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COMMAND of the 37th mtbr /Motorised Brigade/ **MILITARY SECRET**
Srbica KM /Command Post/ **STRICTLY CONFIDENTIAL**
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ORDER FOR DEFENCE
Operative number 125-2

SECTION 1:50,000 Kosovska Mitrovica – 1, 2, 3 and 4

1.- THE AGGRESSOR

After initiating the aggression on the FRY /Federal Republic of Yugoslavia/ on 24 March 1999, the forces of the aggressor, the US-led NATO alliance, struck all vital, military and civilian installations with aircraft and cruise missiles. Despite the losses sustained so far (32 aircraft, some 50 cruise missiles and 88 men), the aggression continues, predominantly from the air.

The aggressor moved fresh forces based in Greece and Italy on time and then prepared and grouped them as follows:

In the Republic of Macedonia: parts of the German, British, French, American and Dutch forces, and 12 combat He /helicopters/, 12 multi-role and 22 TrHe /transport helicopters/, and parts of the ŠTS /Šiptar /Albanian/ Terrorist Forces/ (3,000-4,000 men).

Parts of units numbering some 5,000-6,000 men and some 10,000 ŠTS from KiM /Kosovo and Metohija/ trained by NATO instructors for DTA /sabotage and terrorist operations/ were brought together in Albania.

Based on the current deployment and grouping of forces, an attack by the main forces can be expected from the RM /Republic of Macedonia/ on the following axes: Kumanovo-Bujanovac, Skopje-Đeneral Janković, Tetovo-Globočica and Gostivar-Restelica, and with the auxiliary forces from the RA /Republic of Albania/ on the axes: Kukës-Prizren, Krumë-Đakovica and Tropoje-Dečane.

The goal of the enemy's attack is to use strong aerial forces with the support of KR /cruise missiles/, aircraft and helicopters for POB /anti-armour combat/, NHO /nuclear and chemical weapons/, special airborne assault forces, coordinate with the remains of the ŠTS in KiM, and simultaneously carry out a land strike using forces from the RM and RA, scatter our defence forces in KiM, drive them out of Kosovo and Metohija and achieve the objective of declaring it /Kosovo/ a protectorate.

The enemy will probably achieve its objective in two phases.

First phase: Under strong cover by aircraft and KR, using aircraft and helicopters for POB, NH /nuclear and chemical/ weapons, and concentrated armoured and PO /anti-

armour/ forces, the first b/e /combat echelon/, will spearhead the defence on the main attack axes and then employ THD /tactical helicopter landings/ in the sector of Končuljanska Klisura /gorge/, Mučibaba, Doganović village, Štrpce village and the Dulje pass, and coordinating with the remnants of the local ŠTS, continue an energetic thrust and as quickly as possible take the dominant features along the axis: Bujanovac-Gnjilane-Uroševac-Mt. Nerodimka-Mt. Žar-Mt. Milanovac-Mt. Grebnik-Mt. Suva.

Time to complete the first phase: four to six days.

Second phase: Introducing the second b/e along with an operational assault in the sector of Malo Kosovo and the sector of Kosovo Polje-Slatina, and continuing with a brisk operation focusing on the axis Gnjilane-Gračanica-Priština and Uroševac-Priština, as quickly as possible, take the axis Bujanovac-Kosovska Kamenica-Novo Brdo-Batlava-Merdare-Prepolac-Zvečane-Mt. Prokletija and the Čahor pass.

Time to complete the second phase: five to seven days.

Support: Expect the enemy to have the following support for achieving his objective:

Air support:

- 100 LBA /fighters-bombers/ flying some 350 sorties;
- some 150 KR and 30 A-10 aircraft for anti-armour combat;
- three groups of 12 combat helicopters;
- some 20 multi-role helicopters;
- some 50 transport He.

NH support:

- mass use of chemical weapons;
- projectiles with depleted uranium.

Regardless of the strong air support, support from aircraft and helicopters for anti-armour combat and use of NH weapons, there is little likelihood of achieving the objective with the existing forces.

Expect minor ŠTS forces in the following sectors of the Brigade's zone of defence: Ovčarevo village, Petrovica, Kosmač, Drenica and Čičavica; they will predominantly attack lone motor vehicles and small convoys with sniper fire, ambushes and surprise attacks, with a simple objective in support of the NATO aggression against the FRY of inflicting as much damage as possible to the Brigade's units, prevent securing and organising the assigned zones, instil insecurity and fear, and hamper the regular and safe supply of the units, delivery and evacuation.

2.- THE TASK OF THE BRIGADE

Organise a defence in the zone of Kukavica (up to but not including tt. /trig point/ 591)-Gradina (up to but not including tt. 1055)-the Goleš pass (up to but not including)-Suvo Brdo (up to and including tt. 734).

Task: establish combat control of the territory in the zone of defence, cover parts of the 125th mtbr and be prepared for PDB /?anti-sabotage combat/ in the sector of Magure and a counterattack on the axis: Glogovac-Banja-Suva Reka-Prizren.

Supported by the /? First/ 52nd KAG /Corps Artillery Group//

KM in Banjica village.

3.- ADJACENT UNITS:

The defence to our right will be organised by the 7th pbr /Infantry Brigade/ with the 62nd TOd /Territorial Detachment/, with the task: cover parts of the 125th mtbr, coordinate with the 252nd okbr /Armoured Brigade/, 37th mtbr and forces of the MUP /Ministry of the Interior/ of the Republic of Serbia and with a decisive defence inflict as much damage to the aggressor as possible, sap his striking power and stop him on the line: Mt. Suva-Mt. Grebnik. Be prepared for a counterattack on the axes: Đurakovac-Peć and Klina-Dečane and make a counter-strike by the forces of the Corps possible.

The defence to our left will be organised and carried out by the 15th okbr with the task: establish control of the general sector of Priština, coordinate with the 37th mtbr, TG-252 /Tactical Group/, 36th OdPJP /Detachment of Special Police Units/, 86th trod /Territorial Detachment/ of the MUP of the Republic of Serbia, organise PDB in the general sector of Kosovo Polje. With a part of the forces coordinate PDB with the 211th okbr in the sector of Malo Kosovo. Be prepared for a counterattack on the axis: Štimlje-Suva Reka-Prizren-Kukës and Priština-Uroševac-Kačanik.

The defence in front of us will be organised by the 252nd okbr, with the task: cover parts of the 125th mtbr and 549th mtbr, coordinate with the 37th mtbr, 7th pbr and 549th mtbr, with a decisive defence inflict as much damage as possible to the aggressor, scatter his attack and stop him on the axis: Labučevo village-Orahovac.

Be prepared for a counterattack on the axis: Klina-Đakovica-Prušit and Đakovica-Prizren.

4.- DECISION:

I have decided: Organise a defence in the assigned zone by grouping the g/s /main forces/ on the axis Orlate village-Glogovac and the p/s /auxiliary forces/ on the axis Dobra Voda village-Staro Poljance village, with the objective: with supporting points at suitable land features and in populated areas, undertaking PVO /anti-aircraft defence/ and direct and combat security measures, fortification and engineering works at the positions, protect the men and SRT /combat hardware/ from airstrikes by NATO aircraft rockets and from losses by ŠTS activities in the zone, establish combat control of the territory and unrestricted passage on the main roads, organise cover for parts of the 125th mtbr and with a part of the forces be prepared for PDB in the Magure sector.

Then be prepared for a p/n /counterattack/ on the axis Glogovac-Banja village-Suva Reka-Prizren. Achieve the objective by coordinating with adjacent units and units of the MUP in the zone and with the support of the PrK /Priština Corps/.

Combat deployment: in two echelons – support forces, PVO forces, POB forces, forces for securing the roads and combat control of the territory, engineer forces, IP /Reconnaissance Patrol/ and IG /Reconnaissance Groups/, PoOb /Logistical Support/ forces, command and communications forces.

Have the p/k /forward defence line/ of the first position on the axis: Veliki Đurđevik village-Pločica village-Balince village-Orlate village.

Have the p/k of the second position on the axis: Morina village-Vrbovac village-Glogovac-Lipoglav.

Stand by for defence at 0600 hours on 16 April 1999.

5.- TASKS OF THE UNITS:

5.1.- The 1st mtb /Motorised Battalion/ with a Pioneer Platoon of the 37th inžb /Engineer Battalion/ shall secure and defend the sector: Rahišta-Beriša village-Lapušnik village (Tahirović Mahala). Task: coordinate with the 2nd mtb and forces of the MUP to ensure combat control of the territory and that the segment of road from Komorane village to Orlate village is clear, cover parts of the 125th mtbr while they withdraw via the defence sector, protect the men and SRT against airstrikes and ŠTS activities from Mt. Kosmač and Drenica and standby for a p/n on the Orlate village-Banja village-Suva Reka axis.

Right boundary: tt. 703 (up to and including) – Gradina (up to and including tt. 937)

Left boundary: the left boundary of the zone of the Brigade.

Reinforce the right juncture, secure the left.

Supported by the 37th BrAG /Brigade Artillery Group/.

KM in the Orlate village sector (Bujub Mahala – the school).

5.2.- The 2nd mtb with the hab/37had 105mm /Howitzer Battery of the 37th Battalion of 105mm Howitzers/ and a pionv /Pioneer Platoon//37th inžb shall secure and protect the sector: Veliki Đurđevik village-Pločica village-Ovčarevo village (Aručaj hamlet). Task: coordinate with the 1st mtb, the 1st Battalion of the 7th pbr and forces of the MUP to secure combat control of the territory in the defence sector and keep the roads clear on the Murgare village-Trdevac village and Murgare village-Gornje Obrinje village-Likovac village axes, cover parts of the 125th mtbr withdrawing via your defence sector, protect the men and SRT against airstrikes and ŠTS activities from Mts. Grbenička and Petrovica, and Ovčarevo village, and stand by for a p/n on the Kijevo village-Mališevo village-Studenčane village-Prizren axis.

Right boundary: the right boundary of the zone of the Brigade.

Left boundary: tt. 703 (up to and including) – Gradina (up to and including tt. 937).

Reinforce the right juncture, secure the left.

Supported by the 37th BrAG with firepower from the VpPr /expansion unknown/ firing position/.

KM in the Dobra Voda village sector.

5.3.- The 3rd mtb shall take and defend the sector of Glogovac-Lipoglav-Dobroševac. Task: coordinate with the 37th okb /Armoured Battalion/, 2nd Battalion of the 15th okbr, 37th inžb and 37th mpoad /Mixed Anti-Tank Artillery Battalion/ to ensure combat control of the territory in the sector of defence and keep the roads clear on the Komorane village-Goleš pass and Dobroševac village-Likošan village-Prelovce village axes, protect the men against airstrikes and ŠTS activities from Mt. Čičavica, Gornji Grabovac village and Krši Kules, and stand by for PDB on the axes Pomazatin village-Mali Belačevac village-Ence village and Krši Kules-Bljeništa-Trešnjevo village-Šumica.

Right boundary: Globare village-Bradići village.

Left boundary: the left boundary of the zone of the Brigade.

Reinforce the right juncture and secure the left.

Supported by the 37th BrAG.

KM in Vasiljevo village sector.

5.4.- The 37th okb and the 3rd /Company/ of the 37th ardPVO /Anti-Aircraft Defence Artillery Battalion/ (-1) shall secure and defend the sector of Morina village-Vrbovačko Brdo-Kraljica.

Task: coordinate with the 37th pozb /Logistics Battalion/, 37th inžb and forces of the MUP to ensure combat control of the territory in the sector of defence and keep the road segments clear on the axes Staro Poljance village-Brusnik village and Poluža village-Likovac village, protect the men and SRT against airstrikes and ŠTS activities from Devičke Šume, Baks village and Bečić village, and stand by for PDB with forces of one company on the Glogovac village-Goleš pass-Ence village axis.

Stand by for a/d /offensive operations/ on the axes: Staro Poljance village-Novo Selo village-Lauša village; /illegible to end of page/

Then take part in the p/n on the axis: Orlate village-Banja village-Suva Reka-Prizren.

Right boundary: tt. 771 (up to but not including) – tt. 725 (up to and including).

Left boundary: tt. 733 (up to and including) – Del. /expansion unknown/.

Reinforce the right juncture and secure the left.

KM in the sector of Novo Poljance village.

5.5.- The 37th BrAG consisting of the 37th Howitzer Battalion 105mm (-1) and the 37th ardPVO (-3 and 4).

The commander of the 37th BrAG, the commander of the 37th had 105mm.

VPo /basic firing position/ in the sector of Krajkovo village-k. /elevation/ 614 – road junction.

VPP /temporary firing position/ in the sector of Lokma Mahala-Plavić Mahala-Negrovce village.

Tasks:

- support the battle with BOs /combat security/ on the axes Laški Drenovac-Balince village and Ladrovac village-Trpeza village.
- support cover for the 2nd Battalion of the 252nd okbr on the axis: Crni Lug village-Orlate village,
- support the defence of the 1st mtb on the axes Laški Drenovac village-Vrmica village, Crni Lug village-Orlate village and Klečka village-Beriša village,
- support the defence of the 2nd mtb on the axis Kijevo village-Cerovik village,

- prevent the enemy from breaching and wedging himself in the Sedlare village-Komorane village axis,
- support the fighting against remnants of the ŠTS and /?provide appropriate support for/ taking the defence positions in the sectors of Mt. Kosmač, Kodra Priboj and Mt. Drenica,
- support the Brigade's PDB forces in the sectors of Široko Polje, Mt. Drenica, the Goleš pass and Globare village.

Make adjustments with the KorO /adjustment piece/ until readiness for defence as per decision and recommendation of the NA /Chief of Artillery/.

The Artillery's plan of action, type of fire and expenditure of ammunition as per the Order for Artillery from the NA of the Command of the 37th mtbr.

Observation post as per decision of the NA.

Protect the men and SRT against airstrikes and the ŠTS from Mt. Kosmač and keep the road segment on the Ljek Mahala-Krajkovo village-Tahirović Mahala-Lapušnik village axis clear.

KM in the sector of Krajkovo village.

5.6- The 37th BrPOOd /?Brigade Anti-Tank Detachment/ consisting of the 37th mpoad, pionv/37th inžb and the 1-3/37th ardPVO.

Commander of the 37th BrPOOd, commander of the 37th mpoad.

Secure the POR /anti-tank sector/ in the sector of Novo Čikatovo village-Glogovac-k. 571.

Task: Be on standby for POB on the axes: Glogovac-Komorane village-Orlate village and Glogovac-Komorane village-Nekovce village.

Prepare and organise POP-1 /anti-tank position/ in the sector of Obrija village-Zogići village, taking it from the axis Novo Čikatovo village-Donji Zabel village-Komorane village on the signal "Lisica" /Fox/.

Prepare and organise POP-2 in the sector of Lapušnik village-Bokrin, taking it from the axis Novo Čikatovo village-Komorane village-Lapušnik village on the signal "Vuk" /Wolf/.

Barrier line no. 1 Kišna Reka village - Donja Fuštica village

Barrier line no. 2 Fuša-Lapušnik village.

Protect the men and SRT against airstrikes and keep the road segments clear on the Novo Čikatovo village-Banjica village-Trdevac village and Novo Čikatovo village-Donja Koretica village-Komorane village axes.

KM in the sector of Novo Čikatovo village.

5.7.- The 37th ardPVO (-3 and 4) shall protect the 37th BrAG for the duration of the task.

The 1-3/37th ardPVO shall be attached to the 37th BrPOOd, and the 2-3/37th ard PVO shall be attached to the 37th okb for the duration of the task.

According to the /?troop deployment order/, the 4/37th ardPVO will defend the Brigade's z/o.

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During the day and in conditions of good visibility, keep the VP /firing position/ in populated areas, valleys and in sectors with wooded areas obscured from view and airstrikes. At night and in conditions of poor visibility, take up a number of ambush VP in a row, concentrated and grouped for barrage fire on the command of the commanders of basic firing units, selected from among the active officers.

All other matters as per the Order for PVO of the Command of the 37th mtbr.

KM in the sector of Domanek village.

5.8.- 37th inžb (-pionč /Pioneer Company/) shall carry out the following tasks:

a) preparing for defence:

- support the fortification of the 37th BrAG and the 37th okb by excavating for artillery weapons and tank shelters,
- support the fortification of the 1st and 2nd mtb by making trenches and roads on the defence p/k,
- prepare and organise obstacles on the POB barrier lines and support the battalions of the first echelon in setting up obstacles in front of the p/k,
- organise and carry out PDZ /?anti-airborne assault protection/ by sector in accordance with the special plan for anti-airborne assault obstacles.

b) defending:

- form the 37th GOP /Road Maintenance Group/ for repairing roads on the axes Glogovac village-Komorane village and Novo Čikatovo village-Srbica,
- form the 37th GZ /Obstacle Construction Group/ with the strength of a pionč (-1) for making the preparations and destroying installations on the axes Glogovac-Komorane village; Komorane-the Goleš pass and Komorane-Orlate,
- with the remaining forces, form an engineer reserve in the sector of Trstenik village.

Protect the men and SRT against airstrikes and the ŠTS from the direction of Dobrostan and Kamenica, provide combat control for a part of the territory in the z/o and keep the road clear on the axes Trstenik village-Poluža village and Trstenik village-Glogovac.

Move out of the current deployment sector in small parties on 14 and 15 April 1999 in accordance with the plan for moving to be made by the Commander of the 37th inžb.

Incorporate the Pioneer platoons by no later than 1200 hours on 15 April 1999.

All other engineering tasks as per the plan of the inž.d /Engineer Division/ and the order for the Engineers.

KM in the Trstenik village sector.

5.9.- 37th pozb (-snč /Medical Company/) shall be deployed in the sector of Venac-Srbica-Novo Selo village.

Task: provide the Brigade with logistical support, focus on the tasks of technical supply, maintenance and quartermaster support.

Keep the focus of PoOb /logistical support/ on the battalions of the first b/e, 37th BrAG, 37th BrPOOd and 37th okb, then on the other units.

The supply and evacuation routes: Srbica-Glogovac-Komorane-Orlate and Srbica-Makrmalj-Likovac-Gornje Obrinje village-Trdevac-Cerovik village.

The snč/37th pozb shall be deployed in the sector of Komorane village and provide medical support tasks for the units of the Brigade.

Protect the men, SRT, material reserves and UBS /lethal assets/ against airstrikes and ŠTS activities from the axes of Lauš village, Donje Prekaze village and Devičke Šume /Woods/ and provide combat control for the deployment sector.

Move from the current sector on 14 and 15 April 1999, no later than 1500 hours.

All other matters concerning PoOb shall be regulated per item by an order for logistical support.

5.10.- The 37th čVP /Military Police Company/ shall carry out the following tasks:

- with a platoon of VP secure the Brigade KM,

- with two squads of VP secure the Brigade PKM /Rear Command Post/
 - with a platoon of SbVP /Traffic Military Police/ control traffic and enforce the planned regime and use of roads in the Brigade's z/o, focusing on the Srbica village-Glogovac village-Komorane-Orlate road. Set up a StKSb /Traffic Control Checkpoint/ in the sector of the road junctions in Komorane village.
 - include one platoon of VP in the forces for a/d and stand by for engagement on demonstrated need and assigned task.
 - with one squad of VP form a temporary holding centre for prisoners at a site in the Srbica sector according to the decision of the NB /Chief of Security/ of the Command of the 37th mtbr.
- Provide security for moving the Command of the 37th mtbr on the axis Srbica-Glogovac-Banjica village on time and according to the plan for moving the Command, which is to be made later.

- 5.11.- The 37th ič** /Reconnaissance Company/ shall carry out the following tasks:
- form the 1st IP with the strength of a reconnaissance platoon (-1) for reconnaissance and control of the territory on the axis: Bradići village-Kožica village and Bardići village-Gredica village,
 - form the 2nd IP with the strength of a reconnaissance platoon (-1) for reconnaissance and control of the territory on the axis Likovac village-Rezala village and Likovac village-Gornje Obrinje village.
- Keep the remainder of the forces on stand-by at the KM of the 37th mtbr for engagement on the order for intelligence security and the order for the engagement of the 37th ič.

5.12.- The 37th čv /Communications Company/ shall organise and establish the planned communications with the KM and PKM of the 37th mtbr.

5.13.- The 37th KS /Headquarters Administration/ shall provide trouble-free living and working conditions for the Command and PJ /Headquarters Support Units/ at the KM 37th mtbr.

6. EXPENDITURE OF MTS /materiel and technical equipment/, AMMUNITION AND MES /mines and explosives/

Ammunition:

- ammunition for infantry weapons 3 b/k /combat sets/
- ammunition for artillery support 3 b/k
- ammunition for PO artillery 2 b/k
- rockets 1 b/k
- PVO ammunition 1.5 b/k
- tank ammunition 2 b/k

Fuel:

- petrol 2 p/r /tankfuls/
- diesel 2 p/r

Explosives, PP /anti-personnel/ and PT /anti-tank/ mines per special schedule to be made later.

7. COMMAND AND COMMUNICATIONS

KM in the sector of Banjica village.

PKM in the sector of Srbica.

Have communications ready at 0400 hours on 16 April 1999.

Reports:

- regular, daily by 1800 hours with the situation as of 1700 hours,
- interim, as required

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8. COORDINATION AND COOPERATION

Coordinate as follows:

- with the 7th pbr, for which I make responsible the NOONP /Chief of Operations and Training/,
- with the 252nd okbr, for which I make responsible the Commanders of the 1st and 2nd mtb,
- with the 15th okbr, for which I make responsible the Commander of the 3rd mtb.

Organising coordination and agreement on plans for artillery fire shall be made with the first 52nd KAG by the NA of the Command of the 37th mtbr.

The coordination of units subordinated to the Brigade shall be regulated by the Commanders of the subordinated units per place, task, time and objective of the operation.

The basis for coordination shall be set during command reconnaissance on 14 April 1999.

Cooperate with the units of the MUP of the Republic of Serbia in the zone of responsibility.

Work out precisely all the elements of coordination and cooperation by the deadline for readiness for defence.

BBO/SD

COMMANDER
Lieutenant Colonel
Ljubiša DIKOVIĆ
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