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COMMAND OF THE DRINA CORPS

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TO THE COMMANDS OF: the 1st Zpbr¹, 1st Bpbr², 2nd Rmtbr³,
1st Brlpbr⁴, 1st Mlpbr⁵, 5th map⁶

ORDER FOR ACTIVE b/ds⁷ Operation No. 1

Sections [of the topographical map]: 1 : 50,000, Zvornik 3 and 4, and Višegrad 1 and 2

1. - As part of an all out offensive against the Republic of Srpska territory, the enemy has carried out attacks with a limited objective against the DK⁸ units.

We believe that in the coming period, the enemy will intensify offensive operations against the DK z/o⁹, mainly in the Tuzla-Zvornik and Kladanj-Vlasenica directions, with simultaneous operating of the 28th pd¹⁰ forces from the enclaves of Srebrenica and Žepa, in order to cut the DK z/o in two, and connect the enclaves with the central part of the territory of former BiH¹¹, which is held by the Muslim forces.

During the last few days, Muslim forces from the enclaves of Žepa and Srebrenica have been [?particularly] active.

They are infiltrating DTGs¹² that are attacking and setting fire unprotected villages, killing civilians, and small isolated units around the enclaves of Žepa and Srebrenica. They are trying especially hard to link up the enclaves and establish a corridor to Kladanj.

According to available data, the 28th d¹³ forces are engaged as follows:

- The 280th Brigade is blocking the [?Potočari]-Srebrenica axis and is in readiness for active operations against Bratunac and the cutting of the

¹ Translator's note: Zvornik Infantry Brigade

² t/n: Birač Infantry Brigade

³ t/n: Romanija Motorised Brigade

⁴ t/n: Bratunac Light Infantry Brigade

⁵ t/n: Milići Light Infantry Brigade

⁶ t/n: Mixed Artillery Regiment

⁷ t/n: combat operation

⁸ t/n: Drina Corps

⁹ t/n: zone of responsibility

¹⁰ t/n: Infantry division

¹¹ t/n: Bosnia and Herzegovina

¹² t/n: Sabotage and Terrorist Group

¹³ t/n: Division

Bratunac-Glogova village-Konjević Polje [?road] communication. [?Its] KM¹⁴ is in the village of Budak. It has especially well fortified and will resolutely defend the feature of Zonik, the Industrial zone in Potočari, the sector of Likar village and Gradac /tt.¹⁵[illegible]/.

- The 281st Brigade is blocking the [illegible] Podgaj-Borovac/tt.[illegible]/- Sućeska village axis, and is in readiness for offensive operations against Derventa village and Koprivno village. Its KM is in the area of Sućeska. It has especially strongly fortified and will resolutely defend Borovac /tt.730/, Žedanjsko village, Sućeska village and Kok /tt.946/.

- The 282nd Brigade is blocking the Zelene Jadar-Srebrenica axis and is in readiness for offensive operations against Skelani. Its KM is in Bojna village. It has especially strongly fortified and will resolutely defend the wooded hills 300 meters north of Zelene Jadar, Prhulja, Živkovo Brdo /tt.780/, the area of Pasmulići village, tt.664, the sector of Bojna and Vagan /tt.843/.

- The 283rd Brigade is blocking the Podravanje-Bučje village-Vijogor axis and is in readiness for offensive operations against Podravanje and Bračan mine. Security of the Srebrenica-Žepa corridor.

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The first line of defence of this brigade is: Čaurka /tt.1071/-Koštur /tt.935/-Klik /tt.852/-tt.766-Bijelo Polje village-Kok /tt.946/. Besides these the enemy will resolutely defend Alibegova /tt.905/, Bučje village, Kiprova village, and Viogor /Šiljato Brdo tt.901/. Its KM is in the sector of Slapović village.

- The 284th Brigade is blocking the Ravni Buljim /tt. 820/-Milačevići village-Potočari village axis and is in readiness for offensive operations against the Ravni Buljim-Kamenica village-Konjević Polje axis of advance, and for cutting the Milići-Bratunac and Milici-Konjević Polje [road] communications. Its KM is in Milačevići village. It has put in order and will resolutely defend Jabučno /tt. 762/, Jagličići village, and Pale village.

The 28th Division reserve, consisting of a mountain battalion and police forces /about 800 men/ are located in Srebrenica, in the village of Potočari /the school/, and in Luka village, ready for action on threatened axes.

¹⁴ t/n: Command Post

¹⁵ t/n: trig point

- The Žepa Brigade in the Žepa enclave is in readiness for action on the Podravanje village-Rupovo Brdo village-Derventa [road] communication.

Support: each Brigade is supported by BrVG¹⁶ and it is possible that they will, by force or otherwise, obtain the use of UNPROFOR equipment.

2. The Command of the Drina Corps, pursuant to Operations Directive No.7 and 7/1 of the GŠ¹⁷ VRS¹⁸, and on the basis of the situation in the Corps z/o, has the task of carrying out offensive operations with free forces deep in the Drina Corps zone, as soon as possible, in order to split apart the enclaves of Žepa and Srebrenica, and to reduce them to their urban areas.

3. The IBK¹⁹, the SRK²⁰, and the HK²¹ are still breaking the enemy offensive in their z/os.

4. I have decided that the g/s²² of the Drina Corps shall continue a resolute and active defence and shall separate the enclaves of Zepa and Srebrenica as soon as possible by attacking with a part of the free forces. The more immediate task is to reach the Predol-Divljakinja /tt. 789/ - Banja Guber²³ /Guber Spa/-Živkovo Brdo /tt.780/-Alibegovac /tt. 905/-Kak /tt.946/ line, and then the Gradac /tt.527/-Bojna-Šiljato Brdo /tt.901/ line.

Objective: by a surprise attack, to completely separate and reduce in size the Srebrenica and Žepa enclaves, to improve the tactical position of the forces in the depth of the area, and to create conditions for the elimination of the enclaves.

Combat formation: forces for active defence at the front, and active operation forces for separating and reducing the enclaves in size.

Readiness: 6 July 1995 at 0400 hrs.

5. Tasks of the units for separating and reducing the enclaves in size:

- the 1st battalion /of the 1st Zpbr/ with l/r²⁴ Bukova Glava village-Javor /tt.886/-Zeleni Jadar village, will attack along the axis: three wooded hills /300 meters north of Zeleni Jadar-Pusmulići village-Bojna-Srebrenica/,

Task: to disperse the enemy along the axis of advance and more immediately to capture tt.644-Živkovo Brdo /tt./, and then to secure the flank and rear of the Bojna feature, and to be ready to continue the attack.

Right boundary: Tučak /included/, K.²⁵520, Čičevac brook, K.424.

¹⁶ t/n: Brigade Artillery Group

¹⁷ t/n: Main Staff

¹⁸ t/n: Army of the Republic of Srpska

¹⁹ t/n: Eastern Bosnia Corps

²⁰ t/n: Sarajevo-Romanija Corps

²¹ t/n: Herzegovina Corps

²² t/n: main force

²³ t/n: Guber Spa

²⁴ t/n: line of departure

²⁵ t/n: elevation point

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Left boundary: River Zeleni Jadar to the wooden bridge, [?elevation point] [illegible] /excluded/, K.372.

To be supported by KAG²⁶ as per plan and request.
Command Post in the sector of Javor /tt.836/.

- The 2nd battalion /to be formed from the part of the forces of the 1st Bpbr and 2nd Rmtbr/ with a company from the Skelani spb²⁷, will attack from line of departure Jasenova village-Klokoč /tt.1087/-Pribojevići village, along the axis Klokoč-Čaurka /tt.1071/-Koštur tt.936-Alibegovac /tt.905/-Bučje village-Kak /tt.946/-Šiljato Brdo /tt.901/.

Task: to disperse the enemy along the axis of advance, separating the enclaves of Srebrenica and Žepa; more immediately to reach the Alibegovac-Bučje-Kak line, and then to continue the attack and reach the Vijogor-Šiljato Brdo /tt. 901/-K.810 line, and take the control of the Sućeska village-Srebrenica [road] communication.

Right boundary: left boundary of the 1st battalion.

Left boundary: the Pribojevici village-Poddravanje village road as far as the hamlet of Poljanci.

A platoon from the Mlpbr shall assist in the taking of Kak /tt.946/

To be supported by KAG as per plan and request.

Command Post in Jasenova village.

- Part of the Brlpbr forces will from direct contact go into the attack on the features of Predol, Divijakinja /tt.789/, Crni Guber Spa and Olovine, more immediately to capture them, and then to continue the attack on the Gradac feature, capture it, and prevent the intervention of the enemy reserve forces from Potočari towards Srebrenica.

See to it that the 1st pb²⁸ joins in the attack, and coordinate with it in the execution of the task.

To be supported by KAG as per plan and request.

Command Post in Pribixevac.

²⁶ t/n: Corps artillery group

²⁷ t/n: independent infantry battalion

²⁸ t/n: infantry battalion

- The 1st Mlpbr has the task of reaching the sector of Previjska with forces of a company size and launching an attack along the Previjska-Podravno-tt.766 axis, securing the left flank of the 2nd pb upon the arrival of the 2nd pb in the area of Bučje, making contact with it and assisting it in taking over the Kak /tt.946/ feature. The rest of the forces will tie the enemy down with decoy operations along the axes: Osoje-Podgaj-Borovac, Bešića Brdo /tt.589/-Žutica-Žedanjsko, and Ravni Buljim-Jaglići. In case of advantageous development of the situation be in readiness for an attack on and pursuit of the enemy along the aforementioned axes. To be supported by KAG as per plan and request.

IKM²⁹ in the area of Braćan.

- Reserve forces of a size of two or three companies of the MUP³⁰ and one company from the 1st Vipbr³¹.

Task: to be in readiness to join the attack in order to strengthen the force of the bow and the successful advance along the battalion's axes of attack; to repel an enemy counter-attack; to secure our hold on the features on the lines reached; to prevent the enemy from getting away; to secure the flanks and the rear of the attacking forces, and other tasks.

In the launching of the attack the forces in direct contact are to be supported by the artillery, and by KAG as per plan and request.

Command Post in the area of Pribičevac.

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6. - Artillery support

Composition of KAG

VPO³² in the area of Pribičevac.

Tasks:

- During preparatory fire to neutralise the enemy targets as per plan for preparatory fire.

Duration of preparatory fire:

- Supporting fire for the attack as per plan and request, with emphasis on the 1st and 2nd pb axes of advance.

²⁹ t/n: Forward Command Post

³⁰ t/n: Ministry of the Interior

³¹ t/n: Vlasenica light infantry brigade

³² t/n: Basic firing position

7. - Anti-tank combat:

In all units of company and battalion size form a POG³³ and have it in readiness for combat against the enemy armoured forces.

8. - Antiaircraft defence:

- Organise air observations in all units.

- In case of a NATO air strike have equipment for PV³⁴ operations in all units. Open fire on low-flying planes that threaten the order of battle.

- Put the emphasis on PVZ³⁵ measures: loose arrangement and camouflage of units and equipment, maintenance of a direct combat contact with the enemy.

9. Anti airborne landing combat:

If NATO forces make an airborne landing in support of UNPROFOR, the units closest to the landing place and reserve forces will engage in combat with them. Artillery and armoured-mechanised units will support an anti-airborne landing combat at the given signal.

10. - b/d support:

a/ Intelligence support

Intelligence support will be most important along the following axes: Zeleni Jadar-Bojna-Srebrenica, Klokoč-Alibegovac-Kak-Viogor, Braćan-Previđa-Poddravanje, Pribićevac-Crni Guber Spa-Srebrenica, and Čauš-Potočari-Gradina.

Until 5 July 1995, the gathering of information about the enemy will be performed for this Command by the intelligence bodies and reconnaissance units of the 1st Brlpbr, the 1st Mlpbr and the Skelani spb, and after 5 July until the completion of the task by the reconnaissance units of the forces engaged in the attack.

During the preparation and execution of the task, every combat activity must be preceded by reconnaissance of the axis, sector, and objective of the operation.

[illegible] who are familiar with the terrain on which the unit is engaged. Ensure safe communication with the reconnaissance bodies using signals and code tables.

b/ Security:

Secure the complete secrecy of the decision and preparation for the execution of the task.

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³³ t/n: anti-tank group

³⁴ t/n: anti-aircraft

³⁵ t/n: anti-aircraft defence

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At all levels of RiK³⁶ in the preparation and conduct of the operation, work out in detail and apply coding for documents in form and content suitable for the needs of efficient and safe command and control. Security bodies and military police will indicate the sectors for gathering and securing prisoners of war and war booty. In dealing with prisoners of war and the civilian population abide by the Geneva Conventions. The security bodies shall regulate the security system in the area of b/ds and instruct the subordinate commands in its application. Guard against the operations of infiltrated groups and lagging parts of enemy forces, particularly during deployment of forces, the preparation and carrying out of the attack, and after the completion of the task. Secure the men and define identification marks.

c/ Camouflage

Camouflage all unit movements; deploy and group forces for attack at night. During the attack manoeuvre the reserves along hidden axes. Introduce units under protection, and with the support of the unit in the direct contact.

d/ Combat security

During the distribution of forces and preparation for the attack, provide security with your own forces.

Secure in particular the units and the means of support, the KMs, communications centres, and rear units and stations.

During rest periods make sure that 1/3 of men are resting and 2/3 are engaged in security.

Especially monitor and maintain communications with neighbours, units, and fire support assets. Uniformly regulate the marking of units on achieved lines. Keep links and gaps under constant observation and fire.

e/ Engineering support:

Concentrate engineering support on movement and manoeuvre security. The units in the direct combat contact are responsible for making passages through mined areas and the organisation of a KZS³⁷ in front of the forward position. Form groups of pioneer detachments to clear the ground along the axes of attack.

Supply all units with the necessary amount of pioneer tools.

It is essential to fortify and camouflage positions on the achieved lines and secure them with obstacles when necessary.

³⁶ t/n: Command and Control

³⁷ t/n: Control And Protection Service

Mark visibly all unidentified MES³⁸.

Strengthen every unit of battalion strength with a pioneer detachment.

f/ Morale and psychological preparation of the men for the execution of the task:

Put the emphasis on boosting combat morale, stressing the success of our units in crushing the enemy offensive during the last month.

Point out the significance of dividing and reducing in size the Srebrenica enclave for the safety of Serb villages and civilians in central Podrinje. Supply the units as well as possible with military equipment for executing this task.

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9. Rear security:

For the execution of the task, the following is approved:

1/ Ammunition for:

- infantry weapons, 2 b/ks³⁹
- artillery and MB /mortars/, 1 b/k
- tanks, 0.5 b/k
- Po⁴⁰ weapons, 0.5 b/k
- PA⁴¹ weapons, 0.5 b/k

2/ Fuel for:

- combat vehicles with 0.5 p/r⁴²
- other vehicles with 0.5 p/r

3/ Feeding of the troops:

- cooked meals till the beginning of b/ds and Sd/os⁴³ after the beginning of combat activities
- Secure 2 Sd/os a day for all troops.

4/ Every battalion shall create stations for the PoOb⁴⁴ of its own forces and secure aforementioned MS⁴⁵ expenditure rate.

³⁸ t/n: mines and explosive devices

³⁹ t/n: combat set

⁴⁰ t/n: anti-tank

⁴¹ t/n: anti-aircraft

⁴² t/n: filled reservoir

⁴³ t/n: dry ration

⁴⁴ t/n: rear support or logistical support

⁴⁵ t/n: material equipment

5/ The route for bringing up supplies for the 1st and 2nd pb is the Bratunac-Skelani-Zeleni Jadar-Jasenova road. The commanders of the 1st Brlpbr and the 1st Mlpbr will decide the supply route for the other units.

6/ [Illegible] shall rely on the medical facilities in Skelani, Bratunac, [?Milići], and Zvornik.

11/ Command and Communications:

The IKM-1 of the DK in the Pribićeovac sector, shall function from 1600 hours on [encircled: 4 July 1995].

The IKM[?] of the DK in the sector of Jasenova village.

Communication readiness on 6 July 1995 at 0200.

Submit daily reports every day until 1800 hours with a situation report at 1700 hours and interim reports as per need.

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Major- General

Milenko Živanović

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⁴⁶ t/n: Drina Corps Command