

Inside the Bataclan: 'A bloodbath,' witness says

[an oriental-style theater](#) and concert hall in Paris' 11th district Friday night, listening to an American rock band perform when gunmen stormed the venue.

"People yelled, screamed," Pearce told CNN's Wolf Blitzer Friday on "The Situation Room."

"It lasted for ten minutes. Ten, horrific minutes where everybody was on the floor covering their head," he said.

The theater has a capacity of 1,500, Cyril Vanier, a reporter with France 24, told CNN.

Pearce saw two people he called terrorists enter the theater, "very calm, very determined" and firing "randomly."

They wore black clothing but no masks. He saw the face of one shooter, who was very young – a maximum of 25 years old.

"He was like a random guy holding a Kalashnikov. That's all."

Pearce said the gunmen managed to reload their weapons three or four times.

"They didn't shout anything," he said. "They were shooting people on the floor."

He says he was located near the top of the stage during the incident.

While the gunmen were reloading, Pearce managed to find an

exit. He climbed on top of the stage and went for it.

He made it to the street, where 20-25 people lay splayed across the road – many dead or injured very badly.

Pearce said he ran 200 meters with an injured teenage girl to catch a taxi, and told the cabbie to get her to the hospital.

When he spoke with CNN, Pearce said still has friends inside. He was communicating with them by text message; they're hiding, not sure if they are safe yet.

"This is terrible," he said, his voice cracking. "It was horrible."

AFP is reporting 100 dead inside.