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Commander of Birač brigade

COMMAND OF EASTERN BOSNIA CORPS

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Ugljevik

O R D E R

For combat activities

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Map 1:100000 Slavonski Brod, Vinkovci, Doboј, Tuzla, Bijeljina, Vareš Kladanj, Zvornik, issued 1982.

1. The enemy began general offensive actions towards Sarajevo with a probable goal to de-block the city from the North and the West and create more favourable conditions for the division in the area of Sarajevo.

At the same time, enemy forces are gathering in the wider area of Tuzla, Čelići, Maoča, Gradačac and Modriča and are attacking in order to takeover certain buildings, improve their tactic position and create favourable conditions for further activities.

2. The task of Eastern Bosnia Corps is as follows: one part of the forces is to defend the existent frontlines, carry out confirming<sup>/?/</sup> re-grouping and then move on to liberation of Modriča with energetic actions in co-operation with 1<sup>st</sup> Krajina Corps. Also, takeover the bridges over Bosna river and ensure traffic between Modriča and Bosanski Šamac. Further on, with high level of security, mop up the territory towards Tuzla and Županja of any remaining enemy forces, establish stronger link with Sarajevo-Romanija Corps and secure the road Zvornik – village of Milići – Vlasenica, mop up Birač territory of remaining enemy forces.

3. One part of 1<sup>st</sup> Krajina Corps forces will lead the attack towards Modriča in Podunavlje with a task to, in joint action with Eastern Bosnia Corps, break enemy forces in that area and push it back towards Sava River. Main forces of Sarajevo-

Romanija Corps shall undertake activities in wider region of Sarajevo and auxiliary forces shall secure route Sarajevo – Sokolac - Vlasenica with the task to establish stronger link with Eastern Bosnia Corps.

4. I have decided to: prolong the defence on our existing positions with one part of the forces and carry out necessary re-grouping at the same time. Then, commence the attack north of Majevisa and Trebavac mountains with the main forces with the following goals: liberate Modriča and Brčko in joint action with 1<sup>st</sup> Krajina Corps, takeover the bridges on Bosna River, ensure traffic from Modriča to Bosanski Šamac is undisturbed, and then using the strong force ensure */word missing/* from the direction of Tuzla, Gradačac and Županja and proceed with the mopping up of the territory for remaining enemy groups and individuals.

Trough the activities of forces located in Birač, establish stronger connection with Sarajevo-Romanija Corps.

Operation shall be carried out in two phases, as follows:

- The I phase shall last 3 to 4 days during which further enemy advancement on Majevisa mountain shall be prevented, necessary re-grouping of forces in the areas of Brčko, Pelagićevo and Bosanski Šamac shall be carried out and favourable conditions for offensive activities shall be created. Forces located in Birač shall join Sarajevo-Romanija Corps and protect the route Zvornik – Milići – Vlasenica.
- The II phase shall last 4 to 6 days during which the attack shall be carried out, Modriča shall be taken over, as well as the bridges on Bosna River; the forces shall join 1<sup>st</sup> Krajina Corps units and ensure traffic flow between Modriča and Bosanski Šamac; the positions on the slopes of Majevisa mountain shall be enforced, especially from direction of Tuzla and Gradačac as well as positions on Sava River from direction of Županja; the mopping up operations on the territory between Sava River, Mountains of Trebavac and Majevisa shall commence as well as expansion of the existing corridor.

Operative schedule: attack forces, logistic forces, defence forces, mopping up forces.

Be ready to commence the activities at 06,00 hours on 08 June 1992.

5. Posavina brigade /Posbr/: shall carry out necessary re-grouping of battle formations, reinforcement and replenishment of units and then firmly holding the positions towards Odžak, Dubica, Sava River and Gradačac carry out attack on Modriča in joint action with 1<sup>st</sup> Krajina Corps units, take over Modriča and bridges on Bosna River, merge with our forces on Trebavac Mountain and ensure traffic flow between Modriča and Bosanski Šamac.

Furthermore, this unit shall initiate mopping up operations on the territory towards the village of Srnice and block Gradačac.

5.1. Brčko brigade /Brčbr/: immediately commence reinforcement and replenishment of the units, carry out necessary re-grouping and then active forces shall initiate attack, liberate Brčko and continue their operations towards villages of Maoča and Čelić and block them from the North. One part of the forces is to carry out joined action with Posavina brigade towards village of Srnice.

Furthermore, firmly defend Brčko, mop up the territory from Sava River to northern slopes of Majevisa Mountain and ensure traffic flow in the brigade's zone of responsibility.

5.2. First Semberija brigade /1<sup>st</sup> Sembr/: one part of the forces /1-2 battalions/ shall defend the existing frontline in the area of Brčko and another part of the forces /1 battalion/ is to remain in reserve and be used upon my decision:

Command post in the barracks area in Bijeljina.

Forward command post in the area of Brčko.

5.3. Second Majevisa brigade /2<sup>nd</sup> Majbr/: continue defence of the existing positions with the following tasks: continue fortifying positions and obstacle construction in front of the forward defence line, in joint action with Engineering Regiment and Zvornik brigade persistently defend existing positions, carry out infiltration and active operations, prevent the enemy breaking through our defence zone.

Command post in the area of Kolimer village.

5.4. First Majevisa brigade /1<sup>st</sup> Majbr/: continue defending existing positions with the following tasks: proceed with fortification and obstacle construction as well as

occasional infiltration operations; one part of the forces should carry out blockade of villages Koraj, Teočak, Krstac and Jasikovac.

Command post in the area of Ugljevik.

5.5. Engineering detachment is tasked with the following: main forces are to consistently defend existing positions and one part of the forces is to continue obstacle construction in front of the forward defence line, repair and road construction.

Command post in the area of Lopare.

5.6. Anti-aircraft Light Artillery Regiment /lap PVO/ is tasked with the following: organise persistent defence of the existing positions with obstacle construction and prevent further advancement of the enemy.

Command post in village Piperi.

5.7.) Zvornik brigade /Zvobr/: immediately carry out necessary re-grouping of forces, reinforcement and replenishment of the units, continue defence of existing positions with the following task: persistent and active defence, in joint action with 2<sup>nd</sup> Majevisa brigade and Birač brigade prevent breakthrough of the enemy in the defence zone, especially in direction Kalesija – village of Vitinica. Also, continue *čišćenje* /mopping up or cleansing/ operations and ensure traffic flow through Drina River valley.

Command post in Zvornik area.

5.8. Birač brigade /Birbr/: carry out necessary re-grouping of the forces and continue defensive operations in the zone of responsibility with the following task: immediately join with forces of Sarajevo-Romanija Corps and clear out the route Zvornik – village of Milići – Vlasenica, in joint action with Zvornik brigade and through the persistent defence and active operations prevent the breakthrough of the enemy forces in direction Kalesija – Zvornik. At the same time, carry out *čišćenje* /mopping up or cleansing/ operations and ensure traffic flow in Drina River valley.

Command post in Šekovići area.

5.9. Smoluće/?!/ infantry battalion: continue defensive operations in area of responsibility with the following task: clear the road in the areas of Orlova

klisura and village of Donja Tinja, prevent enemy communication in direction Srebrenik-Tuzla and then in joint action with Okresanice/??/ infantry battalion take over the village of Podorašje, block the village of Brezik and ensure the converging with the forces on Majeвица Mountain. Also, carry out decisive defence of existing positions and consolidation with the forces on Majeвица Mountain.

Command post in the village of Gornja Smoluća.

5.10. Okresanice/??/ infantry battalion: continue defence in area of responsibility with the following task:: arrange and reinforce units and then perform attack on the village of Podorašje, with the logistic support/??/ from the village of Brezik. In joint action with Smoluće/??/ infantry battalion take over the village of Podorašje and then continue the decisive defence of the existing positions and ensure consolidation with Smoluće infantry battalion.

Command post in the village of Jasenica.

5.11. Second Semberija brigade /2<sup>nd</sup> Sembr/ is tasked as follows: accelerate mobilisation and be in the state of readiness for eventual engagement in the area of Brčko and Modriča as a reserve.

Command post in the area of Bijeljina.

5.12. Bijeljina mixed artillery regiment:

- With 1<sup>st</sup> battalion 155 mm and multiple rocket launcher provide support for Posavina brigade.
- With 2<sup>nd</sup> battalion 155 mm /without 1<sup>st</sup> battery/ provide support for Brčko brigade.
- With ½ battalion provide support to the Engineering Regiment and 2<sup>nd</sup> Majeвица brigade in directions: village of Dokanj – Tuzla and village of Konjikovići – village of Simin Han.

Command post in the area of Bijeljina.

## 6. Combat security

For compulsory fortification of manpower and materiel and technical equipment use prisoners of war with prolonged working timeframe. They are to be treated according to the Geneva Convention.

Built obstacles in front of front lines, in areas between units, paths and access roads for the positions, for the protection from the enemy. Woods, bushes, river banks and

stream banks should be abundant with obstacles. Engage patrols and separate guards for the security of the area.

Pay greater attention to camouflage, prohibit gatherings of soldiers and population in front of certain buildings, crossroads and so on.

#### 7. Logistic security

Logistic security is to be provided with own forces and resources, relying on the logistic organ of the Corps, as it was the case in all combat activities which were carried out so far.

In case of interruption of communication and urgent matters, use resources from the territory and war booty.

The maltreatment of the unarmed civilian population is strictly prohibited. Arrested persons shall be evacuated to one of the camps in village of Pilica and garrison Bijeljina.

#### 8. Command and communication: everything remains the same.

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COMMANDER

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all subordinate units