisie nie baie dreigend gewees nie. Dit het later wel meer dreigend geword, maar op daardie oomblik dat ons gekom het, was dit nie gevaarlik gewees nie.

In jou saracens waarop jy was, opgestel op die Polisiegronde? --- Dit is reg.

Aan watter kant van die Polisiegronde? --- (Getuie dui aan op Bewysstuk "B1")? --- Dit is ongeveer in die Noord-Westelike hoek.

DIE VOORSITTER: Was u saracens die naaste aan die Noordelike grens-heining of was daar nog een meer Noord as wat u was? --- Dit is reg; daar was een meer Noord.

In watter rigting het u saracens gewys - het dit na die Weste gewys, of ...? --- Noord-Westelike rigting.

En in watter rigting het die ander saracens gewys? --- Die saracens wat aan ons regterkant gestaan het, het min of meer in 'n meer Noordelike rigting gewys, en die een aan die linkerkant van ons het meer in 'n Westelike

rigting gewys. dit was nie; daar was baie officiere wat

VERHOOR HERVAT: Hoe ver sou jy sê was julle saracene omtrent van die Noordelike draadheining af? -- Dit is ongeveer drie of vier jaarts. Dit was nie ver nie; dit was maar 'n klein afstandjie gewees. reg, ja.

Daar is nou -- ek praat van die Noordelike draadheining, nie die draad reg voor nie? -- O, ek verstaan, ja.

U sê daar was 'n ander saracene nader aan die Noordelike draad as julle? -- Nee, ek sou nie sê dit was nader aan die draad nie, want ons saracene was feitlik in die hoek en die ander een was net na ons regterkant-toe.

DIE VOORSITTER: Met ander woorde, nader aan die Polisiegebou? -- Dit is reg. beteken dit dat hulle

VERHOOR HERVAT: Was julle omtrent ewe ver van die Noordelike draad af? -- Min of meer, ja. dit het jy

Toe julle daar aangekom het, het julle gebly in die saracene, of het julle uitgeklim? -- Nee, nie almal nie. Daar was party wat in gebly het; sommiges het uitgeklim. Ek persoonlik het ook uitgeklim. het julle nie

Het jou stengeweer? -- Dit is reg.

Het jy op die grond gebly, of wat? -- Nee; ek het bo-op die saracene gestaan.

Later is die manne in gelid gestel, daar? -- Dit is reg.

Het julle toe by die saracene gebly? -- Dit is reg, ja. Ons het nie in gelid geval nie.

Geeneen van die manskappe van die saracene nie? -- Nie van die saracene se manskappe nie. -- Het na die skietery.

Het jy jou stengeweer van die saracene af gebruik? -- Van geen van die twee saracene wat daar was nie? -- Nee, ek het nie my stengeweer gebruik nie. Die saracene se manskappe was nie veronderstel om in te val nie. Ons het gevra of ons moes inval toe was daar --

ek weet nie wie dit was nie; daar was baie offisiere wat ek nie ken nie, en een van hulle het ons meegedeel dat ons nie hoef in te val nie.

Toe die ander manne in gelid opgestel is, was jy toe al bo-op die saracoen? — Dit is reg, ja.

Het jy dadelik bo-op geklim toe julle daar gekom het? — Ek het eers op die modderplaat van die saracoen gestaan, en ek het later bo-op gestaan.

Wat was die bedoeling daarvan? — Het uit nuuskierigheid, om te kyk wat die mense maak. 'n Mens het 'n goeie uitsig bo van 'n saracoen af.

Wat was die plan dan, sover dit julle betref; toe die manne in gelid opgestel is, beteken dit dat hulle in gereedheid moes wees om te skiet? — Dit is reg.

As jy bo-op die saracoen staan, bedoel dit dat jy in gereedheid is om daar te skiet? — Ek het bo-op die saracoen gestaan nog voordat die manne in gelid ingeval het.

Maar toe hulle in gelid ingeval het, het julle nie ook rondom die saracoen in gereedheid moes wees nie? — Op daardie oomblik het ek nie so daaraan gedink nie. Om die waarheid te sê, tot op hierdie stadium nog nie.

Jy het bo-op die saracoen gestaan, en toe die skietery begin, was jy nog bo-op die saracoen? — Dit is reg.

En toe die skietery ophou, was jy nog op die saracoen? — Dit is reg.

Wanneer het jy daar afgeklim? — Net na die skietery.

Het jy jou stengeweer van die saracoen af gebruik? — Nee, ek het nie my stengeweer gebruik nie.

DIE VOORSITTER: Het jy met enige vuurwapen geskiet

van bo van die saracene aff? — Ek het geen vuurwapen gebruik nie.

VERHOOR HENVAT: Het jy geen ander vuurwapen gehad nie? — Nee; niks behalwe die sten-geweer nie.

Wie was saam met jou op die saracene? — Daar was konst. Theron en dan, in die toering was sers. — sers. Kok was op een van die saracene. Ek kan nie presies onthou wie almal bo-op die saracene was nie.

Het wie se saracene het jy saangery? — Die saracene onder bevel van sers. Kok.

Het jou rug na die fotograaf? — Dit is reg, ja. Hy was bestuurder, sowel as operateur van die masjiengeweer? — Dit is reg.

Jy sê hy — was hy ook bo-op? — Hy het nie gestaan — sover ek kan voorstel, dat hy gestaan het nie. Ek weet hy was ook op een tydstip bo-op die saracene, maar ek is nie seker of dit net voor, of net, of na die skietery was nie.

Jy het gepraat van Theron — was hy ook daar? — Dit is reg.

Dit is nou drie van julle? — Ja; daar kon ander gewees het, maar ek is gladnie seker wie almal nie.

Miskien as ons vir jou die foto's wys, kan jy — kyk eers na Bewysstuk "E". Kan jy daar mense sien op die saracene? — Ja.

Hoeveel mense sien jy daar op die saracene? — Ek sien vyf persone.

Is hulle almal op een saracene? — Nee; hulle is op verskillende saracene. Hier sien nie? — Nee. Ek

Hoeveel is daar op jou saracene, die wat bestuur is deur Kok? — Ek sien twee persone definitief op daardie saracene, en 'n derde een op die voorgrond.

ook moontlik op hom kan staan, hoewel dit lyk of hy op die eerste een staan, volgens die foto.

Kan jy van die persone op Kok se saracenerken?
— Al persoon wat ek daar met sekerheid kan uitwys, is myself.

Van die twee persone wat regop staan, het die een 'n rewolwer of iets - of wat is dit? Na wat lyk dit vir jou? Laat ek dit so stel: Is jy die enigste een op daardie saracener wat heeltemal bo-op hom staan? — Dit is reg, ja; die persoon wat heeltemal bo-op staan.

Met jou rug na die fotograaf? — Dit is reg, ja.

En dan, die persoon wat nader aan die fotograaf sou wees, erken jy hom? — Nee; ek kan nie uitmaak wie dit sou wees nie.

En die persoon wat net sy kop uitsteek aan die anderkant van die saracener, kan jy hom herken? — Nee; dit is ook 'n bietjie onduidelik. Ek kan nie sien wie dit is nie.

Laat ons dan kom by die ander saracener. Hoeveel persone sien jy daar? — Op die ander saracener sien ek daar twee persone.

Een is in 'n khaki-corpak, of nie? — Ja; dit lyk soos 'n corpak wat hy aan het.

Wie sou jy sê is dit? — Konst. Theron.

En die ander een wat net die bolyf toon? — Nee, ek kan gladnie sien wie dit is nie.

Is dit konst. Theron? — Dit lyk vir my na hom, ja.

Kan jy vir Kok nêrens hier sien nie? — Nee. Ek kan nie vir sers. Kok sien nie.

Tydens die skietery, was jy bewus van enige persoon

wat van die saracens geskiet het? — Hee; in my onmiddellike omgewing waar ek gestaan het, weet ek nie van iemand wat geskiet het nie. Onder op die grond langs weet ek wel — ek kon sien hulle het geskiet, die wat op die grond gestaan het.

Laat ons nou weer terugkom by jou stengeweer.

Het jy jou stengeweer by jou gehad, bo-op die saracen?

— Voor die skietery het my stengeweer op die saracen self, by my voete gels, waar ek gestaan het. Ek is nou nog nie seker of ek dit enige tyd opgetel het, dat ek dit in my hand gehad het nie. Ek weet net voor die skietery het dit daar gels.

Het jy dit ooit in 'n posisie gehad waar 'n mens dit sou wou hê wanneer jy vuur? — Daarvan is ek nie seker nie.

DIE VOORSITTER: Wat is die gewone gebruik in daardie omstandighede, as jy jou stengeweer by jou het en jy sit dit so neer, soos jy beskryf het? Wat sou die korrekte ding wees om te doen? Sou jy die veiligheidsmeganisme in werking hê, of haal u dit af, of wat gebeur? — Indien dit oorgehaal is, sal die veiligheidsmeganisme op wees. Maar as dit nie oorgehaal is nie, bestaan die nodigheid nie om dit op veiligheidsmeganisme te sit nie. Jy kan dit ook nie op 'n veiligheidsklep sit tensy dit oorgehaal is nie.

Jy kan gladnie onthou wat die posisie was van diesten toe jy dit daar neergesit het nie? — Dit was gladnie oorgehaal nie.

VERHOOR HERVAT:
U het nou bo-op die saracen gestaan solank daar geskiet is? — Dit is reg, ja.

Wat was die reaksie van die skare toe die eerste skote begin val? — Toe die eerste skote val, sou ek

... dit het gelyk of hulle luiwer. Ek weet nie of hulle van plan was om te storn of wat nie, maar dit het gelyk of hulle luiwer, en toe die vuur nie onmiddellik ophou nie, het hulle gevlug.

Kon jy sien in watter rigting hulle vlug? — Ek kon sien, ja. Hulle het in verskillende rigting gevlug, net weg van die Polisiestasië af.

Het jy gekyk in die rigting van die kliniek — weet jy waar die kliniek is? — Nee, ek is nie seker nie.

DIE VOORSITTER: Reg teenoor die Westekant van die Polisiestasië, d.w.s. regoor daardie dubbelhek waardeur julle binnegery het? — Ek sou nie sê ek het reguit in daardie rigting gekyk nie. Waar ek gestaan het, kon ek dit alles sien, indien ek my net draai.

VERHOOR HERVAT: Jy kon op die hele skare af sien? — Min of meer, ja, oor die hele skare.

Was dit dig saangepak gewees, of was daar minder dik saangepak sodat daar nog openinge tussenin was? — By die draad self het hulle baie dik gestaan. Hulle het teenmekaar gestaan, heeltemal saangedrom. Dan, so toen die agterkant van die skare was hulle natuurlik 'n bietjie meer verspreid.

In die teerstraat, hoe sou u sê het hulle daar gestaan? — Daar was hulle die meeste saangepak, tot seker in die middel van die teerstraat. Hulle was solied vasgepak.

Van die Polisie draadreining? — Dit is reg; van die draad af.

Was dit maklik gewees vir hulle om weg te kom toe hulle besig was om weg te hardloop? — Ek sou nie sê dit was maklik nie, want in so'n groot skare — party hardloop teenmekaar vas, en so aan.

Het jy dit gesien? --- Nee; ek sal nie sê ek het dit gesien nie.

Wat was die toestand voor die skietery wat die draad betref? --- Die draad het toe gestaan teen 'n skuinste van seker ongeveer 60 grade - heeltemal skuins gedruk na die binnekant-toe.

Wat het die druk veroorsaak? --- Die skare moes die druk veroorsaak het, want hulle het teen die draad gelê.

Het jy gesien wat by die hek gebeur het voor die skietery? --- Ek het gesien toe kol. Pienaar by die hek ingekom het.

Hy het kol. Spengler gekom - het Spengler gekom voor Pienaar? --- Nee, ek weet nie. Ek is nie seker nie, want ek ken nie eintlik vir kol. Spengler nie.

Wat het jy gesien toe die kol. ingekom het? --- Toe kol. Pienaar ingekom het, was daar 'n digte skare voor die hek; hulle wou nie padgee vir hom nie. Hy het maar so deurgesukkel deur die skare, en hulle het - die Polisiebeamptes wat daar by die hek was, het die hek vir hom oopgemaak; en toe hy inkom by die hek, toe drom hulle baie saam; toe wou die skare indrom by die hek.

Agter sy kar aan? --- Dit is reg; saam met die kar, en agter die kar.

Wat het hulle verhoed? --- Die hekke was weer toegedruk gewees, met veel moeite, soos ek gesien het, deur Polisiebeamptes wat daar was.

Kan jy sê wat die houding van die skare was teenoor hom en sy manne? --- Teenoor die Polisie wat daar was, was dit duidelik om te sien wat hulle houding was. Hulle was definitief baie dreigend gewees.

Wat het jou daardie indruk laat kry? --- Die manier waarop baie van hulle gespoeg het op die Polisie-manne, en hulle uitgejou het en gevloek het. Hulle het so ver gegaan om hulle duime binne die Polisiebeamptes se gesigte te druk.

Maar waar het hulle dan so na aan mekaar gekom dat dit kon gebeur? --- Toe die Polisie ingeval het in gelid, was hulle baie naby aan die draad en as 'n ander Polisiebeampte tussen hulle en die draad beweeg, is hulle baie naby aan die skare.

- VERDAAG: 12.45 n.m. -

- HERVAT: 2.15 n.m. -

FRANK BERNARD SNEIGANS, nog onder eed:

VERHOOR DEUR MNR. CLAASSEN HERVAT: Wat het daar gebeur by die hek voor die skietery? --- Ek het net gesien toe kol; Pienaar ingekom het. Toe was daar 'n soort van 'n struwelinkie - die skare wat wou indring by die hek en die Polisie wat toe weer gesukkel het om die hek toe te kry. Ek het net gesien hulle het moeilikheid daar gehad om die mense buitekant te hou.

Daarna, het u enigiets verder opgelet daar by die hek? --- Nee, nie eers iets verder opgemerk nie - kort/voorval hier by die hek, dit was seker nie baie lank daarna nie, het die skietery begin.

DIE VOORSITTER: Die neiging wat u gesien het, dat mense by die hek wou indring nadat kol, Pienaar se kar ingekom het, sover u kon sien was dit 'n geval gewees dat die mense wat voor was, wou inkom of was dit 'n geval dat omdat daar drukking agter was en die hekke oopgemaak was, dat die voorste mense selfs moontlik teen hulle sin ingedruk was; wat was die indruk wat u gekry het? ---

Dit het vir my voorgekom asof daar definitief mense was wat wou inkom by die hek. Dit was nie net 'n kwessie van 'n drommery van agter af nie.

Waar was die grootste sameindromming - om, of by die hek, of ander plekke? --- Die grootste sameindromming was in die omgewing van die hek, en by die hek self.

VERHOOR HERVAT: Het jy enige persone daar gesien by die hek wat daar verwyder was en agter by die Polisiekantore ingeneem is? --- Ja; ek het gesien dat een of twee weggevat was by die hek, agter in die Polisiegeboue in.

Was dit voor, of na kol. Pienaar se aankoms? --- Ek is nie seker of dit voor, of na sy aankoms was nie.

Hoe het dit gebeur - die persone wat ingeneem is; is daar enige weerstand, was daar enige aanranding van Polisiekanter? --- Nie sover ek gesien het nie. Ek het nie gesien of een van die persone aangerand was, of iets van die aard nie.

Net voor die skietery, het jy enige klipgevegte gesien? --- Ek het gesien dat daar klippe val, ook in ons omgewing daar waar ons op die saracens was; daar het klippe geval.

Hoe lank voor die skietery het dit plaasgevind? --- Dit was feitlik onmiddellik voor die skietery.

Het jy gesien waar kol. Pienaar gestaan het toe die skietery begin het? --- Nee, ek het nie gesien waar hy gestaan het net die skietery nie.

Hoe het die skietery begin? Was dit een skoot, of een sarsie wat gelyk begin het? --- Daar was eers een of twee los skote wat ek gehoor het, en net daarna toe bars die hele sarsie los.

Kon jy vasstel waar die twee skote vandaan kom?

Nee, ek kan nie.

Het dit van die Polisie gekom?— Ek kan nie met sekerheid sê of dit Polisie was wat gevuur het, of vanwaar die skote gekom het nie.

Hoe lank het die skietery geduur? — Ek sou sê ongeveer 20 sekondes na 'n halwe minuut, as dit so lank was.

Wat het jy gedoen na die skietery? — Net na die skietery, het ek afgeklim van die saraan en ek het in die rigting gestap van die gewondes, saam met nog 'n ander konstabel; ek kan nie meer onthou wie dit was nie.

By die hek uit? — Ons het uitgeloop by die hek, ja.

Die ander Polisie, wat het hulle gedoen? — Daar was 'n hele paar wat uitgeloop het by die hek. Ander het maar daar rondgestaan.

Was daar enige aandag toe geskenk aan die beseerdes? — Ja; daar was Bantokonstabels wat gehelp het met die verwydering van beseerdes en wat eerste hulp toegepas het sovermoontlik.

En was daar blanke Polisie tussen die gewondes en die dooies? — Daar was, ja.

Wat het hulle gedoen? — Nee, ek kan nie met sekerheid sê wat hulle almal gedoen het nie. Ek was ook maar daar tussenin.

Wat het jy gedoen? — Ek het maar net gestaan en kyk.

GEEN VERDERE VRAE NIE.

CROSS-EXAMINED BY MR. KENTRIDGE: You were under the command of Capt. Brummer? — That's right.

Where was he placed during the shooting? —

Gedurende die skietery was kapt. Brummer altyd tussen die saracens. Hy was ook op een. Hy was net tussen hulle gewees, sodat hy bevale kon gee as dit nodig is, dat almal hom kon hoor.

He said in his own evidence that at that stage he felt it was his duty to keep an eye on your three saracens so that he could give an order, if necessary. Is that correct? — Ek dink dit is reg, ja.

He said that he was in a position to see the saracens at that time? — Ja.

Is that what you remember? — Dit is reg.

I take it he must have seen you standing on top of the saracens? — Ja; hy behoort my te gesien het.

In fact, he would have seen all the men standing on top of the saracens? — Ja.

And if anyone were to say that Capt. Brummer could not see the people standing on top of the saracens, that would be false? — Ek sal nie sê vals nie. Daar kan net iemand voor hom loop, dan kan hy nie sien verby daardie persoon of iets van die aard nie.

He might not have been able to see that it was you; perhaps he could not see your face? — Dit is reg, ja.

But he must have known that people were standing on top of the saracens? — Dit moes hy seker geweet het, ja.

Did he come round to the saracens and give any orders himself? — Nie seker ek weet nie. Hy was nie naby my, by voorbeeld, dat hy vir my gee het om iets te doen, of nie te doen nie.

When the order to line up was given, I gather that you understood that it did not apply to you? — Ja.

Capt. Brummer, according to his evidence, thought that it did apply to the men under his command? — Toe kol. Piensaar die bevel gee dat die manskappe moet inval, het van ons op die saracens gevra of ons ook moet inval — nie vir kapt. Brummer nie, maar vir 'n ander offisier wat naby was.

Why didn't you ask Capt. Brummer? — Hy was net verderweg van ons gewees.

Who was this other officer? — Nee, ek het nie 'n idee wie hy is nie. Daar is so baie offisiere in die Polisie en hy kon miskien een van Vereeniging of Gerniston gewees het, en dan ken ek hom nie.

You were under the command of Sergt. Kok? — Dit is reg, ja.

Didn't you ask him? — Hy was ook maar besig. Hy was op 'n tydstop binne-in die saracens, hy was voor. Jy weet nooit waar hy presies op daardie tydstop was nie.

I gathered that when the order to line up was given, he went into the saracens to make sure that the machine gun was in order? — Hy het moontlik, maar ek kan nie met sekerheid sê of hy dit wel gedoen het nie.

Would you have asked some officer what you should do? — Dit is reg.

And what did he tell you? — Hy het net gesê dit is nie nodig vir die saracense bemanning om ook in te val in 'n lyn nie.

And you got no further orders? — Dit is reg.

And so you stayed in your position on top of the saracens? — Dit is reg.

With a number of other people? — Dit is reg.

Were all the people who were standing on top of the

saracens members of the saracen crew? --- Ek kan nie met sekerheid sê of almal wel saracensbemanning was nie.

But at any rate, you were on top of a saracen?

--- Dit is reg, ja.

And were you there throughout the shooting? ---

Ja.

On top of the same saracen? --- Dit is reg.

You did not change from one to another? ---Nee; ek het net op die een gebly staan.

And I take it you stood more or less in the same position - right on the top? --- Reg bo-op, ja.

Have you had training in saracens? ---Nee.

How did you happen to be part of the crew of the saracen? --- Elke saracen het een bestuurder en een opgeleide man wat die saracen se masjiengeweer beam. Die ander manskappe op die saracens was net gewone konstabels wat verskeie klieiners vuurwapens kon hanteer.

When you came to the Police Station in the saracens, we understand that the hatch was closed; is that right - the top cover? --- Dit is reg.

And that your gun ports were closed? --- Dit is reg.

That was for protection, I take it? ---Ja.

In case people threw stones? --- Dit is reg.

That, I suppose, is the whole purpose of the saracen, to protect you against a crowd? ---Ja.

So that if there is danger, you can close the top hatch and close your gun ports, and you are safe inside? ---Ja.

When you were driving through the crowd, I take

at that either Capt. Brunner or Sergt. Kok thought that there might be some danger and therefore ordered everything to be closed up? ---Ja.

When you came in through the crowds, you were not standing on top? ---Nee.

Nor was there anyone standing or sitting on top? ---

Nee.

When you expect danger, you don't stand or sit on top; you get inside? --- Dit is reg.

Consequently, you people who were standing up on the top, were not expecting danger? --- Toe ons binne-in die Polisie-stasie was, toe was die gevaar miskien net nie so groot as buitekant nie.

Can we say there was no immediate danger? ---Ja; u kan dit so stel.

When you were standing there on top of the saracen, you say you had your sten gun at your feet? --- Dit is reg.

You did not have it at the ready position, like the men in the line? ---Nee; dit was nie gelaai of oorgehaalom te vuur nie.

The men in the line did have their sten guns and rifles ready? --- Dit is reg.

But you did not? --- Dit is reg.

Do you know whether the other men on top of the saracen with you had their guns ready? --- Ek het nie 'n idee wat hulle gedoen het nie.

That would suggest that when you were standing on top, there, you did not contemplate having to use your sten gun in a hurry? ---Ja.

Did you see where the shooting started - from what part of the line? ---Nee.

You heard no order to fire? —Nee.

DIE VOORSITTER: Het jy nooit iemand hoor se "Skiet!" afgesien van 'n bevel ges nie? —Nee; geen bevels nie — ook nie iemand wat gesê het "Skiet" of iets van die aard nie.

Of "Shooti"? —Nee.

Hoe ver was u van die einde van die linie; soon die linie nou gestaan het langs die Westelike grens, hoe ver was jy van die punt van daardie linie? — Dit was 'n paart jaarte gewes maar party van die manne het versprei tot voor die saracens langs, ook.

CROSS-EXAMINATION CONTINUED: I want you to think about the time when the shooting started. Do you recall where Sergt. Kok was? — Nee; ek kan nie presies se waar hy was op daardie stadium nie.

Where would you have expected him to be? — Hy sou by die saracens gewes het. Ek weet nou net nie of hy binne-in was, en of hy bo-op was en waar hy was nie.

He was the machine gunner? — Dit is reg, ja, en die bestuurder, ook.

I take it you would expect him to be at his machine gun; if people had been told to line up, I suppose he would be at his machine gun? —Ja.

At any rate, one thing you are clear about is that during the shooting he was not standing on top of the saracens? —Nee; in elk geval nie op die saracens waar ek was nie. Hy het nie daar gestaan nie.

Not on the one that you were standing on? —Nee; hy het nie daar gestaan nie.

And he would not have been on any other saracens?

--- Nee; hy sou nie op een van die ander gewees het nie.

The suggestion has been made in other evidence that during the shooting he was standing on top, and you were not. Is that wrong? --- Dit is foutief.

I think that is to be found in the evidence of Sergt. Kok himself at page 1006 of the record. He said that then he thought he was on the saracen - during the shooting - and you had got onto the ground? --- Nee, hy kon miskien agter my gestaan het, maar ...

He does not say that; he says you were on the ground? --- Maar ek het hom net nie gesien op 'n saracen nie.

In that photograph which you saw this morning, the man behind you is not Sergt. Kok? --- Nee, ek kan nie juis sien wie dit is nie.

At any rate, Sergt. Kok says it was not him. So, at any rate, then, Sergt. Kok would be wrong if he thought that you were on the ground during the shooting? --- Ja.

When the shooting began, in what direction did it appear to you to be aimed? --- In die rigting van die skare, sal ek sê in 'n westelike rigting, min of meer.

Not to the North? --- Nee; daar kon geskiet gewees het in die rigting van Noord- en Noord-Wes, maar dan was dit baie min.

As far as you could see, the most of the crowd was to the West? --- Ja.

And the most of the shooting was to the West? --- Dit is reg.

During the shooting, did you continue to look at the crowd West? --- Nee; ek sal u sê, ek het in

verskillende rigtings gekyk. Ek het gekyk na die skare, en het gekyk na die Polisie wat gevuur het, want ekself het nie ten volle begryp, eintlik, wat aangaan nie. Dit is die eerste keer dat ek op so'n toestand kom.

Did you turn and look to the crowd at the North?

--- Nee, want daar was nie eintlik baie nie.

Did you not turn round and look at them? --- Ek het gekyk. Dit kan moontlik wees dat ek na hulle-toe gekyk het.

But at any rate, what you saw was that there were not many of them and I take it by the time you turned round to look at them, they were already running away? --- Dit kan moontlik wees, ja.

Well, it is probable, is it not? --- Ja.

At any rate, you say you did not fire? --- Nee.

I take it you did not fire because you saw no need to fire, as far as you personally were concerned? --- Nee, op daardie oomblik toe die ander vuur, was dit nie nodig vir my ook om te vuur nie.

Quite. You did not have to fire, also. Did that apply to everyone on top of the saracens? --- Ek sou nie se almal nie. Party het 'n vinniger begrip as ander. Onmiddellik toe die skietery begin het, kon'n ander ook gevuur het.

You mean, there could have been a man standing on top, there, with very quick reactions; he could have got in a few shots before it was all over? --- O, ja.

But you yourself saw no reason even to try to do so? --- Ek het my geweer moontlik opgetel of iets van die aard, maar ek het nie gevuur nie.

If you thought it was necessary to add your

bit of firing to the rest, you would have done so? ---
Moontlik ja.

But you did not? --- Ek het nie.

Do you recall another man standing a little lower
than you, either on your saracen or the next one, as
appears in the photograph which you saw? ---Nee.

You don't recall that? ---Nee.

Perhaps you did not notice him? ---Nee; ek kon
miskien nie opgelet het nie. Ek sien dit maar nou
op die foto.

And then there was the man on your left, in the
photograph. Did you notice what he was going during
the shooting? ---Nee.

If either of those men had fired any sort of
firearm, would you have noticed it at the time? ---Nee;
tensy een miskien gestaan het met 'n masjiengeweer en
aanhoudend gevuur het, dan sou ek miskien gemerk het.

Consider the man behind you at - on your left,
at the same height as yourself. If he fired a revolver,
say, it would have been very close to your ear, really,
would it not? --- Daar was baie vuurwapens en 'n revolver
maak seker nie 'n harde slag soos 'n masjiengeweer nie.

So you would not have noticed if either of those
men had fired a revolver? ---Nee.

Not unless you were looking in the same direction?

--- Dit is reg, ja.

You were shown a photograph this morning in
Court. Had you seen it before? --- Ek het foto's
vantevore gesien, maar ek kan nie sê ek het daardie
spesifieke een gesien nie.

Which photographs did you see? --- In my ver-

klaring, toe ek die verklaring gemaak het, die dag, het ek foto's gesien. Dit staan in my verklaring.

Photographs of men standing on top of saracens? ---

Dit is reg, ja.

You made your statement quite recently, then? ---

Ek dink twee weke gelede. Ek het 'n verklaring gemaak na die skietery, en twee weke gelede is 'n verdere verklaring gemaak.

In your original statement you did not deal with photographs? --- Die eerste verklaring, nie.

Did you deal with the position in which you were standing? --- Ja. Dit was vir my gevra in watter hoek ons gestaan het, by die Polisiestasie.

Were you asked at that time whether you were standing on top of the saracens or anything like that? --- Ja; dit was gevra.

DIE VOORSITTER: In jou eerste verklaring? --- Dit is reg.

Het jou eerste verklaring gehandel met die kwessie waar jy gestaan het - bo-op 'n saracen of op die grond? --- Ja; hulle het toe gevra waar ons was. Ek het toe gesê ek was bo-op 'n saracen.

CROSS-EXAMINATION CONTINUED: Did you say that you were standing on the top of a saracen? --- Dit is reg.

And did you say what you were doing? ---/And were you asked who else was standing on top of the saracen? --- Ja, ek dink dit was vir my gevra.

And were you able to answer that? --- Van die skietery self weet ek nie baie nie.

Would you like to refresh your memory from your first statement? --- Wel, ek glo nie dit is nodig nie

want wat ek nou sê - ek kon nie veel anders gesê het in my verklaring nie.

And what was it that you were asked to deal with in the second statement that was not covered by your first statement? — Die eerste verklaring wat gemaak was, was 'n baie kort verklaring. Blykbaar was daar nie genoeg gesê of genoeg inligting of iets van die aard in die verklaring nie.

What additional matter were you asked to try and remember when you made your second statement? — Wel, een punt wat hulle vir my gevra het toe ek die tweede verklaring maak, was of ek my masjiengeweer gedurende die skietery in my hand gehad het, en of ek dit nie in my hand gehad het nie.

And you could not remember? — Ek kon nie. Ek weet nie of ek die masjiengeweer opgetel het nie.

And when you were shown the photographs? — Ek was die foto's gewys om myself aan te wys op die foto's.

DIE VOORSITTER: Om ander mense uit te ken? — Dit ook, maar ek kon nie eintlik iemand uitken nie - net die een persoon wat op dieselfde hoogte staan as ek. Volgens die foto lyk dit vir my na konst. Theron.

CROSS-EXAMINATION CONTINUED: You told us that you did not see any need for you yourself to fire? — Nee.

And then I take it when you looked round, as you probably did, and saw the people on the North of the Police Station and saw them running away, you did not think there was any need to fire at them? — Nee.

In fact, there would not have been any need to fire at them, once they were running away; is that clear? —

Dit is reg, ja

In that case, can we take it that you did not point your gun at them? --- Ek dink dit kan aangeneem word. Ek is nie seker nie.

There would have been - we can say this: There would have been no reason for you to point your gun at them? ---Nee.

And similarly, with regard to the other men who were standing on top of the saracens, there would have been no need for them to point their sten guns or revolvers at the backs of the crowd that was running away? --- Ja.

And in fact, I should imagine - you can correct me on this if I am wrong - I should imagine that people who are used to firearms, don't point their firearms at people unnecessarily? ---Ja.

That's elementary, I take it? --- Dit is reg, ja.

Now, I would like you to look at some photographs again. I wonder if you would first look at Exh. "F". Can you identify yourself there? ---Ja.

That is you, again in the middle of the photograph?

---Ja.

You have something in your left hand? ---Ja.

Can you tell us what it is? --- Dit lyk vir my na 'n hawgraak - dit is die bruin hawersakke waarin die ammunisie van die masjiengewere gehou word.

Then, would you look at the next photograph, Exh. "U"? You are still holding that same thing in your hand? --- Dit is dieselfde voorwerp, ja.

You can see that the man who is on your right in the photograph has now unfolded his arms. His arms were folded in the previous photograph, and now it is

Would you then look at Exh. "E" further back - that is the photograph you have already seen. Do you see that you seem to have something round your right shoulder? ---Ja; dit lyk so.

What does that look like? ---Nee; ek het geen idee nie. Ek het 'n polisiebroek en hemp aangehad; nie 'n corpak nie.

DIE VOORSITTER: Die hawersak waarvan jy praat, hoe dra 'n mens dit gewoonlik? --- Party sit dit net oor die een skouer. Jy kan dit oor jou regter- of linkerskouer sit, of jy kan dit oor jou kop trek dat dit aan jou linkerkant hang, met die band oor die regterskouer.

CROSS-EXAMINATION CONTINUED: If you were firing, where would you have that ammunition bag; would you have it hanging on your shoulder? ---Hy kan hang; hy kan op die grond lê. Dit hang net af.

Just have a look at the man on your right again. Do you see, he is looking to his left, that is towards the West, just as you are. Correct? --- Ja.

He appears to have something in his right hand? --- Ja.

Can you see what it is? I wonder if you would look at this; this is a clearer picture, I think? --- Ek kan nie net sekerheid sê nie, maar dit lyk na 'n rewolwer.

Or a sten gun - which would you say? --- Ek sou eerder sê dit is 'n rewolwer.

At that stage, of course, as you see, the crowd is running away and that Policeman, at any rate, is looking to the West. He does not seem to be very concerned about the crowd which one sees in this photograph? ---Ja.

Can you suggest why he should have drawn his revolver? ---Nee; ek het nie 'n idee nie.

Now, I wonder if you would look, now, at Exh. "B". Is this a photograph which you have previously seen? ---
Ja.

Were you asked to identify yourself on that? ---Ja.

And do you see yourself there? ---Ja.

You are in the middle of the three figures to be seen on the saracen? --- Dit is reg.

What are you doing there, do you think? --- Dit lyk asof ek met 'n masjiengeweer in my hand staan.

Pointing it? --- Dit kan moontlik wees.

And the other two appear to be pointing revolvers?

---Ja.

If you would now look at Exh. "W", I think I can say, to save time, there, too, you appear to be pointing a machine gun but to have turned further towards your right - that is more towards the North? ---Ja.

And the other two men have their arms stretched out and are apparently pointing revolvers in the direction of the crowd? ---Ja.

In the same position in which they would stand if they were shooting? ---Ja.

One can't say that they are, but I think one can say that they are all in a position in which you would be if you were shooting?; or don't you think that is true of yourself? --- 'n Masjiengeweer kan u omtrent in enige posisie hou; jy kan sit, jy kan staan, jy kan ..

Yes.

DIE VOORSITTER: Maar as jy nou in daardie posisie staan, hoe sou jy 'n sten-geweer hou? Veronderstel nou

dit was nodig gewees vir jou om te skiet, skiet jy die
sten-geweer van die skouer of van die ...?--Jy skiet
hom uit jou regterarm uit.

Die kof aan jou elmboeg? -- Dit is reg - die
regter-elmboeg.

GROSS-EXAMINATION CONTINUED: More or less as
would appear from this photograph, although it is not
terribly clear? -- Dit is reg, ja.

Have you seen this photograph also, before? --
Ja.

Would you now look at Exh. "X". Now there, too,
you see yourself on the photograph. Now you appear to
have turned and to be almost facing the camera? --Ja.

You still seem to be holding that machine gun?
-- Ja.

And pointing it. The crowd is running away in
the direction of the camera; correct? -- Dit is reg.

You are now facing North-East on this photograph
or North-North-East, anyway? --Ja.

Then, would you look at Exh. "Y"; perhaps you
would look at Exh. "Y1", which is the enlargement. Do
you see yourself there? -- Dit kan moontlik ek wees
wat daar staan.

What is that figure in that photograph doing,
would you say? -- Ek kan nie uitmaak wat hy daar het
nie.

Does it not rather look to you like the picture of
a man putting another magazine into a sten gun? -- Dit
kan wees, volgens die foto.

I would just like you to listen to something
which I am reading from Exh. "PPP". There is a description

is
here that "The Policeman/standing on top of a saracen
with a sten gun". It says, "It looked as if he was
firing his/^{sten}gun into the fleeing crowd. He was moving
slowly from side to side. It looked as if he was
panning a movie camera from the hip". Now, according
to the photographs we have seen, that is what it would
appear from the photographs that you were doing - pointing
your sten gun at the crowd, moving it round to your right
to follow the crowd, in the same position which you
would have been in had you been firing into the backs
of the crowd and following them as they ran away. That
is what the photo's look like? ---Ja.

I think in fairness to you, Const. Sneigans,
I must give you the opportunity of suggesting how it
comes that you are standing and acting in that way
on the photographs? ---Nee, ek het geen idee hoekom ek
juis op daardie manier sou reageer het nie, want - u
sien, ek sal u sê hoekom ek sê ek het nie geskiet nie.
Elke patroon waarmee ek uitgereik was, is weer deur my
ingehandig na die skietery. het ek in my ars gehou het.

Because you handed in every cartridge afterwards?

--- Elke patroon wat ek mee uitgereik was.

To whom did you hand it in? --- Sers. Havenga,
dink ek.

DIE VOORSITTER: Wanneer het u dit weer terugge-
handig? --- Dit was 'n hele ruk hierna; na hierdie
onluste hier was ons seker vir drie weke op Kiptown
gewees. Daarna is dit eers ingehandig.

Van die oomblik dat jy net hierdie stengeweer
uitgereik is totdat jy uiteindelik die koeëls weer
teruggehandig het, het jy enige koeëls hoegenaamd
afgeskiet? ---Nie een enkele skoot afgeskiet nie.

Hie te enige tyd nie? ---Nie te enige tyd nie.

Hooveel koeëls is aan jou uitgereik? --- 196.

Wanneer was dit? --- Die 21e Maart van hierdie jaar - 196 patrone.

CROSS-EXAMINATION CONTINUED: Can you give us any reason why in those circumstances you should have gone through all the motions of a man firing into the back of a crowd that was running away? --- Daarop kan ek net sê, ek kon wel met die masjiengeweer in my hand gestaan het, in my een arm, en ek kon nog in die rondte gedraai het en dit sou wel gelyk het asof ek vuur.

But you can't give any particular reason why you should have done that? ---Nee; ek sou geen rede kan gee nie, want ek het gestaan en rondkyk.

You see, you have told us that your sten gun was at your feet? ---Ja; voor die skietery.

And it would appear that for some reason or other you picked it up and put it in that position, and pointed it? --- Ek kon dit opgetel het en in my arm gehou het.

But you can't suggest why you should have done that if you were not going to shoot with it? --- As almal skiet en ek het 'n vuurwapen, sal ek dit seker nie laat lê nie. Ek sal dit oek optel.

And perhaps also fire with it? ---Moontlik.

I wonder if you would ...

DIE VOORSITTER: Ek wil net dit van jou verneem: Jy sê jy weet jou vuurwapen was voor, by jou voete? --- Dit is reg.

Het jy enige herinnering vandag, afgesien van afleidings wat jy doen, dat jy die stangeweer wel in die hand geneem het? --- Ek kan my nie voorstel wanneer ek

dit opgetel het nie.

Jy het nou na die foto's gekyk; en ek het vermoed van jou antwoorde, dat jy aanvaar jy is daardie persoon wat dit in jou hand hou? ---Ja.

Het jy enige onafhanklike herinnering vandag dat jy wel daardie stengeweer in jou hand gehad het? ---Nee.

Het jy enige herinnering oor waar die stengeweer was toe jy afgeklim het? --- Toe het ek dit in my hand gehad. Na die skietery weet ek, het ek my sten-geweer gehad, en nog die sak met patrone het toe gelê.

Toe jy uitstap saam met die ander konstabel om na die verwoendes te gaan kyk, waar was jou stengeweer toe? --- Toe het ek dit nog steeds in my hand gehad.

Kon jy miskien per abuis of in die opgewondenheid van die oomblik skote laat afgaan het? --- As die masjiengeweer oorgehaal is, wel.

Was dit oorgehaal? ---Nee.

CROSS-EXAMINATION CONTINUED: May I ask, Mr. Sneigans, if that is not also something which you possibly have no recollection of - cocking the weapon; perhaps you did, and you don't remember it? --- Dit kan ook moontlik wees, want toe ek afklim van die saracen af, het ek die masjiengeweer in my hand en dit was nog nie oorgehaal nie.

So you might have - well, of course, in that last picture I showed you, Exh. "Y1", you are doing something with the sten gun. It is difficult to see exactly what? --- Ja.

DIE VOORSITTER: Wanneer het jy jou sten-geweer gelani? --- Dit was kort voor die skietery. Toe het ek 'n magagyn ingedruk en die stengeweer neergesit.

CROSS-EXAMINATION CONTINUED: So, is the

position now - stop me if I put anything incorrectly, Mr. Sneigans, because I might have misunderstood you. Is the position now that it is possible that you cocked the sten gun without remembering it now, and that in the excitement of the moment you did then fire a few shots?

--- Dit kan moontlik wees dat ek dit oorgehaal het, maar dit is heeltemal onwaarskynlik dat ek geskiet het.

But do you think you might have done so in the excitement of everyone else shooting? --- Moontlik.

DIE VOORSITTER: Wat sou van daardie koeëls geword het? --- Nee, ek weet nie, want die patrone waarmee ek uitgeris is is nagegaan na die skietery deur sers. Kok, seur kapt. Brummer, en dit is weer deur my ingehandig by die klagtekantoor op Newlands.

CROSS-EXAMINATION CONTINUED: You say Capt. Brummer checked? --- Hy het ook my patrone nagegaan op Kliptown.

He does not seem to remember that. He does not think he made any ammunition check? --- Nee; hy het my spesiaal geroep, want daar was glo 'n fout gewees met ammunisie - iemand wat beweer het dat ek geskiet het, en toe wou hy sien of ek al my ammunisie het.

Someone alleged that you had fired? --- Ja.

And he wanted to check specially. Who made that allegation? --- Daar was 'n ander konstabel daar gewees wat van dieselfde stasie af kom as ek. Hy was nie op die saracens nie.

Who was that? --- Konst. Meyer. Na die skietery het hy ook maar gersken ek het geskiet, en terug by die stasie toe vra die hoofkonstabel, die stasiebevelvoerder, vir hom die almal geskiet het en wat dink hy, hoeveel het hulle geskiet, want die hoofkonstabel moet 'n rapport opstel,

Yes? --- En toe het die konstabel vir die hoofkonstabel gesê dat hy dink ek het geskiet, en hy dink ek het iets in die 30 patrone geskiet. Toe stel die hoofkonstabel so'n rapport op.

And he thought you fired more than 30? --- Ek dink hy het gesê in sy rapport, 35.

And the head constable actually put it in his report? ---Hy het; maar die rapport is later weer verander. Dit moes verander word, want daar was nie geskiet deur my nie.

How did it come to be changed? --- Daar was nog 'n konst. le Roux wat uitgereik was met 'n rewolwer, en volgens daardie selfde rapport, wat heeltemal foutief is, het hy sewentien skote met 'n masjiengeweer geskiet wat hy gladnie gehad het nie.

Did that also appear first in the report? --- Die rapport van die stasiebevelvoerder, ja.

So there were two mistakes in that report? --- Dit is reg, ja.

Surely the head constable would not make a report that you had fired 35 rounds without asking you? --- Ek was nooit by my stasie nadat ek hier weg is nie. Ek was vanhier na Kliptown en ons was drie weke op Kliptown.

You see, I can very well understand another Policeman mistakenly thinking that you had fired your sten gun; but why should he say you had fired 35 rounds; where would he get that figure from? --- Geen idee nie.

Het just made it up? --- Dit moes wees.

Because if you hear a man fire a sten gun, you can't guess how many rounds he has fired, can you? --- Nee.

And another thing, if he said 35 rounds, it means that you must have finished a magazine and then loaded another? --- En 'n ander een gelaai het, ja.

Of course, it may be that he saw you as we see you in this Exh. "Y" and he might have thought you were loading another magazine? --- Ek glo nie hy het my ooit gesien nie.

Where was he? --- Hy het in die lyn geval, in die lyn teen die Westelike draad.

And you can't suggest why he should give a false report? --- Nee. Dit kan moontlik wees na die skietery dat hierdie een sê "Kyk, ek het soveel geskiet" en daardie een sê "Ek het nie geskiet nie". Toe het hy maar gereken daar was geskiet.

DIE VOORSITTER: Die konst. Meyer, by watter stasie is hy? --- Hy is ook in Newlands gestasioneer.

Dit was jou stasie gewees? --- Dit is die stasie waar ek is.

Wat het van hom geword na die 21e. Is hy saam met jou Kliptown-toe of is hy terug Newlands-toe? --- Nee, hulle is direk terug Newlands-toe, per vragmotor.

Wa nkeer het jy vir Meyer weer gesien vir die eerste maal? --- Dit is nadat ons ongeveer seker twee weke op Kliptown was.

Het jy gladnie jou stasiebevelvoerder van Newlands gesien voordat jy eintlik sochtentoe terug is nie? --- Nee, toe ek ongeveer twee weke op Kliptown was, was ons een dag Newlands-toe en toe het ek hom gesien.

In verband met die ammunisie? --- Met die patrone, ja. Hy het my gevra, en ek het hom gesê, ook. Ek het hom ook gevra hoekom...

Was dit op Newlands? --- Ja. Ek het hom gevra hoekom hy dan 'n rapport ingesig het dat ek geskiet het, terwyl ek 'n verklaring gemaak het, ook, dat ek nie geskiet het nie. Toe sê hy konst. Meyer het vir hom gesê hy het gehoor ek het 35 patrone ongeveer weggeskiet.

CROSS-EXAMINATION CONTINUED: Was this Capt. Brummer, or your head constable? --- Die hoofkonstabel.

May I just try and fix the date. The shooting was on the 21st? --- Dit is reg.

When did you make your first statement to the Police? --- Ongeveer twee weke daarna; ek weet nie seker nie, maar dit was terwyl ons op Kliptown was.

When did Capt. Brummer talk to you about this? --- Dit was nog seker 'n week of meer later dan dit.

A week or two after you made your first statement? --- Dit is reg.

And when was the ammunition return collected? --- Nog na dit ook. Ek weet nie. Dit lyk nie vir my soos

En you made your second statement, I understand, on the 10th April? --- Ja.

What about le Roux who was down as having fired - what did you say, 17? --- Sewentien rondes met 'n masjiengeweer, en hy het nie 'n masjiengeweer gehad nie.

Where did that story come from? --- Ook van konst. Meyer.

Did he have any reason for doing that? --- Nie sover ek weet nie.

Was that also in the original report? --- Ja.

Where was le Roux after the shooting; did he go back to Newlands? --- Hy het na Kliptown gegaan, saam met ons. Hy is ook van Newlands.

And the head constable was at Newlands? --- In Newlands.

At any rate, then, can I sum it up again. Now, listen to me carefully again: According to you, you do not think that you fired your sten gun and it is possible that you cocked it and in the heat of the moment fired a few shots? --- Moontlik.

According to the photographs, you went through the motions of shooting? --- Ja.

And afterwards one of your colleagues, Const. Meyer, reported that you had fired 35 rounds? --- Ja.

Very well; we can leave it at that, can we? --- Ja.

Where was le Roux, by the way, at the time of the shooting? --- Ek dink hy was op een van die modderplate van die saracen, aan my regterkant.

Was he perhaps the man who appears in this photograph? --- Ek weet nie. Dit lyk nie vir my soos hy nie.

Just have another look at Exh. "E" - here is a clearer copy of it. Now, what I want to ask you is whether that man on your right is perhaps le Roux? --- Nee; dit is nie hy nie.

Would you just look closely while you have this photograph. Sergt. Kok said that he thought it was his head here? --- Dit kan moontlik hy wees.

Did you know Const. Steinberg? --- Ja.

Was he in your saracen? --- Dieselfde saracen.

Do you know where he was standing during the shooting? --- Ek dink hy het net voor die saracen gestaan.

On the ground, or on the bumper? ---Hy was op die grond.

This man Theron, the man in overalls you think is Theron. Did you speak to him after the shooting? --- Ek het hom vandag hier gesien.

But that is the only time you have seen him since? --- Ons was saam op Kliptown gewes, en daarna is ons weer uitmekaar.

Did you see him immediately after the shooting? --- Ek weet nie of ek persoonlik by hom was nie, maar ons was maar almal daar.

Did you hear afterwards whether he had fired? --- Nee.

Most of the shooting was towards the West? ---Ja.

And most of the people who were shot, were on the Western side? --- Dit is reg.

So, if I can put it - I don't want to put it in a way offensive to you; I don't mean it in that way.

From the point of view of someone who was merely standing there and who was curious about what was happening, the most interesting events were taking place on the West? There was most to look at on the West? ---Ja.

There wasn't anything particularly to interest a man on the North nor East? ---Ja, daar was ook baie mense aan die Noordekant, maar aan die Westekant was daar seker meer.

Men on the Northern side were running away? ---Ja.

Did you see any of them shot? --- Aan daardie skietery het ek gesien - aan die Noord-Westekant het twee persone gels.

And on the North-East? ---Het een persoon gels,

During the shooting, when these people were running away, did you see anyone hit and fall? ---Nee.

I think you said that you heard certain threats from the crowd? ---Ja.

Was that when you were standing on top of the saracens? ---Ja.

Was that from people in the crowd? --- Dit is reg.

In what language was it? --- Afrikaans en Engels; hulle het baie in Bantoetale gepraat wat ek nie kon verstaan nie.

But did you hear threats shouted to you in English, or Afrikaans? ---Ja.

From members of the crowd? --- Dit is reg.

Could you see who they were; were those the people right on the fence? ---Nee, ook by die draad weet ek van 'n vrou wat links van die hek gestaan het, en agter haar ook.

You could hear these threats? ---Ja; hulle was baie hard uitgeskree.

When you were standing on top of the saracens? ---Ja.

I take it, if you had shouted back equally loudly, they would have been able to hear you? --- Ek glo darenie. Hulle was baie bymekaar.

You could hear them? ---Ja.

And then presumably they could have heard you, if you had shouted at them? ---Moontlik. Tensy 'n ander een in sy oer skree.

Particularly if you had a loudspeaker? ---Ja; moontlik.

I am interested in your statement that when

Col. Pienaar's motor car arrived, some members of the crowd tried to get in? ---Ja.

The gates were opened for his motor car? --- Dit is reg.

The crowd could have followed right after his motor car. Is that what they did? ---Nie die hele massa mense soos hulle gestaan het nie; net die voorste gedeelte het ingestom.

About how many? ---Nee, ek het geen idee hoeveel ontrent nie.

Was it a big crowd, or just a small group? --- Dit was 'n hele klomp.

I know it is very hard to give numbers but is it the sort of crowd you would measure in units or tens or fifties? --- Seker by die vyftig, sou ek sê; dit kon meer gewees het, seker na 100 of 150 ook; maar ek het geen idee hoeveel nie.

Who managed to push these out? --- Daar was Polisiebeambtes by die hek gewees. Party was in privaat-klere. Ek weet nie of dit speurders was wat daar was nie.

Do you know how many Policemen there were in the whole station at that time? ---Nee.

There were 130 white Policemen and about 70 or 75 Non-Europeans, I understand. I take it it did not require all of those to push this crowd out? ---Nee, dit sou nie.

Just the few people standing at the gate? --- Die klompie wat by die hek was, ja.

They did not find it very difficult? ---Hulle het moete ondervind om dit te doen, maar hulle het dit reggekry.

What really stopped these people from rushing right into the Police Station grounds and overwhelming the Police? ---Nee, ek weet nie.

If they really wanted to get in? ---Ja; as almal saam gestorm het, dan het hulle seker ingegaan.

There was really nothing to stop them if they wanted to? ---Ja.

It is obvious, then, that they did not really want to get into the grounds to fight the Police? --- Daar was soveel dat die agterstes nie kon sien wat aangaan nie. Die voorstes wou miskien storm. Die agterstes sou ook gestorm het as hulle gesien het die voorstes storm.

Perhaps those in front did not really want to rush the Police at all and they could not help themselves? --- Dan sou hulle ongedraai het toe hulle teruggedruk was.

And did they turn round? ---Nee; hulle het nog gesukkel om in te kom.

They struggled to get in? --- Dit is reg.

I am asking you again, what stopped them? ---Net die Polisiebeamptes wat daar was.

The few people standing at the gate?---Ja.

Did they use any weapons to do so? ---Nee. Ek het nie gesien dat hulle wapens gebruik nie.

Did they use batons? ---Nie seker ek weet nie.

Bayonets? --- Nie seker ek weet nie.

Stunbats? ---Nee.

They just pushed them back? --- Ja.

It can't have been a very serious threat? --- Die hekke is maar smal. Daar kan nie veel op'n slag deur die hekke gaan nie.

Only about 150, you said? --- As hulle agter mekaar is; nie as hulle langsmekaar is nie.

All in this group? ---Ja.

At any rate, then we can leave it at that. The Police officials at the gate were able to push these people back? --- Dit is reg, ja.

And then, what did they do; did they hang onto the gate? Did they stand at the gate - the Policemen? --- Daar was 'n paar by die hekke. Ek is nie seker hoeveel nie.

We were told there were two Bantu constables at the gate? --- Ek weet nie hoeveel daar was nie.

What I mean is, the Police did not stand holding the gate closed? ---Nee.

They just closed the gate and they left it? --- Hulle het die haak opgesit en daar het twee bly staan, dat niemand die hek oopmaak nie, dink ek.

But of course, if this crowd outside had wanted to open that gate, they could have opened it? ---Ja; hulle kon seker.

Of course just by lifting the latch? ---Ja.

But that did not happen? ---Nee; dit het nie.

You thought the crowd was rather thick on the West side - actually standing in the street? ---Ja.

But you don't claim they blocked the whole street? --- Hulle was tot eorkant, soos ek u gesê het, die kliniek. Maar daar was hulle nie teenmekaar nie; hulle was meer versprei.

But in the street itself? --- Ek weet nie hoe diep hulle gestaan het, of hulle vas gestaan het of binne-in die straat of hoe vas hulle gestaan het nie.

But the street itself was not blocked up? ---Nee.
Die hele straat was vol mense.

I wonder if I could show you a photograph in the exhibit book. I haven't a copy here. I want you to look at Exh. "CGC". That is a photograph taken of that street on the West side of the Police Station. It is taken looking from South to North; in other words, the photographer would be looking more or less in the direction in which you were with your saracens. Do you see that photograph? ---Ja.

Well, now, the street there is not full, is it? ---
Nie op hierdie plek waar hierdie foto geneem is nie.

Do you think that at the time that you were there, there were more people than this in the street, or is this more or less how it looked to you? ---Hierdie foto is maar van 'n baie klein gedeelte van die skare geneem wat daar was.

I am talking about that street - does that seem to you the way it was when you saw it, or do you think, now, judging by your memory, that there were more people along that street? Think back to the time when you arrived there in your saracens. Supposing you had gone to that corner and looked down the street, do you think you would have seen more or less the same site as appears on that photograph? ---Ja, toe ons daar gekom het.

It was like that? ---Ja.

You were not hit by the stones? ---Nee.

Of course, if there was any man who was a natural target for a stone, it would have been yourself, standing on top, there? ---Ja.

NO FURTHER QUESTIONS.

HERVERHOOR DEUR MNR. CLAASSEN: Ek wil hê jy moet weer na hierdie foto's kyk. "T" en "U" - het u nog nie die stengeweer voor u nie? ---Nee.

Kyk na "T" - kyk na "V"; daar het jy die stengeweer voor jou? --- Dit is reg.

Ek dink dit is klaarblyklik dat jy heelwat hoër staan as die skare? --- Dit is reg.

Indien jy op daardie oomblik sees jy daar so gestaan het, moes geskiet het, watter rigting sou jy in skiet; na die mense wat hier voor jou staan, wat dig staan, of die wat ver af weghardloop? --- Volgens die hoogte wat die masjiengeweer wys ...

Nee, jy verstaan nie my vraag nie. Toe die skare daar so gestaan het wat jy daar sien, na watter mense sou jy geskiet het as jy moes skiet? --- Ek - as ek my diskresie moes gebruik het en geskiet het?

Ja? --- Die hier by die draad.

Kan jy sê dat daar by die - is daardie stengeweer op die mense gerig daar voor jou? ---Nee; dit is nie.

Kyk weer na die stengeweer. Is dit op mense gerig? --- Dit is gladnie op mense gerig nie.

Hoekom sê jy dit? --- Dit is heeltemal te hoog om na mense te wys. Volgens ek kan aflei van die foto, is daardie stengeweer waterpas, min of meer, en die hoogte wat ek gestaan het, sou dit baie hoog oor die mense gevuur het as dit gevuur moes gewees het.

Kyk na die foto's een vir een, daar. Kan jy in die ander foto's die loop van die stengeweer hoognaam sien, of nie? --- Nee.

Kan dit van een van daardie foto's gesê word dat dit op die foto wys dat die stengeweer op die skare

gerig was? --- Soos ek kan aflei, volgens die foto's, wys die stengeweer nie op een plek na die skare nie. Ek meen, binne-in die skare nie; bo-oor miskien, maar nie binne-in die skare nie.

Jy kan sien jou arms, op daardie foto, is voor jou en jy is besig om 'n stengeweer vas te hou? --- Dit is reg.

Daar kon nie iets anders gewees het wat jy vasgehou het nie? --- Nee; ek glo nie. Ek weet nie van iets anders wat ek sou vasgehou het nie.

Dit moet die stengeweer wees? --- Dit is reg.

Van die foto's kan dit gesien word of daardie stengeweer op die mense gerig is? --- In die rigting van die mense, of definitief op die mense?

Op hulle gerig - gemik op hulle? --- Nee; ek sê eerlik sê dat volgens die hoogte wat die loop wys op die foto's waar 'n mens die loop kan sien, was dit nie die geval nie - soos hier op "T"; dit lyk of die vuurwapen baie hoër as die mense wys.

Jy het twee antwoorde aan my gelerde vriend gegee wat ek graag wil hê jy moet vereenselwig, as dit vereenselwig kan word. Eerstens het jy gesê dat jy al jou patrone ingehandig het? --- Dit is reg.

Tweedens het jy erken, die moontlikheid dat jy nag geskiet het. Hoe vereenselwig jy die twee antwoorde? --- Ek kan nie met sekerheid sê - ek kan by voorbeeld nie onthou, ek weet nie dat ek op enige oomblik geskiet het nie. Ek is seker dat ek nie geskiet het nie, maar soos die mense dit gestel het, die manier waarop hy dit gestel het, wou dit blyk asof ek moontlik kon geskiet het.

Goed; as jy moontlik kon geskiet het, waar kon

jy meentlik die patrone vandaan gekry het? ---Op geen manier nie. Net die patrone waarmee ek uitgereik is - daar is geen ander manier om patrone te kry nie; net die wat aan jou uitgereik word.

DIE VOORSITTER: Kan jy sten-geweer patrone koop by 'n gewone ammunisiehandelaar? ---Nee; ek glo nie jy kan nie.

HERVERHOOR HERVAT: Kyk 'n bietjie na jou eerste verklaring wat jy daar gemaak het. Het jy daarin gesê dat jy op 'n saracen gestaan het? ---Nee; dit is nie gesê of ek op die saracen gestaan het nie. Op hierdie oomblik het ek regtig gereken dat dit in my verklaring was.

DIE VOORSITTER: Ek het jou 'n vraag gevra of jy die stengeweer gelaai het te enige tyd? ---Ja.

As ek my reg herinner, het jy gesê jy het dit gelaai nadat jy op die saracen gestaan het, en toe het jy die stengeweer voor jou neorgesit? --- Ja, ek kan my voorstel voor die skietery, ek dink dit was nadat die kërrels ingeval het, of ek weet ook nie op watter tyd-stip nie. Ek kan my herinner dat ek 'n magasyn ingedruk het in die masjiengeweer.

In die verklaring het jy blykbaar 'n ander herinnering gehad oor die laai. Jy het gesê "ek het dit" - dit is die stengeweer" - "nie op enige stadium gelaai of gevuur nie". Wat is die posisie? --- Ek dink ek het dit gelaai, maar ek weet dit was nie oorgehaal toe dit daar gelê het nie, op die saracen nie.

Blykbaar op 10 April en op 8 Mei, op beide geleent-hede, het u gesê dat u die stengeweer nie gelaai het nie. Wat is die korrekte posisie? --- Ek weet regtig nie. Ek is nie seker of ek dit gelaai het, of nie gelaai het nie.

Somsyds - ek het nou maar net, toe ek gevra was, my verbeel dat ek dit wel gelaai het.

Laat ek net mooi verstaan - na die skietery, hoe lank het jy toe op Sharpeville gebly? --- Ons het vanaf die 21e tot Woensdag die 23e, die middag vanhier vertrek, weer.

Gedurende al daardie tyd, was jy daar as lid van die bemanning van 'n saracen? --- Dit is reg.

En vandaar se jy is jy Kliptown-toe? --- Dit is reg.

Nog met die saracen? --- Dit is reg.

Wat was die eerste geleentheid gewees dat eerstens jy self jou ammunisie nagegaan het? --- Dit was op Kliptown gewees.

Met watter doel? --- Die betrokke speurder-sersant wat toe gewerk het met die ondersoek van die saak, het op Kliptown gekom en toe het hy hierdie lys wat se dat ek 35 patrone geskiet, en konst. Steinberg en le Roux, wat toe afkomstig is van ons Stasiebevelvoerder - toe se hy vir my volgens daardie rapport het ek geskiet, ek moet 'n verklaring maak in hierdie verband. Maar toe se ek vir die speurder-sersant, Coetsee, ek het absoluut nie geskiet nie; ek weet hier nie hoe iemand so'n rapport kan insit nie. Ek weet nie seker of speurder-sersant Coetsee daardie dag my patrone getel het of nagegaan het nie. Maar daarna het kapt. Brummer my laat roep - 'n paar dae of moontlik 'n week daarna.

Op daardie dag, het jy self jou patrone - die dag toe speurder-sersant Coetsee by jou gekom het ...? --- Toe het ek self my patrone daar gehad; almal was daar gewees - sewe magasyns bevatte 28 patrone elk.

Waar was hulle toe gewees; was hulle nog in jou

besit? —Nog altyd in die hawersak, binne-in die saracen.

Maar het jy dit toe aan speurder-sersant Coetzee getoon? — Ek kan nie onthou nie, maar ek glo nie hy het vir my gevra vir my patrone nie. Hy het net 'n verklaring van my gevat, as ek reg kan onthou. Ek glo nie hy het gevra vir patrone nie.

En daarna, wat was die volgende geleentheid geweest dat die kwessie van jou patrone weer opgehaal is? — Dit is na daardie verklaring van my in is. Toe is dit nou teenstrydig met die hoofkonstabel se rapport en toe het Newlands se distrikskommandant in verbinding getree met kapt. Brummer en kapt. Brummer het my laat roep saam met konst. le Roux na sy kantoor-toe. Teryyl hy besig was op die telefoon met die distrikskommandant - ek weet nie, die distrikskommandant het hom natuurlik vrae gevra, en hy het vir my gevra of ek geskiet het, en ek het vir hom gesê nee en hy het vir my gevra hoeveel patrone ek in my besit het, en daar is die patrone ook getel.

Wie het dit getel? —Kapt. Brummer het dit nie self getel nie. Toe was sers. Durandt, die senior sersant op die saracens - hy was by toe die patrone getel is.

U sê dit was drie weke later dat u weer die patrone ingehandig het?— Dit is reg.

Aan wie was dit toe gegee? — Ek dink dit was sers. Havenga, by die klagtekantoor op Newlands. Ek is nie presies seker nie, maar ek dink dit was sers. Havenga gegee.

MR. KENTRIDGE (THROUGH THE CHAIRMAN): Constable,
I just want to put to you something that Capt. Brummer said in his evidence here. I will just read to you

his evidence. He was asked: "After the shooting, did you check up as to which of your men had fired their guns? --- Ek het dit nie gedoen nie". "Do you know how many of your men fired? --- Ek weet gladnie; behalwe die vier sersante wat die masjiengewere beman het". "Those did not shoot? ---Hulle het definitief nie een enkele ronde gevuur nie". And then he goes on to say that no report was made to him about the number of rounds fired. "Did you not find out whether any of the men under your command fired? --- Ek het nie".

He explains that he also stayed in Sharpeville until the 23rd and he is asked "So you never found out how many rounds your men fired? --- Ek het nie". And then his Lordship, the Chairman, put it to him: "Weet u vandag nog nie? --- Ek weet vandag nog nie hoeveel rondes my manne geskiet het nie, wat saam met my in die sarasens gekom het". I started reading at page 816 and went on to page 817.

Now, I thought I should just read that to you and ask whether you have any comments on that? ---Nee; ek het niks daarop te sê nie. As hy nie weet hoeveel patrone daar gevuur was nie, dan weet hy dit nie.

But at any rate, he would have known something about it. He must have investigated how many you fired, how many le Roux fired? --- Soes ek gesê het, die dag dat ek by hom in die kantoor was, ek en konst. le Roux ...

All I am suggesting is that this evidence here suggests that he made no investigation of the number of rounds which any of his men fired? ---Onderzoek het hy nie gedoen nie maar vir my en konst. le Roux het hy laat roep na sy kantore, juis omdat die distrikakommandant toe wou weet of ons geskiet het, en of ons nie geskiet

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B.J. THERON
Hooftgetuigde.

het nie.

BAREND JOHANNES THERON, beëdig, verklaar:

VERHOOR DEUR MNR. CLAASSEN: U is 'n konstabel in die Suid-Afrikaanse Polisie en u is gestasioneer te Kroonstad (?) ? — Dit is reg.

Op die 21e Maart van hierdie jaar, het jy in 'n troepedraer oor gekom na Sharpeville lokasie? — Nee; in 'n saracen.

DIE VOORSITTER: Party mense noem dit 'n troepedraer. Waar is hierdie instruksies oor julle gegee?

VERHOOR HERVAT: Wie was in bevel van die troepedraer? — Kapt. Brunner was in bevel.

Het julle met drie saracens gekom? — Met drie saracens.

Waar is die saracens opgestel wat jy mee gekom het? — Ek kan nie met sekerheid sê in watter rigting, van Oos na Wes nie.

Weet jy, soos julle by die groot hek ingekom het? — Ja.

Van die Polisiestasie? — Ja.

As julle op die Polisiestasie se gronde na die hek sou staan en kyk, sou dit aan die linkerkant wees, of op die regterkant? — Op die regterkant.

Kyk na die foto's — Bewysstuk "Bl" (dat hierdie saracens op aan) ongeveer ses tree vanaf die Noordelike heining van die Polisiestasie gestaan het? — Dit is reg.

Hoe ver van die gebou self? — So 8 vt.

Ken jy vir konst. Sneigans? — Ja.

Was hy in 'n ander saracen? ---Hy was in 'n ander saracen.

Toe julle daar aangekom het, het julle in die saracen gebly, of het julle uitgeklim? ---Ons het uitgeklim.

Het jy die bevel gehoor om aan te tree? ---Ja; dit was alleenlik bedoel vir die manne wat gekom het met die vragmotors, toe.

Hoekom sê jy dit? ---Ons kaptein Brummer wat oor ons in bevel was, het instruksies aan ons gegee om by die saracens te bly.

Waar is hierdie instruksies aan julle gegee? --- By Sharpeville.

Nadat die linie opgestel was? ---Ja.

Hy het gesê julle moet by die saracens bly? ---Ja.

Dat julle nie moet aantree met die ander nie, het dit gemeen? ---Ja.

Hoe was jy gewapen? ---Met 'n .38 rewolwer.

DIE VOORSITTER: Is dit al wat jy gehad het? --- Dit is al, ja.

En tydens die skietery, waar het jy gestaan? --- Ek het bo-op die saracen gestaan.

Die hele tyd, vanaf die skietery begin het tot dit geëindig het? --- Dit is reg.

Kyk na die foto's - Bewysstuk "T", eerstens. Kan jy jouself daar uitken op die foto? --- (Getuie toon aan).

DIE VOORSITTER: Is jy die man - is dit 'n oorpak?

--- Dit is reg.

Aan die linkerkant van Bewysstuk "T", bo-op die saracen onmiddellik langs die Browning masjiengeweer? ---

Dit is reg.

VERHOOR HERVAT' Staans jy op die saracoen waarmee jy gekom het, daar? ---Ja.

Staans daar anders saam met jou op die saracoen?
--- Daar staans wel, maar ek kan nie uitmaak wie dit is nie.

Hoeveel staans daar op jou saracoen? --- Ek kan drie sien.

Staans daar mense op die ander saracoen wat ook op die foto is? ---Ja.

Hoeveel staans daar? --- Ek neem aan daar is ook drie.

Jy neem aan, of kan jy sien daar is drie? --- Wel, twee kan ek duidelik sien, en die een se kop kan ek net sien.

Kan jy op daardie foto enigiemand anders uitken behalwe jouself? ---Ja.

Wie? --- Konst. Snelgans.

Watter een is hy? ---Hy staans met sy rug na die fotograaf.

Kyk op "U". Het jy jou vuurwapen gebruik vanwaar jy gestaan het op die saracoen? ---Ja.

Jou rewolwer? ---Ja.

Hoeveel skote het jy geskiet? --- Twee skote.

In watter rigting het jy geskiet? --- Ek kan nie sê in watter rigting nie.

Het jy op die mense gemik? ---Nee.

Hoe het jy geskiet? --- Ek het in die lug op geskiet.

Het jy aan die begin van die skietery geskiet, meer of min in die middel of aan die einde?--- Dit was meer of min in die middel.

En waarom het jy twee skote in die lug geskiet? --- Dit het my voorgekom of die mense, die Bantoes weer wou omdraai, en toe het ek twee skote in die lug op geskiet om hulle skrik te maak.

As jy kyk na die foto's, "T", "U", "V", "W", "X" en "Y" - hier is ses van hulle - sal jy kan uitmaak op die foto's, of een van hulle aantoon die moment dat jy geskiet het? --- Op heelwat foto's is daar wat hulle omkyk, weer. Ek kan nie sien dat hulle stilstaan en probeer omdraai nie.

Nee, ek vra of daar enige van die foto's is waarop dit duidelik is dat jy besig is om te skiet? --- Op foto's "T" en "X".

Lyk dit vir jou duidelik of jy op daardie foto's besig is om te skiet? --- Dit is reg.

Het jy gesien, terwyl jy op die saracens gestaan het, dat daar mense op die ander saracens in jou nabyheid ook gestaan het? ---Ja.

Was jy bewus daarvan? ---Ja.

Was jy bewus van enigiemand wat bo-op die saracens gestaan het met 'n stengeweer? ---Nee.

Was jy bewus van enige ander skote wat van enige van die saracens gevuur word deur van die manne wat daarop gestaan het, behalwe uself? ---Nee.

Kon dit gebeur het sonder dat jy daarvan bewus was of kan jy seker wees dat jy die enigste een was wat geskiet het? ---Nee; dit kan gebeur dat hulle geskiet het, maar wat ek van weet, nie.

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HOOGESKOLE
KRUISVERHOOR

Kan dit gebeur het dat selfs met 'n stengeweer
geskiet was sonder dat jy bewus gewees het daarvan? ---

Ja.

GEEN VERDERE VRAE NIE.

CROSS-EXAMINED BY MR. KENTRIDGE: You said you
were afraid that the crowd might turn round again, so
you fired your two shots into the air to frighten them?

--- Dit is reg.

The crowd did not turn round again, did it? ---Nee.

Do you know what happened to your two shots? ---
Wel, seker ek weet, het ek in die lug op geskiet.

Yes, but do you know where they went? Having
gone up, they had to come down, I suppose? --- Ja;
dit kon oor die skare gewees het.

Do you mean it could have just fallen right
beyond the crowd? --- In die rigting, op die foto seos
ek my rewolwer hou, moes die skote bo-oor hulle gegaan
het.

Where do you think they would have landed -in
some private house in Sharpeville? ---Nee; die grond is
redelik wyd uitgestrek en dit sou geval het voordat dit
die huise bereik het.

Do you mean on that open piece of ground? ---Ja.

I have a photograph here of a woman lying dead
on the open piece of ground, and I will show you a
photograph which shows where she was shot (Enhs. "HM"
and "GG"). Look at this; do you think perhaps your
bullet caused that? ---Nee; dit is onmoontlik.

Why is it impossible? ---'n Rewolwer se koeël
wat af kom sou nie so'n wond kon maak nie.
You don't know, though, do you? --- Nee.

Do you think a revolver bullet would not make such a dreadful wound? --- No.

What sort of wound does it make? --- Dit kan 'n .303 wees.

Do you think a revolver makes a wound that would kill? --- Yes.

MR. CLAASSEN: He said a revolver bullet that comes down.

GROSS-EXAMINATION CONTINUED: Do you think it would not have done that? --- Yes.

What do you think it would have done? --- Dit moet 'n .303 wees.

What do you think a revolver bullet coming down would do; you don't think it would have killed that person -- you don't suggest it would not have killed anyone? --- Yes.

But you did not observe whether it anyone or not? --- Yes.

It might have? --- Ja; dit mag.

It might have hit some man? --- Sees ek wel sê, dit moes boeter hulle gegaan het.

But if it went to the other side of the street, it -- there might have been a man there who was running away? --- Ja; maar 'n koell trek baie vinniger dan mens kan hardloop; daarom dat ek sê dat dit bo-oor hulle gegaan het.

So it might perhaps have hit some child who was standing on the other side of the field just looking on to see what was happening? --- Ek glo nie daar het kinders gestaan nie. Almal het by die draad gestaan.

You don't know, though, do you? --- Yes.

Sover dit my aangaan, was daar nie nense wat so wyd gestaan het nie.

But you did not look? --- Ek het gekyk.

And you fired where there was no-one standing? --- Dit is wat ek sê; ek het in die lug op geskiet.

You did not aim anywhere in particular? --- Nee.

Don't your standing orders say that you must not fire in the air over the heads of the crowd because you may injure innocent people? --- Ja; maar hierdie geval was anders.

Why? --- Dit was so'n verwarring, en ek het ook maar net geskiet omdat skiet skiet is.

That is really the answer; everyone else was shooting, and you shot, also? --- Ja.

It is not because you were afraid that the crowd would turn back; there was tremendous confusion. Other people were shooting, so you thought you would also shoot? --- Wel, dit het vir my voorgeken dat hulle wou omdraai.

As a possibility? --- Ja.

But they did not? --- Nee.

You were on a saracen? --- Ja.

The saracen had a machine gun? --- Ja.

Do you think the crowd would have come back into the face of the Browning machine guns on the saracens? --- Ek weet nie of hulle bewus was van daardie masjiengeweer nie.

At any rate, there was great confusion there? --- Ja.

If other people had not been firing, would you have fired? --- Definitief nie.

Without an order? ---Nee.

You say you would definitely not have fired if other people had also not fired? ---Ja. Ek sou gewag het vir 'n bevel.

So the point is, you only fired because other people were firing? --- Ek sê nie dit nie. Jy gebruik jou eie diskresie daar.

And that is what you were doing? ---Ja.

Where were these people who you thought might turn back? --- You saw some people and you thought they might turn back; where were they? Look at Exh. "g" which shows you shooting. Where are these people who you regarded as a potential danger to your saracens and to the rest of you? Are those the young girls in the foreground or the children on the right of the photograph, or the man on the bicycle or the woman with the umbrella? Where did the danger come from? --- Hier waar die kar op die foto staan. Daar het hulle heelwat saangedrom.

Is that Exh. "v"? Are you seriously suggesting that you thought there was a threat that the people near the motor car on the righthand side of the photograph might turn round and come and attack the Police? --- Heel moontlik.

And that is why you fired two shots? --- Dit is reg.

You say there was a crowd round that car; what was that crowd doing? --- Ek sal u sê, dit het vir my voorgekom of hulle wou stilstaan, daar.

Standing still in order to get under cover of the motor car, perhaps - that is a possibility? --- Ek sê nie dit nie. Soos dit vir my voorkom, wou hulle omgedraai het.

Without an order? ---Nee.

You say you would definitely not have fired if other people had also not fired? ---Ja. Ek sou gewag het vir 'n bevel.

So the point is, you only fired because other people were firing? --- Ek sê nie dit nie. Jy gebruik jou eie diskresie daar.

And that is what you were doing? ---Ja.

Where were these people who you thought might turn back? --- You saw some people and you thought they might turn back; where were they? Look at Exh. "3" which shows you shooting. Where are these people who you regarded as a potential danger to your saracens and to the rest of you? Are those the young girls in the foreground or the children on the right of the photograph, or the man on the bicycle or the woman with the umbrella? Where did the danger come from? --- Hier waar die kar op die foto staan. Daar het hulle heelwat saangedrom.

Is that Exh. "V"? Are you seriously suggesting that you thought there was a threat that the people near the motor car on the righthand side of the photograph might turn round and come and attack the Police? --- Heel moontlik.

And that is why you fired two shots? --- Dit is reg.

You say there was a crowd round that car; what was that crowd doing? --- Ek sal u sê, dit het vir my voorgekom of hulle wou stilstaan, daar.

Standing still in order to get under cover of the motor car, perhaps - that is a possibility? --- Ek sê nie dit nie. Soos dit vir my voorkom, wou hulle omgedraai het.

But what were they doing? They were standing there? You said it looked to you as though they were going to turn around. How do people look when they are going to turn around? I want to know what they were doing? ---Hulle was wel aan die weghardloop maar daar het hulle asper tot stilstand gekom.

Perhaps they thought that as there was no danger and no possible thought of danger, on that side, they might have reached safety? --- Wel, ek sal nie dit sê nie; aangesien al hulle maats weggehardloop het, sien ek nie die nodigheid hoekom hulle ook nie weggehardloop het nie.

- you shot
In other words, you stopped/because they stopped running? ---Ja.

So then one can only suggest that it is fortunate that more people did not stop running. I would like you to look at some more photographs, if you would.

DIE VOORSITTER: Dit is vir my nog nie heeltemal duidelik nie. Kyk na Bewysstuk "B1" - in watter rigting het u geskiet? Het jy albei skote in 'n Noord-Westelike rigting gevuur? --- Dit is reg.

CROSS-EXAMINATION CONTINUED: I wonder if you would just have a look at Exh. "T" - that shows you standing looking more or less to the North-West; right? --- Dit is reg.

Then, in the next one, Exh. "U", you are looking, now, to the West? --- Dit is reg.

Then, the next one - we have to go back to Exh. "E". There you turned round almost completely, looking towards the West? --- Ja.

Now, if we come to Exh. "V" and "W", there it seems that you turned round again? --- Dit is reg.

You are now facing North and you ...? --- Dit is reg.

So it must have been some time after the shooting had started? --- Dit is reg.

Now, look again at Exh. "P", the first one. Our evidence is that that was taken after the shooting started. Do you agree with that? I take it the crowd did not start to run away before the shooting, or did they? ---Nee.

The crowd is running away, so the shooting must have started. Then, on the next two photographs, the crowd is still running away? ---Ja.

Now, if you look at Exh. "E", you will see that there are a few people who in the middle of the photograph seem to be standing right near the front of your saracen? --- Dit is reg.

You did not regard these as any danger to you? --- Toe die ander begin hardloop, dit was 'n paar skote wat geknal het, toe het almal begin hardloop.

So these people in front were not a danger? --- Ek sê nie dit nie.

And in fact, these people on the North side, you had never regarded them as a danger to you; there were very few of them? --- Ek sê nie dit nie.

What do you say? --- Toe hulle sien die skote word aan die ander kant gevuur, was hulle nog nuuskierig, en daarom het hulle nog 'n bietjie ge-"hesitate" om te kyk en toe het hulle ook begin hardloop.

And so, as we see from these first three photographs, you took your attention away from them completely; you looked to see what was happening on the

West? --- Dit is reg.

And then later on you turned round again to see what was happening in the North? ---Ja.

These people who were on the North - you know what I mean by the North? ---Ja.

There has been no evidence that those people ever made any sort of attack on the Police? --- Ek is nie bewus daarvan nie.

But as far as you are concerned, you did not see people on the North side make any sort of attack on the Police? ---Is dit nou gedurende die weghardlopery? --- (N.P.) No; before. Look at the people on the North. The people who we see in this first photograph, here, Exh. "B". Do you see these people standing near your saracens on this side. You don't suggest that they had made any sort of attack on you? ---Hulle het wel net so geskree soos die ander.

They shouted, but they did not make any attack on you. They did not try to get over the fence? --- Hulle het wel teen die draad geleun. Hulle het nie probeer oorklim nie.

They did not try to push it down? ---Hulle het.

Can you tell us why these people here are just standing calmly on the saracens in the first photograph, Exh. "T", paying no attention to the men standing at the fence? ---U meen die Polisieanne?

Yes? --- Ek kan nie sê nie.

Have a look at Exh. "E" again; that is the clearest one. That shows there were many people in the crowd who had not yet started to run away, but none-theless none of you Police on the saracens are

taking any notice of them; correct? ---Ja; daar waar ek staan het 'n sermant agter die masjiengeweer gesit.

So he was in a position to stop any sort of attack?
--- Van hierdie kant af.

And consequently, there was no reason for you to be worried about that side? --- Ek sal nie dit sê nie.

But you thought you could leave it to the sergeant at the browning? ---Ja.

You don't suggest that the crowd would have attacked in the face of the browning? -- Ek sal nie dit sê nie.

There is no need for us to take this any further. The point is that the only reason you can give for two revolver shots, is that a section of the crowd which had run away and which you did not see actually attacking you at any stage, a section of that crowd had stopped running? --- Ja.

Would you have a look at this photograph where you are seen shooting - Exh. "W". The two other men on the photograph also appear to be shooting. I am not asking you to say whether they are. I say they also appear to be shooting, just as you appear to be shooting? --- Ja.

On the right there is a man stretching out his hand just as you were. I take it he was also shooting? --- Wel, ek kan dit nie sê nie.

That is what it looks like? Is that right? --- Ja.

After you fired your two shots, what did you do? --- Ek het my rewolwer in my hand gehou; Toe ek sien hulle begin almal hardloop, het ek dit weggesit.

How did you stop after your second shot? --- Ek het net gesien dit is nie nodig om verder te vuur nie.

What were the people in the crowd doing? ---Hulle was besig om te hardloop.

They all ran away? ---Ja.

Just look at - I suppose there was a tremendous noise going on? --- Dit is reg.

Of shooting; of sten guns, rifles, revolvers? --- Ja.

You were not even certain whether the other men on the saracens were firing, because of the general noise? ---Ja.

Who started the firing; do you know? ---Nee.

Could you not hear where it came from? ---Ja.

Where did it come from? ---

DIE VOORSITTER: Was daar eers enkelskote, of was dit 'n sarsie van die begin af? --- Dit was 'n sarsie. Daar was eers 'n paar skote, en toe was daar 'n sarsie.

Waar het die paar skote vandaan gekom, sever jy kan onthou? --- Dit was aan die heel regterkant van die groot hek.

Van die Polisie, of iemand anders? --- Ek neem aan dit was die Polisie wat geskiet het.

CROSS-EXAMINATION CONTINUED: We have just heard evidence from Const. Sneigans - you know him? ---Ja.

He was standing there; he said it was so noisy that he could not tell whether you had fired your revolver or not. Is that possible? --- Dit is moontlik.

Just as you could not tell whether he had fired his sten gun? ---Ja.

Are you seriously that the people who were sitting or standing, rather, at the motor car, fifty or sixty

or 100 yards away from you, would have known that you had fired two shots over their heads? --- Ek kan dit nie sê nie.

All they would have been aware of, was this tremendous noise of firing? --- Dit mag wees.

How on earth do you suggest that your two shots fired in the air was going to deter that group of men if they had not already been deterred by the sound of all the firing? --- Ek dink twee skote daarby maak nog 'n groter geraas.

By firing into the air? ---Ja.

You think they would have noticed that, through all the noise? --- Ek sal nie dit sê nie. Ek sal wel sê, dit help nog die geraas groter maak.

I don't want to be unfair to you, but I am bound to make to you the suggestion that all that really happened was that everyone was firing at the crowd. You were not quite sure what was happening and you thought you had better have a couple of shots? --- Ek reken nie dit nie.

You would not go as far as that? ---Nee.

But it is more or less like that? --- Ek sou nie kan sê nie.

Have you any idea how long the shooting went on? --- Ek sou sê omtrent 20 sekondes.

How long had it been going on when you fired your two shots? --- Ongeveer 5 of 10 sekondes; ek kan nie net sekerheid sê nie.

And then you fired your two shots and then you stopped firing because there was no longer any need for that? --- Ja.

And the shooting went on after that? ---Ja.

Do you know why? --- Ek kan nie sê nie.

The previous Witness estimated the length of shooting at about 20 to 30 seconds. Would that seem to you to be reasonable? --- Soos ek kan sê, dit was ongeveer 20 sekondes.

Certainly it could not have been ten seconds? --- Ek glo nie.

On the side where you were, you say people were leaning against the fence? --- Ja.

Did they push it over? --- Orals teen die draad het mense geleun en hulle het probeer die draad platdruk.

On the North side? ---Ja.

And was the wire pushed over to some extent before the shooting on the North side? ---Ja.

About how much? --- Omtrent 90 grade.

Well, just explain; supposing this was the fence, was it over like this, or like this? --- (Witness indicates) Omtrent so.

In other words, you think it was slightly pushed over about 10 degrees off the vertical? ---Ja.

You came from Rosebank Station? --- Dit is reg.

You were under Capt. Brunner? --- Dit is reg.

After you had fired, I take it you had to report to someone that you had fired? --- Dit is reg.

To whom did you report? --- Sers. Durandt.

He is the sergeant in charge of the sarnoen? --- Die sarnoen waarop ek was.

And did you report to your own station commander?
--- Ek het hom in 'n lang tyd nie gesien nie.

So you only reported to Sergt. Durandt. Did you draw two more rounds? --- Ek het wel op die stasie getrek, al.

Today in the witness box you have been shown certain photographs of yourself standing and shooting. When did you first see those photographs? ---Hulle het 'n verklaring van my genees en toe moes ek myself uitwys, maar ek kan nie die spesifieke datum sê wanneer dit was nie.

How long ago; just a few days ago?

DIE VOORSITTER: Dieselfde dag dat jy 'n verklaring gemaak het? --- Dit is reg.

Wat was die datum?

CROSS-EXAMINATION CONTINUED: 7th May? --- Dit is reg.

Had you made a statement before that? ---Ja.

In your statement had you said that you had fired? ---Ja.

Two shots? ---Ja.

Had you stated, then, in your original statement, that you were standing on top of the saracen? --- Die eerste een?

Yes? --- Ek is nie seker nie.

In the statement you made, did you say that you had fired into the air - the first statement you made? --- Ek is nie seker nie.

You don't remember? ---Nee, ek weet nie.

In your second statement, were you asked whether you had fired into the air or anywhere else? ---

Ja.

And did you say so? ---Ja.

Were you not told to sit inside your saracens?

---Nee.

When you first arrived at the Police Station, your saracens were stoned? --- Ja.

You were still in your saracens? ---Yes.

But when you got there, you stood on top of your saracens? --- Dit is reg.

And you were there during the shooting and also for some time before the shooting: is that right? ---
Ons het daar rondgeloop.

But you also stood on top of the saracens for some time before the shooting? --- Dit was 'n klein rukkie voor die skietery dat ek op die saracens geklim het.

Do you know where Capt. Brummer was just before the shooting? ---Nee.

But you had had an order from Capt. Brummer that you must not line up. You must stay with your saracens? ---Ja.

Presumably Capt. Brummer would have seen you and the other men standing on top of the saracens? ---Yes.

Have you ever discussed this with Capt. Brummer - the question of how many rounds you fired and why you fired? ---Nee.

He did not ask you about it? ---Nee.

NO FURTHER QUESTIONS.

HEEVEERHOOF DEUR MNR. CLAASSEN: U moet tog weet of u twee verklaarings gemaak het in verband met die gebeure, of net een? --- Ek het twee gemaak.

DIE VOORSITTER: Aan wie was die eerste?
--- Aan sers. Pieterse.

HERVERHOOR HERVAT: Wat is Pieterse? ---
Eersteklas-sersant Pieterse van Rosebank.

Ja, maar wat het hy - vir watter doel het hy
die verklaring geneem? --- Ek was op Kliptown en toe het
hy daar gekom en die verklaring daar van sy geneem.

DIE VOORSITTER: Oor wat; wat het hy spesifiek
ondersoek? --- Dit was ook met die skietery te Sharpe-
ville.

Was sy vraag net oor hoeveel patrone geskiet
is, of het dit gehandel oor die hele voorval by
Sharpeville? --- Dit het gehandel oor die hele voorval.

Ek wil u net besonderlik vra; het u te enige
tyd gesien of daar klippe gegooi is? ---Ja.

Wanneer? --- Net voor die skietery begin het.

Hoe ernstig was die klipgooiery? --- Daar was
- wat ek gesien het, het 'n hele klomp klippe uit die
skare gekom na die Polisie, en 'n aantal klippe het ook
ons saraden waarop ek gestaan het, getref.

Het jy te enige tyd gehoor of daar enige bevel
gegee is dat geskiet moet word? --- Ek het wel die bevel
gehoor. Ek kan nie sê of dit 'n konstabel is wat
geskree het, of 'n offisier nie.

W^{at} het jy ge-heer? --- Dit was 'n vreeslike
geraas, en soos ek kan uitmaak, was dit om te vuur.

Maar wat het jy gehoor wat jou laat dink het
dit is 'n bevel om te vuur? --- Dit was tydens die
klipgooiery; iemand het geskree, "Vuur!"

"Vuur!" of "Skiet!" of "Shoot!"? --- Wel, ek
kan nie die direkte woord onthou nie, maar dit was "Skiet!"

of "Vuur!"

En hierdie wat jy gehoor het, was dit voor jy die enkele skote gehoor het, of daarna? --- Dit was voor die enkelskote.

Waar dink jy het hierdie bevel vandaan gekom, van watter rigting af? --- Dit is waar die eerste skote begin val het.

Dit wil sê aan die suid-Westelike kant; die verste gedeelte van die linie? ---Ja; dit moes omtrent by die hek gewees het, waar iemand geskree het.

Die dubbelhek, waar die voertuie in gekom het? ---Ja; die groot hek.

MR. KENTRIDGE (THROUGH THE CHAIRMAN):

When you heard this person shout "Fire!" did you think it was an order to fire? ---Ja.

From an officer? --- Ek kan nie sê of dit 'n offisier is of 'n konstabel wat dit gesê het nie.

But you thought it was an order to fire? --- Wel, toe hulle begin skiet het, het ek aangeneem dit is 'n bevel van 'n offisier.

You did not take any notice of that order. You did not fire on that order? ---Nie op die oomblik nie.

DIE VOORSITTE: Is jy nog op Rosebank? --- Ek is op die oomblik op Bloemfontein.

- ADJOURNED: 4.25 p.m. -