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 KRIVAČE FORWARD COMMAND POST
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Attention:

COMMANDS: 1. Zpbr /1st Zvornik Infantry Brigade/, 1st Brlpbr /1st Bratunac Light Infantry Brigade/, 1. Bpbr /1st Birač Infantry Brigade/, 2. Rmtbr /2nd Romanija Motorised Brigade/, 1. Plpbr /1st Podrinje Light Infantry Brigade/, 5. Plpbr /5th Podrinje Light Infantry Brigade/, 1. Mlpbr /1st Milići Light Infantry Brigade/, 1. Vlpbr /1st Vlasenica Light Infantry Brigade/, 5 map /5th Mixed Artillery Regiment/

ORDER

To attack the Žepa enclave, operation no. 1
 Section 1 : 50,000 Zvornik 3,4 and Višegrad 1,2

1. The enemy in the Srebrenica enclave is completely routed. Mopping up is underway.
 The defence of the Žepa enclave was organised by around 1,200 troops of the Žepa Brigade. In addition, about 700 to 1,000 soldiers from units that were routed in the Srebrenica enclave withdrew to Žepa and will probably join the defence of the Žepa enclave.
 Routed units or groups withdrawing to Žepa could attack the routes leading from the Srebrenica enclave to Žepa.
2. After routing the enemy in the Srebrenica enclave, our forces are continuing operations and trying to crush the enemy in the Žepa enclave and create conditions for operations in the direction of Goražde.
3. Our units at the front are holding their positions firmly and blocking intervention in enclaves by the forces of the 2nd Corps.
4. Benefiting from the outcome of the activities in the Srebrenica enclave, I have decided to immediately move onto the offensive and rout the enemy in the Žepa enclave in order to liberate and clear the Serbian Podrinje of Muslim forces and eliminate the enclaves.

Combat readiness at 8.00 hrs on 14 July 1995.

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5. Task of the units

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- 1/ The 1st Milići Light Infantry Brigade and Bratunac Light Infantry Brigade shall attack from the Rupovo Brdo-Bračan frontline along the Bračan-Stublić-Brestovik-Orlov Kamen axis.

Task: Crush the forces along the line of attack. The immediate task is to reach the Klisa (trig point 1210) - Brestovik (1291) line. Continuing the attack from there, the next task is to reach the Orlov Kamen (trig point 1517) - Crni Vrh (trig point 1226) line and be ready from there to continue the advance toward the village of Krušev Do.

- 2/ The 1st Vlasenica Light Infantry Brigade shall attack from the Kupusna-Prevrata line along the (trig point 1354) - Petrovačka Gređa (trig point 1438) - Klisa (trig point 1310) - Mehovac - Gornja Baba (trig point 1500) axis.

Task: In coordinated action with the left neighbour, crush the enemy along the line of attack, reach the Završje-Klisa line, and continue the advance. The next task is to reach the Panjak (trig point 1375) - Orlov Kamen (trig point 1517) line, from which it will create conditions for continuing the attack towards Zlovrh (1525).

- 3/ The 5th Podrinje Light Infantry Brigade shall attack from the Studenac - Prevrata line of departure along the (trig point 1264) - Kličevac (trig point 1254) - Panjak - (trig point 1375) axis.

Task: Crush the enemy forces along the line of attack. The immediate task is to reach the Kličevac (trig point 1254) - Završje line and continue the advance to reach the Panjak (trig point 1375) area.

From the current positions in the Župa area, neutralise the enemy forces in the areas of Slap, Pripećak, Krušev Do and Luka with direct fire and artillery support, firing on request.

Use some troops to prevent the enemy escaping over the Drina River toward Serbia.

- 4/ The Zvornik Infantry Brigade from the Podžeplje-Brložnik area shall attack the enemy along the village of Purtići - village of Čavčići - Žepa axis in order to crush the enemy along the line of attack, reach the Palež - Borak line and continue the advance. The next task is to reach Žepa.

Support from the KAG /Corps Artillery Group/ from the Krivača area.
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Command Post in the village of Podžeplje

- 5/ The Romanija Motorised Brigade in reserve in the village of Podžeplje area shall move along the line of attack of the Zvornik Light Infantry Brigade and be ready to be committed to the attack along the village of Čovčići - Žepa axis.

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- 6/ In coordination with the Protection Regiment, the 1st Podrinje Light Infantry Brigade shall attack along the village of Godomlje - Žepa axis. The immediate task is to capture the villages of Ribioći and Vratovi and then continue the advance toward Žepa.
- 7/ The 1st Bratunac Light Infantry Brigade shall allocate a company to join the Milići Light Infantry Brigade and carry out the task assigned to the Milići Light Infantry Brigade. The company shall report to the Commander of the Milići Light Infantry Brigade in the area of Braćan by 18.00 hrs on 13 July 1995.

6. Fire Support

The Corps Artillery Group consisting of the 5th map /Mixed Artillery Regiment/; the VPo /basic firing position/ in the area of the village of Podžeplje; the VPn /next attack firing position/ 1 in the village of Gođenje.

Tasks:

- a/ in preparation for the attack, it shall neutralise enemy forces along the line of attack of the main forces as planned and requested.
 - b/ in support of the attack, it shall support the commitment of reserves and their operations along the line of attack of the main forces, as planned and requested.
7. POB /anti-armour combat/: Be ready to open fire on armoured personnel carriers stolen from UNPROFOR by the Muslim army and used against our forces.

PVO /Anti-aircraft Defence/: PVO shall concentrate air defence along the line of attack of the main forces. Organise observation of the airspace and informing units of sightings of aircraft. Deploy 1st and 2nd PVO larv Light Artillery Rocket Platoons of the Milići and Zvornik Brigades as anti-aircraft defence units. Camouflage all movements by large units and weapons in the firing position. In case of air attack, make smoke in the areas where firing positions are located.

8. PDB /Anti-Landing Combat/: Be ready for combat against NATO landing forces. The reserve forces is the mainstay of anti-landing combat.

9. Securing Combat Operations

- a/ Intelligence: Engage the forces of the 1st Milići Light Artillery Brigade and 1st and 5th Podrinje Light Artillery Brigades to gather intelligence about the enemy in Žepa and inform intelligence organs in units engaged in the attack. Send the lead scouts of the scout group and scout patrols along the axis of each unit in order to locate the enemy in time.
- b/ Keeping up Morale: Use recent successes of our forces in crushing the enemy in the Srebrenica enclave and motivate the troops to capture the Žepa enclave.

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c/ Security: Concentrate security measures on securing sensitive elements in the combat disposition against attacks by infiltrated enemy troops and sabotage-terrorist groups. Regulate the security regime in the zones of responsibility of each brigade. In coordination with the MUP /Ministry of the Interior/, all units shall be ready to control and search the field and eliminate enemy elements infiltrated into or left behind in our rear. Set up local guards in zones of responsibility, control and secure water supplies of remote villages and other important facilities in the territory.

The civilian Muslim population and UNPROFOR are not targets of our operations. Collect them together and keep them under guard, but crush and destroy armed Muslim groups.

d/ Engineering support: Focus engineering support on locating mines and explosive obstacles, clearing passages and organising a control and protection service. Camouflage all movements of units. Fortify and, if necessary, secure with obstacles achieved lines. In every company set up a group for clearing passages of mines and explosive obstacles.

e/ Combat security: Pay special attention to combat security of units and elements in the combat disposition. Maintain contact and coordination with neighbours. Follow movements of neighbouring units and elements of fire support. Secure units on the achieved lines against attacks and operations by enemy troops that have infiltrated or remained in the area. In order to facilitate recognition of troops, use markings and determine recognition signs, particularly at night.

f/ Logistic support: In order to carry out the task, engagement of the following is authorised:

- 2 combat sets of infantry ammunition
- 1 combat set of artillery ammunition
- 0.5 tankfuls of fuel

All logistic support units shall rely on their own logistics capacities and on the Han Pijesak barracks.

10. Command and Communications

DRINA CORPS FORWARD COMMAND POST in Krivače shall start work at 1800 hrs on 13 July 1995

Communications shall be ready for the attack at 0600 hrs on 14 July 1995.

Daily reports describing the situation at 1700 hrs to be submitted by 1800 hrs. Interim reports when necessary.

In radio communications strictly adhere to measures of cryptographic protection.

Recognition signals: RAKETA - RUDO /rocket - pole/!

CHIEF OF STAFF

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- 1st Zvornik Light Infantry Brigade
- 1st Milići Light Infantry Brigade
- 1st Vlasenica Light Infantry Brigade
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