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1. INTERMITTENT SHOOTING/FIRING, EXPLOSIONS AND SHELLING WERE HEARD THROUGH OUT THE PERIOD COVERING. FIGHTING IS ON BETWEEN RGF AND RPF AT DIFFERENT PLACES OF KIGALI CITY, CND COMPLEX, KIMUHURA, AROUND HOTEL MERIDIEN AND AMAHORO STADIUM COMPLEX. FORCE COMMANDER FORWARDED A LETTER TO BOTH THE PARTIES STATING THE NECESSITY TO HAVE BUFFER ZONES AROUND THE UNAMIR HQ, AIRPORT, HOTEL MERIDIEN, AMAHORO COMPLEX, UNAMIR FIELD HOSPITAL AND ALL OTHER PLACES OCCUPIED BY UNAMIR TROOPS. REPORTS ARE BEING MADE BY UNAMIR TO BRING CEASE FIRE BETWEEN RGF AND RPF. THE LIFE IN THE CAPITAL CITY IS STILL AT STAND STILL. NEGOTIATIONS ON CEASE FIRE AGREEMENT BETWEEN RGF AND RPF MEDIATED BY UNAMIR STILL GOING ON WITH OUT ANY FRUITFUL RESULT YET. EVACUATION OF EXPATRIATES IS STILL ON GOING. PEOPLE ARE STILL COMING TO THE ASSEMBLY POINTS AND ASKING FOR UNAMIR ESCORT.

2. BELGIAN AND ITALIAN TROOPS (NON UNAMIR) LEFT THE COUNTRY BY AIR. THE AIRPORT IS NOW BEING CONTROLLED BY THE BELGIAN UNAMIR BATTALION. THIS BATTALION WILL BE RELIEVED BY THE GHANAIAN BATTALION OF WHICH THE BULK IS STILL IN THE DMZ SECTOR. FORCE HQ COMPLETED ITS REORGANIZATION PLAN. ALL BELGIAN STAFF POSITIONS HAVE BEEN FILLED UP BY OFFRS COMING FROM THE DISMANTLED DMZ HQ OR MILOB GROUP. SOME HEAVY ARMAMENT AND AMMO ARE BEING LEFT BEHIND BY THE

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BELGIANS. STABILIZING THE STAFF, SOLVING THE LOGISTIC PROBLEMS, REDEPLOYMENT OF TROOPS, IMPROVING THE DEFENSIVE POSITIONS AND PERSONNEL HYGIENE ARE NOW THE MAJOR CONCERNS.

3. RPF TROOPS CONTINUE TO ENTER KIGALI. THEY ARE COMING BY FOOT AND CARRY LUGGAGE AND OTHER STUFF ON THEIR BACK. THEY INFILTRATED THE CITY VERY CAREFULLY IN ORDER TO HAVE NO LOSSES NOR INJURIES. THEY ARE FACING LACK OF MEDICAL SUPPLIES. RPF CONTROLS MAINLY THE NORTHERN PART OF KIGALI. THE FORWARD EDGE OF THE BATTLE AREA IS THE MAIN ROAD KACYIRU - MERIDIEN ROUND - ABOUT - CHEZ LANDO CROSSING - REMERA. RPF SURROUNDED PARTIALLY THE GENDARMERIE CAMP AT KACYIRU (NORTH - EAST OF KIGALI) AND THE QUARTER OF THE PRESIDENTIAL GUARD BATTALION (SOUTH - EAST OF THE PREMATURE).

4. THE RWANDESE NEW INTERIM GOVERNMENT IS NOW FUNCTIONING FROM GITARAMA. RADIO RWANDA BROADCAST THE PROMOTION OF COLONEL BIZIMUNGU AUGUSTIN TO THE RANK OF MAJOR GENERAL AND APPOINTED HIM AS THE CHIEF OF STAFF OF RGF. SEVERAL OTHER SENIOR OFFICERS OF RGF HAVE ALSO BEEN PROMOTED TO THE RANK OF BRIG.

5. APPROXIMATELY 4500 REFUGES ARE LOCATED AT AMAHORO STADIUM AND ABOUT 10000 REFUGES HAVE TAKEN SHELTER AT KING FAISAL HOSPITAL. 140 SOS CHILDREN HAVE ARRIVED AT KING FAISAL HOSPITAL. THE REFUGES ARE FACING ACUTE SHORTAGE OF FOOD, WATER, MEDICINE AND ACCOMMODATION. THERE IS NO WATER SUPPLY AT AMAHORO STADIUM, AMAHORO HOTEL, UNAMIR HEADQUARTERS, AND KING FAISAL HOSPITAL. HEALTH AND HYGIENIC CONDITION IS DETEORATING VERY FAST.

6. PLEASE FIND ENCLOSED THE UNAMIR FORCE HQ LOG BOOK CONTAINING THE MAJOR INCIDENTS THAT HAS TAKEN PLACE DURING THIS PERIOD COVERING FROM 141400 APR 94 TO 171800 APR 94.

7. REGARDS.

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**UNAMIR - FORCE HQ - LOG BOOK**  
**Period 141400 Apr 94 - 171800 Apr 94**

SL NR	DTG	MESSAGE
1	141400	CO BYUBAT is coming to Kigali city on a reconnaissance mission at present 12 KM away from Gaddafi Crossing. There are still firing and shelling going on there. The liaison officer be contacted to make some arrangement.
2	141440	There is a aimed firing at logistic complex. 7/8 bullets got inside, with no casualty.
3	141500	RPF troops are checking all the vhs going out from the stadium.
4	141510	3 x truck full of comm eqpt, after expensive electronics and electrical eqpt were brought to Force HQ from comm work shop. All eqpt in the work shop were intact and there was no tooking of the eqpt as stated earlier. Only heavy generator were kept in the comm work shop. Repeaters and satcom sta were brought to Force HQ.
5	141705	A mortar shell landed at the airport.
6	141709	Another shell landed at the airport. Beside Belgian side.
7	141710	A team of expatriates reached the airport from Milles Collines (nine person).
8	141729	30 x expatriates from RUTBAT left for airport.
9	141735	A UN flight No. 392 is expected to arrive at 1400 hrs with (2 x APC). Request that all expatriates to be ready at airport by 1400 hrs.
10	142035	Firing and shelling have started around the Force HQ after a pass of an hour.
11	142037	RGF soldiers are firing forwards Hotel Meridien by small arms and mortars where MILOBs have been assembled TUNISIAN Coy responsible for the security of the MERIDIEN are also responding. RGF firing with ATK wpns.
12	142040	So far 3900 expatriate have been evac.

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13	142304	RUTBAT has recovered 10 x 9mm AROMININGS REVOLVER Type EG 1G-I-I made Germany, wpns were found unattended in a pkt near the stadium at around 2030 hrs. wpns now are kept in the kote of RUTBAT.
14	150710	Belgic tps are fixing guns on the APCs that came yesterday.
15	150745	Ten to fifteen RPF soldiers took position inside the perimeter of King Faisal Hospital.
16	150750	General situation is calm in DMZ Sector HQ in NKUMBA.
17	150838	The movement of Italian troops at the airport are very suspicious. They are frequently going out of the airport. FC advised that they should move out of Kigali today as they have completed the expatriation of Italians.
18	150900	RGF has conveyed to the international press to contact with RGF High Command at Hotel Milles Collines and would like to show 02 dead bodies of European merchandries killed in the fighting between RGF and RPF in the ZULINDO area.
19	150930	Airport manager has told that if airport function has to continue than they need fuel for generator. He has got fuel for generator for maximum 10 hrs.
20	151016	Italian troops seem to be taking off from Kigali Airport.
21	151028	10 to 15 RPF soldiers who were inside the perimeter of King Faisal Hospital left the hospital.
22	151040	RGF Arty Bat located outside the airport is shelling western side of the tower. This bat is located just 50-70m away from the main entrance of the airport.
23	151055	A bullet has truck the wind shield of a bus of Log Coy.
24	151100	DMZ Sector should come to Kigali immediately with recce team to take over Kigali Sector. He must contact Force HQ and Col Marshal. Request intimate RTD.

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25	151100	Rules of engagement have been issued every individual should know it and followed strictly.
26	151100	Request arrange reception and conduct visit of journalist today.
27	151100	1 x pl of Engr Coy to take over the responsibility of Rwandex. Recca team to reach there by 1700 hrs.
28	151112	1 x section of RPP came near the King Faisal Hospital. They have told to Tunisian pl (guards) that they are responsible for Kigali Sector and they will win the war with in three (03) days.
29	151120	All Italian soldiers has left airport with two aircraft in 1st one 72 and in 2nd aircraft 73 all has left at 1050 hrs today.
30	151210	2 x Arty shells have just landed inside the airport near customs go down building close to POL compound. Heavy shelling is going on from the bey loc in the airport.
31	151235	Message pass to RGF and RPF auth, that KSHQ is being opened at the airport terminal. Both sides to ensure safe passage.
32	151245	Bde Comd of Belgian troops, wants to carry out air strike on both the sides unless they withdraw their arty shelling from the airport. Still shelling is going on.
33	151310	Shelling in the airport have been stopped Belgian Bn is in the process for departure. KSHQ adv party has already arrived at the airport.
34	151405	Chief of staff, Belgian army wants FC to give him a tel call on No. 00-32-2436540 not before 1500 hrs today.
35	151415	A RPF ptl consisting of 6 soldiers moving by a pickup behind the MERIDIEN.
36	151515	Convoy of KSHQ have reached in the airport.
37	151600	The conf between RGF and RPF started at Hotel Meridien at 1555 hrs.
38	151620	The task given to RUTBAT to collect the expatriates from Hotel Milles Collins have been completed.

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39	151645	From now on if any troops are proceeding to Nairobi with weapons, we have to inform the Nairobi authority on Tel No. 622743 or 622401, the following info:  a. Flight Number. b. Total number of troops in the flight. c. Types and number of weapons.
40	151650	The vehicles which were broken by the Italian bn and converted to combat tpt are being taken by the RGF. There are 25 expatriates from Zaire staying at King Faisal Hospital needs to be evacuated to Zaire.
41	151845	Airport manager informed that he is going to keep the runway closed and when UN a/c arrives they will open the airport.
42	151900	KSHQ has shifted to airport and ready for ops.
43	152035	RGF has decided to block the runway except for UN flights. They are expecting an unwanted flight to night. working atmosphere at the airport is deteriorating fast. Air Traffic Control Staff of the airport suffering from a feeling of insecurity and humiliation and have decided to leave the airport at night. RGF LO has informed that the Belgic tps are misbehaving with locals and taking away all valuable things from the airport. He warned that, if the Belgic do not stop this, the consequence will be unpleasant.
44	152150	RPF has just engaged the Presidential Guard Regiment.
45	160530	From BYUBAT HQ to UNAMIR HQ evacuation of DMZ personnel. 102 all ranks arrive at Kigali from NKUMBA at 1845 hrs. BYUBAT facing transport problems for evacuation.
46	160628	Still 195 personnel left at NKUMBA. 237 personnel at KINIHIRA, 85 pers at NGARAMA.
47	160645	A cargo plane carrying med sup will arrive at KIA at 162100 Apr 94.
48	161015	The medical officer of RUTBAT has operated one civilian patient with Bullet injury.
49	161110	All move con staffs, except 1 x offr and 1 x man are to be deployed at airport ASP.

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50	161130	Asked to send the ammo state from RUTBAT, BYUBAT and Tun Coy.
51	161120	Chief Med. offr of RPF is visiting the King Faisal Hospital and talking to the refugees.
52	161140	The chief med. offr of RPF wants to open the store and wants to take the medicine and equipment.
53	161220	Number of refugees at King Faisal Hospital have increased to 10,000. this morning 140 SOS children reported to the hospital without food.
54	161340	2 x Belgian C-130 landed at 1340 hrs. The number of passengers are 10 and 11 respectively.
55	161405	One C-130 will be landing just now. It will carry food, water and medicine.
56	161407	There are 300 people in Hotel Milles Collines. One doctor informed that there will be a massacre tonight. All 300 are Rwandese people.
57	161430	2 x pl of Force engr Coy is moving to Rwandex complex just now. They reached at 1450 hrs.
58	161440	One C-130 plane has landed at KIA with 7 passenger coming from NIROBI.
59	161442	1 X APC of RUTBAT with complete sec of Inf troops has to move to Hotel Mille Collines together with two teams of UNMOs. It will cooperate with Govt forces to ensure security of refugees in that hotel.
60	161445	Two x HF set demand were placed to UN Nairobi for despatch to UNAMIR to set direct comm with Nairobi and Kabala.  2 x VHF AM set were also demanded for Kigali Airport tower so that UNAMIR can set own comm with the incoming and outgoing aircrafts. This is a kind of back up system to the main comm.

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61	161630	<p>Some life saving drugs are waiting in the airport M-0 is to collect it immediately. They should send the amb with one doctor and while going to the KIA they should report to Force HQ because some medicine are here also.</p> <p>3 x 3 ton near Rwandex while coming to airport with BYBAT GOLF under heavy firing. They have left the veh and positioned besides the road.</p> <p>Conf of FC 170700 Apr 94. Agenda :</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. What are the inherent life def if they are wdr by air and in road, in veh.</li> <li>b. How many persons can be air lifted (at list two pers are kept/veh in road wdr) Min cargo for aircraft and maint small convoys for move by road.</li> <li>c. How much time do they req from W.O to air flow and followed by road movement.</li> </ul>
62	161810	<p>Two exprocties one from Mali one, one from Zaira has been taken to RUTBAT.</p>
63	161830	<p>KIBAT Bn Comd and Kigali Sector Comd will come to Force HQ. They need 2 x UNMOs escort in KIA at 170640.</p>
64	161940	<p>In the KIA near Hanger we observed abnormal move of 01 x 75mm RR and 01 mor, that mortar is pointing Amahoro. MILOB Team has sent for investigate the rules of engagement.</p>
65	161955	<p>In Hotel Milles Conllies RGF and Gendarmerie were suppose to stay to give protection to 300 Rwandese but they left the place. 1 x APC of UNAMIR is staying there, waiting for their desposal from Force HQ.</p>
66	162010	<p>Another APC was sent to Hotel Milcolines. Both the APCs will now stay at the RGF HQ with the UNMO to observe whether there is any massacare to-night.</p>
67	162130	<p>2 x APCs with UNMO to fallback to Hotel Meridien.</p>
68	162140	<p>APCs with UNMOs have reached in MERIDIEN.</p>



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69	162145	Regarding 75mm RR and mortar pointing towards Amahoro Stadium, Bn Comd RGF at the airport has said that he could not do anything about those RR and mortar tonight but he assured that those would be removed tomorrow morning.
70	170610	1 X Bullet got inside Force HQ Ops Branch, breaking through the glass of the window and hit Maj Deprez (Deputy Chief Log Offr). Minor injury.
71	170930	A team of 4 Ghana troops going from force HQ to Logistic Compound beside Rwandax were find upon. One person seriously injured in the leg. The jeep fled on to Byubat Golf. It is suspected that it was an ambush.
72	171030	From Gikondo Gendarmerie camp firing is coming to words Log Coy. LO RGF has been informed to stop it.
73	171130	Illusion has landed from Moubasa. 24 ton fuel, 14 basket the arval make nec arrangement with K-0.
7	171205	Regarding the call on of COS RGF with the journalist, COS is busy now. so F-9A will intimate the fresh timing.
74	171205	Send an APC to expatriate some people from Hotel Millcolis.
75	171215	Belgian CIVPOL taking a UN Microbus to Nairobi by Illusion ac.
76	171320	C-130 carrying 37 passengers have just landed.
77	171225	APC have come under fire short of Gaddafi Crossing.
78	171330	Local armed militias surrounded APC and tried to bringout the pers in APC. APC opened up and extricated safely leaving on BOUSER full with dissel.
79	171330	BYUBAT loc has come under heavy fire.
80	171400	RPF soldiers have taken all the govt medicine and most of the med eqpts from King Faisal Hospital.
81	171402	Evac Required for ten spanish Nurse. They lives in "vill save" to be evac to KIA. Loc on the rd to BUTARE, 6-8 km short of BUTARE, turn left to Vill Save. These people leave in a monestry near the church.

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82	171405	Message for NIROBI airport. Amb reqd near the ac. 13 x GA and 85 ammo are also carried by the ac bound to NIROBI.
83	171415	Illusion departing with 36 passengers, one patient and one KIBAT veh have left KIA.
84	171420	Evac of BYUBAT pers. 196 all ranks arr from NKUMBA at 1120 hrs with a convoy of 20 vehs. BYUBAT has no pers at NKUMBA now.
85	171435	One shell have just landed north of the airport on a tinshed house, 500 M from the terminal.
86	171440	Belgian ac manoeuvring over the RGF position in the airport very unsafely.
87	171500	RPF is now firing at the BYUBAT GOLF loc. Req instr RPF not to fire on UNAMIR loc.
88	171505	30 expatriates to be evac from Hotel Milcoling.
89	171510	Guns deployed in the airport are firing towards the north of the airport.
90	171515	Incident Report at 0930.  Capt CEAI JEFF, Log Offr of Force HQ, while proceeding towards RWANDEK by a UN veh with 3 x escorts, was fired upon by RPF soldier, 1 KM away from Kigali Sector HQ. Capt JEFF drove through the fire and reached at BTYBAT loc. One Cpl with him was hit by a bullet.
91	171630	RGF have complained that RPF is taking advantage of their position around UNAMIR and they are firing at RGF from the shelter of UNAMIR. RGF requested to UNAMIR to ask RPF to stop firing form the UNAMIR location. Because they can not fire back due to the close proximity of the UNAMIR location/installation.

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92	171645	<p>From FC to RGF and RPF, both the parties are requested to abide by the UN guidelines, which was provided by the FC, very strictly. That is to say, they should remain :</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. 100 m away, for the troops.</li> <li>b. 500 m away, for the heavy direct fire weapon.</li> <li>c. 1000 m away, for the indirect fire weapon like mortars.</li> </ul>
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