

AH1GJ51Y.TXT

ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC OF BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA
COMMAND OF THE 2nd CORPS
Strictly confidential No.02/1-09/178
Tuzla, 16 June 1995

DEFENCE OF THE REPUBLIC
MILITARY SECRET
STRICITLY CONFIDENTIAL

Copy No. _____

Successes and tasks of ARBiH¹ units,
information, and an order
are hereby delivered.-

From the GŠ² of the ARBiH we received the information that the liberation combat operations around the city of Sarajevo and on the RBiH³ territory were started on a wide battlefield and that certain successes have been achieved so far:

The 1st Corps completely dispersed the enemy forces along their attack axes and seized the wide sector of Ravni Nabožić and is currently carrying out b/ds⁴ towards the communications: Semizovac-Ilijaš and Semizovac-Srednje.

The enemy forces in the z/os⁵ of the 14th and 16th Ds⁶ KoV⁷ have been successfully linking up, given that the 16th D KoV delivered strong blows to the Enemy in the sectors of Brda and the village of Buljetovina, and we are expecting the operations of the 14th D KoV.

During the early morning, a breakthrough of the lines was carried out along multiple axes from the very city of Sarajevo, and the communications of Vraca-Trebević-Pale and Vogošća-Mrkovići-Pale were taken control of; has liberated K⁸-830, Mujkića brdo⁹ [sic], the Žuča sector, and operated towards Lukavica, Treskin do, Nedarići, and was successful in those places.

The 7th Corps, despite the tremendous grouping of enemy forces and equipment on its attack axes, has been carrying out intense b/ds on the entire battlefield very successfully and persistently, and it is only a matter of time when it will deliver the final blow to the enemy.

The 4th Corps (despite the fact that the HVO¹⁰ forces are not yet on the way), has been carrying out b/ds on the Hadžići battlefield and has managed to break through the enemy lines along multiple axes: Golo Brdo, Oštrik, Gunčar, Zmijanice, Bačevo, and Vrutci, and on the Trnava part of the battlefield, along the axis of Teško brdo¹¹[sic]-Prečan, and in that manner it is creating good conditions for the successful continuing with the b/ds.

The 81st D KoV has carried out a regrouping of its forces and equipment, took advantage of the enemy's difficult situation, and headed for the liberation b/ds along the axes - sectors: Sudička planina, Kamenjača, Vranovina, Sjenokos, and the village of Desani.

On all battlefields, our fighters are exhibiting remarkable courage, persistence, and perseverance, thus the aggressor is being forced to withdraw along several crucial axes.

¹ Translator's note: Army of the Republic of Bosnia and Herzegovina

² t/n: Main Staff

³ t/n: Republic of Bosnia and Herzegovina

⁴ t/n: combat operation

⁵ t/n: zone of responsibility

⁶ t/n: Division

⁷ t/n: Land Forces

⁸ t/n: trig point

⁹ t/n: Mujkića Brdo

¹⁰ t/n: Croatian Defence Council

¹¹ t/n: Teško Brdo

These operations have placed the enemy in a difficult situation; disorganisation can be noticed and in some moments uncontrolled states as well. However, we must bear in mind that the enemy shall offer tough resistance considering the importance of this territory, because in the enemy's case losing it means it is on the way to the final defeat. It cannot endure for too long such strong, and especially persistent operations and blows on a wide front, thus among other things, it has increased the use of B0t¹² fired from artillery weapons so as to temporarily incapacitate the men in the z/os of the 1st and the 5th Corps, and especially the use of chemical rifle grenades against out forces that are carrying out offensive b/ds.

Due to insufficient organisation and implementing of PNHB0b¹³ measures, in some ARBiH units appeared fear, panic, and contamination of the fighters, and some of them were sent to hospitals instead of giving them aid at the site using a personal decontamination kit (LPD-M-1). These and similar consequences happened due to untimely informing of fighters and units about the use of B0t, and especially due to incorrect putting of z/ms¹⁴ in the protective position, incorrect use of LDP¹⁵ (antidote and sodium bicarbonate), and "leaving" the z/m at home or throwing it away.

During the following b/ds expect a more intense use of B0t by the aggressor so as to temporarily incapacitate the men, and I would not rule out the

Page 1

[Beginning of the 2nd page of original text.]

AH1GJ51Y.TXT

potential use of deadly B0t with the aim of causing panic, inflicting losses in ž/s¹⁶, and slowing down the offensive operations of our forces.

With the aim of proceeding to carry out the ARBiH b/ds as efficiently as possible, preventing information leakage, preventing consequences of B0t operations, and creating conditions for the commands and the units to focus exclusively on combat operations in accordance with the orders issued by the GŠ of ARBiH, strictly confidential No.1/825-41, 65, 68, and 74, I hereby:

ORDER

1. - Immediately approach, among other things, the realisation of tasks specified under items 2 and 3 of the Command of the 2nd K Order, strictly confidential No.02/1-604/25, dated 15 June 1995. Fully engage all officer corps of the ARBiH commands and units on executing of b/zs¹⁷.

1.1. - Take maximum advantage of the initial successes along the liberated axes - sectors, with constant introducing of fresh forces, and not allow easy and quick - unjustified withdrawing from the already liberated features and sectors.

2. - In order to prevent grouping of men and obstruction of traffic, and for the protection of human lives, prevent the civilian, state, and

¹² t/n: poison gas

¹³ t/n: Anti-Nuclear, Chemical, and Biological Protection

¹⁴ t/n: gas mask or field protective mask

¹⁵ t/n: typing mistake, it should be LPD instead meaning personal decontamination kit

¹⁶ t/n: manpower

¹⁷ t/n: combat task

political structures from entering the commands and units of ARBiH that are in zones of b/ds, and especially those commands and units that are carrying out b/ds on Sarajevo battlefield.

3. - Immediately check whether the kits for personal RHB¹⁸ protection and decontamination are correct and whole with all persons and units (with persons who owe them) and take measures for them to always carry the kits as a part of personal weapons during the time of b/ds.

Should there be a lack of formational z/ms, make z/ms from convenient materials within all the units in which that has not been done so far.

3.1. - At a level of each basic unit, battalion command, divisions and higher units, organise constant chemical observations and informing about the use of BOT by the aggressor, in order for each individual and unit to use the equipment for personal RHB protection in a timely manner.

Beforehand designate, prepare, and adapt the suitable features, i.e. rooms for collective protection of men. Adapt the shelters in the system of engineering organising of positions for the protection of men from BOT.

4. - Immediately acquaint all members of ARBiH with this information and ordered measures, take adequate measures and inform everyone that the b/ds planned for the liberation of the PZT¹⁹ are to be continued.

I shall hold the division commandants, PKS²⁰ of the 2nd K and the 2nd K individual headquarters support units responsible for the implementation of this order - tasks, while the bodies of civilian, state, and political structures shall be acquainted with it by the division commandants, each within his own z/o, and in the Canton of the 2nd K for morale during 17 June 1995.²¹

EM/RZ²²

DELIVER TO:

- Commands of all KOV divisions
- Individual and staff units of the 2nd K
- PK of the 2nd K
- a/a²³

COMMANDANT
Brigadier
Sead Delić

Done in _____ copies.

¹⁸ t/n: Radiological, Chemical, and Biological Defence

¹⁹ t/n: Temporarily Occupied Territory

²⁰ t/n: Assistant Commandant

²¹ t/n: the end of the sentence does not make sense in the original text, thus it was translated literally

²² t/n: abbreviations unknown, most likely initials

²³ t/n: files