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**OFFENSIVE OPERATION  
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## OFFENSIVE OPERATION O R D E R

Map 1 : 100,000 Zadar, Gračac, Drvar, Biograd, Šibenik,  
Split, Glamoč and Sinj

### 1. THE ENEMY:

In the area of responsibility of the ZP /Military District/ Split and the OG /Operations Group/ North we are confronted with the forces of the 7<sup>th</sup> Knin North Dalmatian Corps, 2<sup>nd</sup> Drvar KK /Krajina Corps/, KSS /Special Forces Corps/, ARSK /Army of the Republic of Serbian Krajina/ and parts of the forces of the 1<sup>st</sup> Banja Luka KK and the Dniš Corps with about 15,000 troops.

The enemy has grouped its forces and organised them along the following line:

#### a) Area of Northern Dalmatia:

- 4<sup>th</sup> Obrovac lpbr /Light Infantry Brigade/  
Velebit (Mali Alan, trig point 1044 (excluded)) – Tulove Grede – Kruševo –  
Novigradsko More (excluded);
- 92<sup>nd</sup> Benkovac mtbr /Motorised Brigade/  
Novigradsko More (included) – Paljuv – Kašić – Zemunik Gornji – Nadinsko Blato  
(included);
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Benkovac pbr /Infantry Brigade/  
Petrim – Miranje Donje – Kolarina – Morpolača (excluded);
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Đevrske pbr:  
Morpolača – Čista Mala – Prokljan – Debeljak, trig point 223 – Zaskok;
- 75<sup>th</sup> Knin mtbr:  
Trbounje – Žitnić – Kričke – Gradac – Baljci Donji – Baljci Gornji – Lisina  
(included);

- 1<sup>st</sup> Vrljica lpbr:

Lisina (excluded) – Otišičke Razvale – Otišić – Laktac – B/ravčev/ Dolac – Čubrice – Ježević – Cetina;

- BG /Combat Group/ Dinara (part of the forces of the 7<sup>th</sup> Knin Corps units, Knin MUP /Ministry of the Interior/ battalion, part of the ARSK KSS):  
Modrića Kula – Uništa – Dinara, trig point 1831 – Brezovac – Borova Glava – Strmica.

b) Area of Western Bosnia:

In this area the enemy is holding the front line with the following units:

9<sup>th</sup> Grahovo lpbr, 1<sup>st</sup> Drina Brigade, 3<sup>rd</sup> Serbian Brigade, 1<sup>st</sup> part of the 1<sup>st</sup> Drvar Brigade, and 7<sup>th</sup> Kupres mtbr.

In this area, the enemy has still not established a defence line in the entire area. This line might be:

Strmice (excluded) – Peć – Mokre Poljane – Crni Vrh – Sterekovci – Hotkovci – Pripovac – Pribelja – Cigansko Polje – Stranjik – Hajdučka Glava, grid reference 1351 – Radina Kosa, trig point 1500 – Velika Korita – Stražbenica – Zlosela – Demirovac.

In the area of Knin, the enemy has the following reserve forces: part of the forces from the KSS, the *Mindjušari* /Earring Wearers/ Reconnaissance-Sabotage Company, up to 800 conscripts, and on the right axis as an operational reserve there is currently the 5<sup>th</sup> Glamoč lpbr in Mliništi and the 1<sup>st</sup> Company of the Drvar Military Police.

In addition to the aforementioned units, the enemy will, as in the past days, be using its airforce from the Udbina and Banja Luka airfields, as well as LUNA and ORKAN surface-to-surface missiles, and improvised *KOŠAVA* rockets.

Following the successful SUMMER-95 operation, the enemy still has sufficient forces in the area of Dinara, Strmica and the Glamoč-Kupres theatre to successfully organise the front line and carry out a planned counterattack.

In addition to the problems with personnel reinforcements in this area, the enemy is also encountering problems with a lack of equipment and ammunition, manoeuvring impediments, inadequacy of the command system, increasing defeatism, a drop in morale, insecurity and panic, particularly in Knin and Drvar.

## 2. TASK OF SPLIT MILITARY DISTRICT:

The Split Military District shall prepare and carry out a joint offensive operation in the area of Northern Dalmatia and Western Bosnia, *left*: Velebit; *right*: Kupres, *with the following task*: in a vigorous attack with intense artillery and air support, on several axes, directed at the main military and political transportation features in the

enemy's operational depth, break up the enemy forces on the forward defence line, and by decisively advancing, take control of the key land, transportation, military and political features, thus putting the enemy in a no-exit situation and forcing him to surrender or withdraw.

Group the main forces for the attack along the following axes:

- BOSANSKO GRAHOVO – KNIN
- JASENICE – MUŠKOVCI
- UNIŠKI DOCI – UNIŠTE – KIJEVO

In this way encircle the enemy forces in the general Northern Dalmatia area, cut off the communications leading from Knin towards the north, encircle Knin and take control of the town. The operation is meant to create conditions for the reintegration of the liberated area into the constitutional system of the Republic of Croatia.

### 3. NEIGHBOURS

- - *Right* of the forces of the Split Military District the offensive operation towards Donji Vakuf is being carried out by the BH Army.
- - *Left*: Gospić Military District and MUP Special Units are carrying out an offensive operation on the general Velebit – Gračac axis with the task of cutting off the communications leading from Gračac towards Knin and Obrovac.

### 4. I HAVE DECIDED:

With the established dynamics of frontal and flank strikes by all Split Military District forces, including strong artillery-rocket and air support, by inserting a part of the forces behind enemy lines, break up the enemy forces on the front line and by vigorously advancing along the main axes of attack, take control of key land, transportation, military and political features in the enemy's operational depth, thus putting the enemy forces in a no-exit situation and forcing them to surrender or withdraw.

Group the main forces for the attack along the following axes:

- - **Bosansko Grahovo** – Knin, with the objective of cutting off the Knin – Otrić road and taking control of Knin;
- - **Jasenice** – **Muškovci**, with the objective of cutting off the Obrovac – Gračac road;
- - **Uniški Doci** – **Unište** – **Kijevo**, with the objective of taking control of the wider area of the Peruča valley and participating in capturing Kozjak.

With the auxiliary forces in the other part of the theatre carry out combined offensive-defensive action and push back the enemy on the axes given.

Carry out the operation in 2-3 phases, lasting 3-4 days.

In the *1<sup>st</sup> phase* of the attack lasting one day, use the forces of the 1<sup>st</sup> combat echelon to break up the enemy on the first defence line and take control of favourable land features and communications in the tactical depth of the enemy.

In the *2<sup>nd</sup> phase* of the offensive operation lasting one day, in vigorous attacks cut through the main enemy forces in several places and create conditions for insertion of the forces of the 2<sup>nd</sup> combat echelon into combat.

In the *3<sup>rd</sup> phase* of the offensive operation lasting two days, destroy the main groupings of enemy forces and take control of key land, transportation, military and political features, thus putting the enemy in a no-exit situation and forcing him to surrender/withdraw.

In preparation for the offensive operation carry out a strike with part of the forces on the Glamočko Polje – Vitorog axis, with the objective of deceiving the enemy and tying up his operational reserve.

#### OPERATIONAL FORMATION:

- Combat echelon with reserve,
- Forces for behind-enemy-lines action,
- Support and Anti-Armour Combat forces,
- Anti-Aircraft Defence forces,
- Air support forces,
- Other elements providing support for the operation.

The Command of the Split Military District shall be in charge of command and control of all forces in the area where the offensive operation /handwritten above: task/ is being carried out. For this purpose, establish two forward command posts /IZM/:

- Zadar IZM – directly controls the forces of OG Zadar and OG Šibenik;
- Sajković IZM – directly controls the forces of OG Sinj and OG North.

Readiness for attack at 0400 hours on 4 August 1995.

Start of attack at 0500 hours on 4 August 1995.

## 5. TASKS FOR THE UNITS:

### 5.1. TASK FOR OG NORTH:

**OG North** comprising the 4<sup>th</sup> gbr /Guards Brigade/, 7<sup>th</sup> gbr, 81<sup>st</sup> gb /Guards Battalion/ (including TG /Tactical Group/-1), 1<sup>st</sup> HG Zdrug /Croatian Guards/ Brigade, 3<sup>rd</sup> HVO /Croatian Defence Council/ gbr (including TG-2), 2<sup>nd</sup> HVO gbr (including TG-3) and the forces of the Tomislavgrad Military District is to carry out a combined offensive operation with the main forces on the Dinara – Knin axis, and with its auxiliary forces on the Glamočko Polje – Vitorog axis.

#### Task:

In a vigorous strike by the main forces (4<sup>th</sup> gbr and 7<sup>th</sup> gbr) on the Dinara – Knin axis, break up the enemy forces on the forward defence line and cut off the road leading from Knin towards Gračac, after which you are to take control of Knin.

In an attack of the auxiliary forces (3<sup>rd</sup> HVO gbr, 2<sup>nd</sup> HVO gbr, Tomislavgrad Military District) on the Glamočko Polje – Vitorog axis break up the enemy forces along the axes of attack, take control of Vitorog and Mlinište, and create conditions for further advance towards Jajce. Implement the task with the close participation of the BH Army.

With the rest of the forces (81<sup>st</sup> gb, 1<sup>st</sup> HGZdrug, TG-2, TG-2) remain in decisive defence on the line reached and in this way protect the flanks and the rear of the forces in the attack.

All units of the OG North shall be commanded by the Split Military District Chief of Staff, Staff Brigade Rahim ADEMI.

Command post in the village of Sajković.

5.1.1. 7<sup>th</sup> gbr is to carry out an attack in the following zone: *right* – Javorova Glava, trig point 833 (included) – Bolandža, trig point 637 (included) – Visoka Greda, trig point 692 – Crni Vrh, trig point 651 (included) – Martića Glavica, trig point 542 (included) – village of Očestovo (included); *and left* – Crni Vrh, trig point 1478 (excluded) – Vršina, trig point 1004 (included) – Crna Glava, trig point 787 (included) – Smrekova Glava, trig point 472 (included) – Lopuže, trig point 378 (included).

TASK: In a vigorous strike on the Risovac – Golubičko Suvo Polje – village of Kovačić /as printed/ axis, break up the enemy forces on the forward defence line, and by vigorously advancing enable the insertion of the units of the 4<sup>th</sup> gbr into the attack, cut the Knin – Kijevo road and take control of the general sector of the village of Kovačić.

Carry out the attack in three phases lasting 4 days.

In the 1<sup>st</sup> phase of the attack lasting one day, break up the enemy forces on the forward defence line and reach the Plješivica, trig point 1148 – Anića Glava, trig point 909 – Vršina, trig point 1004 line.

In the 2<sup>nd</sup> phase of the attack lasting one day, in a vigorous advance towards the village of Kovačić, take control of the Veljuv, trig point 463 – trig point 494 – Lađevac, trig point 624 – Crna Glava, trig point 785 line, and in this way enable the insertion of the units of the 4<sup>th</sup> gbr into the attack along the Golubičko Suvo Polje – village of Golubić – village of Žagrović axis. Provide maximum fire support on the right flank of the attack for the insertion of the 4<sup>th</sup> gbr.

Line of separation in the zone of attack between the 7<sup>th</sup> gbr and the 4<sup>th</sup> gbr: Orljaj, trig point 494 – intersection in the village of Mirković, trig point 265 – Mlinarevići, all included for the 7<sup>th</sup> gbr.

In the 3<sup>rd</sup> phase of the attack lasting two days, take control of the general area of the village of Kovačić and reach the Mlinarevići – Lopuže, trig point 378 line, where they are to switch to defence and be prepared for a continuation of combat action.

Support for the attack is provided by TRS /Artillery-Rocket Group/-3 and the

HRZ /Croatian Air Force/.

Command post at the beginning of the attack in the village of Luka.

Readiness for attack at 0400 hours on 4 August 1995.

Start of attack at 0500 hours on 4 August 1995.

- 5.1.2. **4<sup>th</sup> gbr**, in preparation for the offensive operation, is to hand over the front line to the 81<sup>st</sup> HV gb.

During the 1<sup>st</sup> phase of the attack provide artillery and rocket support for the 7<sup>th</sup> gbr and monitor the combat formation of the 7<sup>th</sup> gbr ready for insertion following completion of the 7<sup>th</sup> gbr's immediate task.

In the 2<sup>nd</sup> phase of the attack they are to insert attack forces along the Golubičko Suvo Polje – Golubić – Žagrović axis.

With part of the forces take control of the Knin – Strmica road in the area of Golubić.

In the 3<sup>rd</sup> phase of the attack, in a decisive strike along the axis of attack, break up the enemy forces, capture Visoka Greda, trig point 692, Crni Vrh, trig point 651, Stanić, trig point 403, and Kamenito Brdo, trig point 374, secure the right flank, and then take control of the area of Knin.

Support is provided by TRS-3 and the HRZ.

Command post at the beginning of the attack in the village of Luka.

Readiness for attack at 0400 hours on 4 August 1995.

Start of attack at 0500 hours on 4 August 1995.

- 5.1.3. **1<sup>st</sup> HGZdrug** (including the ATG /Anti-Terrorist Group/ of the 72<sup>nd</sup> Military Police Battalion) is to remain in operational reserve for intervention along endangered axes of defence or for insertion into the attack on the orders of the OG North commander.  
Waiting area in the village of Strupnić.

Support is provided by TRS-3 and the HRZ.

Readiness for attack at 0400 hours on 4 August 1995.

- 5.1.4. **81<sup>st</sup> gb** (including TG-1 and the HR H-B /Croatian Republic of Herceg-Bosna/ MUP Special Forces), in preparation for the offensive action, is to take over the front line from the units of the 4<sup>th</sup> gbr and a part of the front line of the 7<sup>th</sup> gbr.  
Further on, they carry out a decisive defence of the following line: *left* – Mačja Greda (included); *right* – Veliki Kik, trig point 1274 (excluded).  
In this way secure the right flank and rear of the forces in the attack.  
Support is provided by TRS-3 and the HRZ.  
Command post in the area of the village of Obljaj.  
Readiness for defence at 1800 hours on 3 August 1995.

## 5.2. TASK FOR OG SINJ:

**OG Sinj** comprising: 126<sup>th</sup> dp /Home Guard Regiment/, 144<sup>th</sup> br /Brigade/ and 6<sup>th</sup> dp is to carry out an attack in the following zone: *left* - village of Strunje – Krčevina, trig point 550; and *right* - Crni Vrh, trig point 1478 (included) – Vršina, trig point 1004 (excluded) – Crna Glava, trig point 785 (excluded) – Smrekova Glava, trig point 472 (excluded) – Lopuže, trig point 378 (excluded), with the following task: in a vigorous attack along the Dinara – Kijevo and Svilaja – Kozjak axes, encircle the enemy forces in the general Peruča Valley area, destroy them, firmly take control of Kozjak and be prepared for a continuation of offensive operations towards Knin.

Support is provided by TRS-3 and the HRZ.

The commander of OG Sinj, Colonel Ante KOTROMANOVIĆ, shall command all units.

Command post at the beginning of the attack in Sinj.  
Readiness for attack at 0400 hours on 4 August 1995.  
Start of attack at 0500 hours on 4 August 1995.

- 5.2.1. **126<sup>th</sup> dp** within the 1<sup>st</sup> combat echelon from its current defence positions is to attack on the following part of the front line: *left* – Antića Glava, trig point 1539 (excluded) – Kosorska Gradina (included) – Crna Glava, trig point 1106 (included); and *right* – Oštri Vrh – Kobilovača, trig point 1330 (included) – Krš, trig point 702 (included).

Task: By vigorously encompassing the general Unište area, break up the enemy forces along the attack axis, inflict losses in personnel and equipment on the enemy, and as soon as possible take control of the following area: Kijevo – Polača, thus facilitating the attack by the 6<sup>th</sup> dp against Kozjak. During the attack secure the left flank of the 4<sup>th</sup> gbr and the 7<sup>th</sup> gbr. When reaching the end point of the attack the unit shall secure the liberated area and fortify itself at the line reached.  
Carry out the attack in two phases lasting two days.

In the 1<sup>st</sup> phase of the attack lasting one day, break up the enemy forces in the general Unište area and reach the Kobilovača, trig point 1330 – Barišića Vrh, trig point 732 line.

In the 2<sup>nd</sup> phase of the attack lasting one day take control of Peruča Valley and Kijevo and participate with the 6<sup>th</sup> dp in taking control of the Kozjak mountain.

Support is provided by TRS-3.

Command post at the beginning of the attack in the area of Brezovac.  
Readiness for attack at 0400 hours on 4 August 1995.  
Start of attack at 0500 hours on 4 August 1995.

- 5.2.2. **6<sup>th</sup> dp** is to attack on the following part of the front line: *left* – village of Elezi – Krčevina; and *right*: Peruča Lake, with the following task: with the

participation of the 126<sup>th</sup> dp and the 142<sup>nd</sup> dp, break up the forces of the enemy on the first line of defence, and then, in vigorous flank and frontal strikes, capture the following features: Ivova Glava, Lisin, Konjska Glava and Razvale Otišičke, then direct the attack against the village of Maovice and the Kozjak mountain.

In taking control of Kozjak cooperate with the 126<sup>th</sup> dp.

With a part of the forces take control of the following features: Sinjal, Obodina and Lemeš.

The unit shall fortify itself and construct defensive positions at the line reached, and be prepared for a continuation of combat operations.

Command post during the operation in the village of Donje Ogorje.

Readiness for attack at 0400 hours on 4 August 1995.

Start of attack at 0500 hours on 4 August 1995.

- 5.2.3. **144<sup>th</sup> br** from its current defence positions is to attack along the Vještić Gora – Bravčev Dolac – Vinalić axis, with the following task: in a vigorous attack in cooperation with the 126<sup>th</sup> dp and the 6<sup>th</sup> dp break up the enemy forces in the area of Bravčev Dolac, then continue the attack towards the village of Vinalić, where the unit is to link up with the forces of the 126<sup>th</sup> dp.

Carry out the attack in two phases lasting two days.

In the 1<sup>st</sup> phase of the attack lasting one day, break up the enemy forces in the general Bravčev Dolac area and reach the Kurozeb, trig point 1204 – Koščica, trig point 1144 line.

In the 2<sup>nd</sup> phase of the attack lasting one day, vigorously pursue the crushed enemy and come out onto the area of the village of Vinalić, where the unit is to link up with the forces of the 126<sup>th</sup> dp.

In the further course, the unit is to carry out offensive operations on orders by the OG Sinj commander.

Keep the command post at the beginning of the attack in the area of Vještić Gora.

Readiness for attack at 0400 hours on 4 August 1995.

Start of attack at 0500 hours on 4 August 1995.

### 5.3. TASK FOR OG ŠIBENIK:

**OG Šibenik** comprising: 142<sup>nd</sup> dp, 15<sup>th</sup> dp and 113<sup>th</sup> pbr is to attack along the following basic axes: Miljevci – Promina, Skradin – Plastovo – Tomasovića Stanovi and Dragišići – Bribir.

Zone of attack:

- right: village of Elezi – Krčevina;
- left: village of Velim – Orlovača, trig point 405 – Biovičino Selo.

Support is provided by TRS-4.

The commander of the OG Šibenik, Colonel Bruno VUKIĆ, shall command all units.  
Command post in Šibenik.

Readiness for attack at 0400 hours on 4 August 1995.

Start of attack at 0500 hours on 4 August 1995.

142<sup>nd</sup> dp within the 1<sup>st</sup> combat echelon, from its current defence positions, is to attack on the following part of the front line: *right* – village of Elezi – Krčevina; and *left* – Krka river with the following task: break up the enemy along the first line of defence and the attack axes, inflict losses in personnel and equipment, and take control of the general Žitnić, Trbounje, Oklaj, Promina and Vrbnik area.

During the attack cooperate with the 6<sup>th</sup> dp and the 15<sup>th</sup> dp. When reaching the final line of the attack, the unit shall secure the liberated area and fortify itself at the positions reached.

Support is provided by TRS-4.

Command post at the beginning of the attack in the village of Kaočine.

Readiness for attack at 0400 hours on 4 August 1995.

Start of attack at 0500 hours on 4 August 1995.

15<sup>th</sup> dp within the 1<sup>st</sup> combat echelon, from its current defence positions, is to attack on the following part of the front line: *right* – Krka river; and *left* – Debela Punta – Kakanj – Krnete, with the following task: in cooperation with the 142<sup>nd</sup> dp and the 113<sup>th</sup> pbr, break up the forces of the enemy along the first line of defence, and then, in vigorous flank and frontal strikes, take control of the following features: Velika Glava, Sonković, Bratiškovci, Laškovića, and then direct the attack along the right bank of the Krka river all the way to the village of Radučić.

The unit shall fortify itself and construct defensive positions at the line reached, and be prepared for a continuation of combat operations.

Support is provided by TRS-4.

Command post at the beginning of the operation in Skradin.

Readiness for attack at 0400 hours on 4 August 1995.

Start of attack at 0500 hours on 4 August 1995.

113<sup>th</sup> pbr within the 1<sup>st</sup> combat echelon, from its current defence positions, is to attack on the following part of the front line: *right* – Debela Punta – village of Kakanj; and *left* – village of Velim – Orlovača, trig point 405 – Biovičino Selo, with the following task: in cooperation with the 15<sup>th</sup> dp and the 134<sup>th</sup> dp break up the forces of the enemy along the enemy's front line, and then, in vigorous strikes, take control of the following features: Ždrapanj, Medare, Žažvić, Vaćani, Bribir and Ervenik. The unit shall fortify itself and construct defensive positions at the line reached, and be prepared for a continuation of combat operations.

Support is provided by TRS-4.

Command post at the beginning of the offensive operation in the village of Dubrava Tišnjanska.

Readiness for attack at 0400 hours on 4 August 1995.  
Start of attack at 0500 hours on 4 August 1995.

**TASK FOR OG ZADAR:**

**OG Zadar** comprising: 2<sup>nd</sup>/battalion of the/ 9<sup>th</sup> gbr, 112<sup>th</sup> br, 7<sup>th</sup> dp and 134<sup>th</sup> dp is to attack along the following basic axes: Novigrad – Donji Karin – Kaštel Žegarski – Suhovare – Smiljčić – Benkovac, Prkos – Nadin, Gorica – Rašević, Vrana – Miranje, Pristeg – Ceranje Gornje and Bila Vlaka – Vukšić – Modrino Selo.

**Zone of responsibility:**

Right: village of Velim – Orlovača, trig point 405 – Biovčino Selo; /handwritten:/ (included)

Left: Božića Vršine – Prezid. /handwritten:/ (excluded)

Support is provided by TRS-5.

The commander of the OG Zadar, Colonel Mladen FUZUL, shall command all units.  
Readiness for attack at 0400 hours on 4 August 1995.  
Start of attack at 0500 hours on 4 August 1995.

**2<sup>nd</sup>/9<sup>th</sup> gbr (with 2<sup>nd</sup>/134<sup>th</sup> dp)** is to attack in the following zone:

Right: Zrmanja river canyon

Left: Vršine – Prezid – Dukovača

With the following task: with the forces from the 1<sup>st</sup> combat echelon, break up the enemy along the first line of defence and as soon as possible cut the Gračac – Obrovac road, and take control of the Muškovci area.

In this way, create conditions for the insertion of fresh troops into combat and a prolongation of the attack.

While carrying out the task, secure the right flank of the MUP /Ministry of the Interior/ Special Unit.

Support in carrying out this task is provided by TRS-5 and the HRZ.

Command post at the beginning of the operation in the village of Seline.

Readiness for attack at 0400 hours on 4 August 1995.

Start of attack at 0500 hours on 4 August 1995.

**112<sup>th</sup> HV Brigade** within the 1<sup>st</sup> combat echelon, from its current defence positions, is to attack on the following part of the front line: right – village of Rupalj – village of Smiljčić – village of Popovići, all included; and left – Zrmanja river canyon.

Task: break up the enemy along the first line of defence and along the attack axes, inflict losses in personnel and equipment, and as quickly as possible take control of the general Karin – Smiljčić – Kaštel Žegarski area.

During the attack cooperate with the 7<sup>th</sup> HV dp.

After reaching the final point of attack, the unit shall secure the liberated area, fortify itself at the line reached, and be prepared for a continuation of combat operations.

Support is provided by TRS-5.

Command post at the beginning of the attack in the village of Posedarje.

Readiness for attack at 0400 hours on 4 August 1995.

Start of attack at 0500 hours on 4 August 1995.

7<sup>th</sup> HV dp within the 1<sup>st</sup> combat echelon, from its current defence positions, is to attack on the following part of the front line: right – Vrčevo – village of Vinterinci – Vijenac – village of Šopot; and left – the right border of the 112<sup>th</sup> Brigade's attack zone.

Task: in cooperation with the 112<sup>th</sup> dp and the 134<sup>th</sup> dp break up the forces of the enemy along the first line of defence, and then, in vigorous flank and frontal strikes, take control of the following features: village of Veljane, Ražovljeva Glava, Nadinski Vijenac and Benkovac.

The unit shall fortify itself and construct defensive positions at the line reached.

Support is provided by TRS-5.

Command post during the operation in the village of Debeljak.

Readiness for attack at 0400 hours on 4 August 1995.

Start of attack at 0500 hours on 4 August 1995.

134<sup>th</sup> HV dp (-1 battalion) within the 1<sup>st</sup> combat echelon, from its current defence positions, is to attack on the following part of the front line: right – village of Velim – village of Mopolča – Orlovača, grid reference 405 – Debelo Brdo, trig point 363 – Biovičino Selo; and left – Vrčevo, trig point 212 – Vinterinci – Vijenac, grid reference 240 – village of Šopot.

Task: in cooperation with the 7<sup>th</sup> dp and the 113<sup>th</sup> pbr break up the forces of the enemy along the first line of defence, and then, in vigorous flank and frontal strikes, take control of the following features: Miranje Gornje and the village of Vukšić.

After that, direct the main forces towards the village of Parčič.

The unit shall fortify itself and construct defensive positions at the line reached, and be prepared for a continuation of combat operations.

Support is provided by TRS-5.

Command post in Biograd.

Readiness for attack at 0400 hours on 4 August 1995.

Start of attack at 0500 hours on 4 August 1995.

#### 6. HRZ and PZO /Anti-Aircraft Defence/:

With the authorised forces of combat planes (MIG-21), helicopters for anti-armour combat (MI-24) and transport helicopters (MI-8), it shall provide aircraft support along the axis of attack pursuant to the Plan of Use and by request of the operations group commander.

## 7. ARTILLERY SUPPORT:

Form artillery groups within the units that carry out the offensive combat operations from the units' own artillery resources, and engage them on the units' focal tasks with the aim of efficient and accurate targeting of the enemy.

Create conditions for a quick penetration of the enemy's front line and penetration into the enemy's operational depth.

Establish cooperation with right and left neighbours for artillery support.

Establish TSs /artillery groups/ and TRSs at operations group levels.

In OG North establish TRS-1, TRS-2 and TS-3 comprising:

- TRS-1: 4 x 130 mm guns, 3 x 122 mm BM21 self-propelled multiple rocket launchers, 2 x 203 mm howitzers and 2 x 152 mm *Nora* howitzers;
- TRS-2: 2 x 130 mm guns from the 10<sup>th</sup> HVO /Croatian Defence Council/ TRP /Artillery Rocket Regiment/, 2 x 152 mm D-20 howitzers, 1 x 122 mm BM21 self-propelled multiple rocket launchers from the 5<sup>th</sup> HV gbr;
- TS-3: 4 x 130 mm guns from the 14<sup>th</sup> td /Artillery Battalion/, 3 x 155 mm howitzers, 2 x 203 mm howitzers from the 20<sup>th</sup> hd /Howitzer Battalion/.

In OG Šibenik establish TS-4 comprising:

- TS-4: 5 x 130 mm guns from the 14<sup>th</sup> td and 2 x 203 mm howitzers from the 20<sup>th</sup> hd.

In OG Zadar establish TS-5 comprising:

- TS-5: 5 x 130 mm guns from the 14<sup>th</sup> td, 2 x 203 mm howitzers from the 20<sup>th</sup> hd and 3 x 122 mm D-30 howitzers from the 112<sup>th</sup> HV pbr, /handwritten:/ 122 mm self-propelled multiple rocket launcher

Tasks of artillery-rocket groups:

Group and organise the TSs and TRS-2 along the main attack axes, focus on providing artillery support to the main forces in the offensive operation through powerful strikes against the enemy's front line, command posts, communications centres, artillery firing positions and by putting the towns of Drvar, Knin, Benkovac, Obrovac and Gračac under artillery fire. Create conditions to secure the flanks of the units that are involved in the offensive operation along the main axis. Do not allow the enemy to put fresh forces into action from the following directions: Mliništa – Glamoč, Drvar – Resanovci – Bosansko Grahovo, Knin – Crvena Zemlja, Knin – Vrlika and Gračac – Obrovac.

Be at immediate readiness for a quick transfer of the elements of artillery combat formations in chase of the enemy.

In line with the established groups, the chiefs of artillery in the operations groups shall devise artillery plans of use and plans of action, each for their respective TS / TRS.

### **Anti-armour combat:**

Organise anti-armour combat in the units with the resources available for close-range anti-armour combat and resources of short and medium-range guns and missile

systems. Establish a POOd /Anti-Armour Detachment/ in the OG Zadar from within the 11<sup>th</sup> Potrd /anti-armour artillery rocket battalion/ without 2 pieces of artillery that shall be attached to the OG Šibenik, where they shall become part of the POS /?Anti-Armour Unit/ of the OG based on the plan of use that has been worked out.

#### 8. ANTI-AIRCRAFT DEFENCE:

Air monitoring and reporting shall be organised and carried out by the 2<sup>nd</sup> ZMIN /Air Monitoring And Guidance/ battalion, which airs information about the situation in the air space on the reporting wave length via the *PIPIN* system or via a classical communication system based on the ZMIN work plan. For the reception of information ZMIN shall use the ZMIN code map.

Have visual air space monitors at the brigade, company and battalion command posts.

Assign the 204<sup>th</sup> PZO trbr /Artillery-Rocket Brigade/ for the anti-aircraft defence of features as follows:

- 1<sup>st</sup> trd /Artillery-Rocket Battalion/: assign for the defence of the
  - Peruča hydroelectric plant
  - Konjsko energy plant
  - TRS-1
- 2<sup>nd</sup> trd: assign for the defence of the
  - town of Šibenik
  - Šibenik bridge
  - TRS-2
- 3<sup>rd</sup> trd: assign for the defence of the
  - towns of Zadar and Biograd
  - Pag bridge
  - Maslenica pontoon bridge
  - TRS-3

During the combat operation all units shall apply adequate measures of anti-aircraft defence, and in particular measures of camouflaging and shelter.

#### 9. ENGINEERING:

Passages in minefields are made by units at the first line of defence.

Prepare and carry out defensive engineering work and fortification after reaching the final objective of the attack.

Protect wings and flanks by establishing mobile obstacle construction groups.

The use of building equipment from the Maslenica bridge construction site and the Peruča hydroelectric plant is authorised. The 40<sup>th</sup> Engineering Battalion shall designate a part of its forces for support of the 4<sup>th</sup> gbr and TRS-3, the 7<sup>th</sup> gbr and TRS-1.

#### 10. ABC DEFENCE:

All units are required to take preventive and all other measures of ABC protection at all times, and to set up a network of ABC control as regards a possible enemy attack with ABC weapons. Perform individual decontamination immediately, and group decontamination and withdrawal from the contaminated area on my authorisation. The units' ABC reconnaissance men are to be ready for dispatch to areas of ABC weapons use.

## 11. INFORMATION AND PROPAGANDA:

Complete psychological and combat preparation with all personnel, which will guarantee the resolve and readiness to successfully carry out the task.

Through preventive political and psychological action, avert possible cases of despondency and doubt regarding the success of the operation.

Begin explaining the meaning and objective of the operation in due course, as well as the objective of enemy propaganda.

Keep personnel informed on a regular basis about the course of the operation and our successes.

## 12. SECURITY:

- Familiarise only members of the inner commands with the drafting of combat documents and code maps; establish control over the reproduction of files relating to the offensive operation.
- Distribute any document relating to the offensive operation only via courier with an armed escort.
- Fully respect all measures of secrecy and protection when working with means of communication, perform cryptographic data protection, and in radio traffic only use code tables.
- Consistently implement measures of camouflage discipline at command posts, depots and reserve camps, and especially while units are being introduced to the initial positions.
- Prevent the use of weapons, equipment and other resources captured from the enemy until its safe use is ascertained.
- Through measures and action by the commander prevent unauthorised opening of fire and uncovering of the units' firing positions.
- By authorisation from the commander establish cooperation with MUP and SZUP /Service for the Protection of the Constitutional Order/ officials for coordinated action in the zone of responsibility.

## 13. LOGISTICS SERVICE:

### 1. DEPLOYMENT OF LOGISTICS UNITS

#### 1.1. Logistics units of subordinated command

- 2<sup>nd</sup> /company of the/ 310<sup>th</sup> brp /maintenance support battalion/ in Zadar
- a company of the brp in Livno

#### 1.2. Subordinated logistics units

- 306<sup>th</sup> LoB /Logistics Base/ in Split with sections in Šibenik and the village of Prolog
- 307<sup>th</sup> LoB in Zadar

## 2. ORGANISATION OF LOGISTICS SERVICE

2.1. Focus logistics support on the Bosansko Grahovo – Strmica – Knin and Uništa – Kijevo – Knin axes.

The 7<sup>th</sup> gbr and the 4<sup>th</sup> gbr have priority in supply.

The focus of the supply of materiel shall be on the supply of artillery and tank ammunition.

2.2. Organise the supply of the units as follows:

- units of OG North by relying on the 306<sup>th</sup> LoB, Šibenik section
- units of OG Šibenik by relying on the 306<sup>th</sup> LoB, Šibenik section
- units of the OG Zadar by relying on the 307<sup>th</sup> LoB

## 3. Technical service

3.1. Supply of materiel and equipment:

For implementation of the task the following consumption is authorised:

For units in attack:

- ammunition for infantry weapons, 3 combat sets
- artillery ammunition, 4 combat sets
- fuel, 2.5 tankfuls

For units in defence:

- ammunition, 2 combat sets
- fuel, 2 tankfuls

Before the beginning of combat operations bring all units up to the required levels of ammunition and fuel.

Provide 2 combat sets of ammunition to artillery at the initial positions.

Further supplies shall be provided, depending on consumption based on reports and special requests, within the amounts authorised.

3.2. Maintenance of materiel and equipment

Units that have the facilities perform their own maintenance and small repairs of motor vehicles, while other units use the LoB and facilities of companies based on the logistics support plan.

Units that have the facilities perform their own maintenance and small repairs of combat motor vehicles and engineering equipment, while medium-size repairs are performed at the BRP /maintenance support battalion/ and facilities of companies based on the logistics support scheme.

3.3. Use return transportation to pull out damaged equipment

## 4. TRANSPORTATION

Use establishment motor vehicles for the transportation of personnel, materiel and equipment.

Send requests for additional transportation of personnel, materiel and equipment to the superior command.

The 72<sup>nd</sup> VP Battalion with reinforcements shall be in charge of regulating and controlling traffic.

## 5. SUPPLIES

5.1. The supply of quartermaster supplies shall be done through the LoB based on the logistics support plan.

5.2. Units that prepare their own food shall be supplied with foodstuff through the LoB based on the logistics support plan.

5.3. Units for which lunch packets are being prepared shall provide their numbers on a daily basis.

5.3. /as printed/ The supply of water to units that are not self-sufficient is provided by the LoB based on the logistics support plan.

For personnel on the front line provide additional factory-packaged drinking water.

## 6. MEDICAL SUPPORT

6.1. Preventive medical protection is provided by the health care service in its attached units, while units without a health care service shall provide preventive medical protection based on the medical support plan.

6.2. Look after the wounded and injured by relying on the health care service of the units and civilian medical institutions based on the health service plan.

6.3. In case of large losses the following mobile medical teams shall intervene:

- from the Livno and Sinj hospitals for OG North and OG Sinj units
- from the Šibenik hospital for OG Šibenik units
- from the Zadar hospital for OG Zadar units
- from the KC /Surgical Centre/ Split a mobile surgical team is permanently based in the OG North's area of responsibility.

A medical helicopter is available for urgent intervention on all axes.

6.4. The supply of medical supplies shall be provided based on authorised requests from the depot of the 306<sup>th</sup> LoB.

## 7. VETERINARY SERVICE

A list of foodstuffs shall be provided by the LoBs through civilian organs before delivery to the units. Provide conditions for storing and warehousing of foodstuffs, and adapt requests for supplies to the possibilities of storage.

## 8. FIREFIGHTING

Extinguish initial fires immediately after they break out by using available personnel and the means at hand. Pay particular attention to the protection of features with easily inflammable and explosive material.

The person in charge of logistics for the units of the Sajković Forward Command Post is Captain Stašo MILANOVIĆ, and for the units of the Zadar Forward Command Post Captain Miroslav ĆORIĆ.

**14. COMMAND AND COMMUNICATION:**

Establish command of Split Military District units with the Zadar FCP and Sajković FCP based on the existing communications plan for combat action.

**15. REPORTING:**

Send regular daily reports every 6 hours with the situation at 0600 hours, 1200 hours, 1800 hours and 2400 hours.

Interim reports shall be sent when needed.

Send a special report regarding readiness for attack, and upon reaching the line of the immediate, following and final task.

**SIGNALS:**

- START OF ATTACK.....VATRA /FIRE/
- AIR RAID WARNING.....ZRAK /AIR/
- THREAT OF RADIOACTIVE, BIOLOGICAL, CHEMICAL WEAPONS.....OTROVI /POISON/
- THREAT OF TANKS.....TENKOVI /TANKS/
- END OF ATTACK.....SUNCE /SUN/

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**COMMANDER**  
**Colonel General**  
**Ante GOTOVINA**  
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