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Belgian, Katanga Air Force pilot; born on 3 September 1923 at Ptosky, East Germany; formerly in the R.A.F.; then Sabena pilot and subsequently Commander in Katanga Air Force. Commanded one of the Fougas during the September hostilities (Delin commanded the other one). Formerly in command of Luena Ease and all its operations under the direction of Colonel Volont and Major Hirsh. Arrested on 28 August 1961 at Elisabethville, repatriated from Kamina to Brussels on 7 September 1961 (Mil. Info, case file No. 59)- Subsequently returned to Katanga and has also been acting as agent for the purchase of aircraft at Salisbury. Also said to be involved in a plan to maintain a squadron of Katangese aircraft in Chad. Is known as "Captain Jan". Repatriated on 7 September 1961, but was back as one of the Fouga pilots participating in the September hostilities. He is listed in para 14 of report of Joint Commission on Mercenaries dated 7 March 1962. Although there is no specific documentary evidence of his activities in 1962, several unconfirmed reports mention his presence.