

Command of the Zvornik pbr /infantry brigade/
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Interim combat report,
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Command of the Drina Corps

1. As of 0400 hrs, the enemy has continued intensive attacks on the brigade area along the entire front line with particular intensity in the defence area of the 7th, 4th, 6th and 3rd pb /infantry battalion/. Using all their forces, the 24th and the 25th pd /infantry division - as printed/ and the BH Army 2nd Corps intervention units fired almost a thousand projectiles of varying calibre. Parts of the Srebrenica 28th infantry battalion together with previously infiltrated groups carried out a synchronised kamikaze attack against the 4th pb, our positions, weapons and other equipment, from the Planinci and Potočari areas. Using their numerical advantage, they surrounded the 4th pb (counting soldiers and civilians, armed and unarmed, altogether about 7,000).

There were examples of attacking and jumping on tanks and self-propelled guns so that by throwing themselves /on them/, they captured three 76 mm self-propelled guns. By continuous pressure from the front, they managed to seize three of our trenches in the Poljana area and link up part of their forces with the others in the wider area of Baljkovica. The brigade's problem is that a part of our forces is surrounded in the Baljkovica area. The enemy has suffered major losses (hundreds of dead) but that has not prevented them from /carrying out/ their intentions.

2. Our forces (Zvornik pbr, a company of the MUP /Ministry of the Interior/ of 100 men, two platoons from the Bratunac pbr and part of the Military police platoon from the IBK /Eastern-Bosnia Corps/) are carrying out a decisive defence in the brigade zone, sealing off and searching the terrain in the wider area of Planinci, Crni Vrh and Kamenica. We managed to repulse all attacks from the front, but we did not manage to exert complete control over the territory or to maintain the line of blockade.

We sustained dozens of wounded, about ten dead and five missing in action.

We will send you more precise information later.

We had difficulties bringing in supplies and evacuating the wounded because of the roads being cut off.

3. In view of the great pressure on the brigade's area of responsibility, the losses sustained, the inability of the surrounded forces to hold out for long, the abandonment of the Zvornik pbr Command to deal as best as it could with the Srebrenica Turks /derogatory term for Muslims/ (and served it right, when it was the brigade that forced them out of Srebrenica into its own area), coupled with the absolute determination of the Turks to save at least some lives, regardless of losses, and in order to prevent losses in our own ranks, I have decided, in view of the situation, to open a corridor along the line of the three lost trenches, for the civilian population - about 5,000 of them. I have agreed on a method of evacuation with the enemy side and this is now going forward. I have requested the release of a captured policeman and my own missing soldiers.

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This procedure is in progress and I think I will succeed. It is likely that a certain number of soldiers got out among the civilians, but all who passed, passed through unarmed.

4. According to statements by their armed units, they had separated into smaller groups and decided to make their way separately towards Kalesija, Kladanj and Tuzla.

5. The Brigade has exhausted all available resources and urgently needs assistance from Corps Command level. Despite three days of fierce fighting, the front line has not moved.

6. I propose to seal Kamenica off with new additional forces and start searching the terrain.

I consider that the Krivaja 95 operation is not complete as long as a single enemy soldier or civilian remains behind the front line.

Commander
P /expansion unknown/ Lt. Colonel
Vinko PANDUREVIĆ

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komandi drinskog korpusa

1.od 04.00 h neprijatelj je nastavio sa intenzivnim napadima na zonu brigade duz cele linije fronta posebno intenzivno na rejonu odbrane 7,4,6, i 3 pb, angazov juci sve svoje snage 24 i 25 pd i interventne jedinice 2 ka bih ispalijo je blizu hiljadu projektila razlicitih kalibara.delovi 28.pb srebrenica iz rejona planinaca i potocara zajedno sa ranije ubacenim grupama su sinhronizovano napali 4.pb i skoje u blokadi koristeći brojcenom prednosti (sto vojnika civila,naoruzanih i nenaoruzanih oko 7000)

potezima kamikaza na nase položaje ,orudja i drugu tehniku. bilo je primejera nasrtanja na tenkove naskakanja na tenkove i samohodke tako da su naletima svojih tela zarobili nase tri samohotke 76 mm upornim pritiskom sa fronta uspjeli su ovladati sa nasa tri rova u rejonu poljane i delom snagama se spojiti sa svojim snagama u sirem rejonu baljkovica. problem nase brigade deo nasih snaga u rejonu baljkovice su doveli u okruzenje .pretrpljeli su ogromne gubitke(na stotine mrtvih)ali to ih nije sprecilo u njihovim namjerama.

2.nase snage (zvornicka pbr ceta mupa,-100 ljudi ,dva voda iz bratunacke pbr i dio voda vojne policije iz ibk) izvode odsudnu odbranu u zoni brigade blokadu i pretres terena u sirem rejonu planinaca ,crnog vrha i kamenice. uspjeli smo odbiti sve napade sa fronta,nismo uspjeli ostvariti podpunu kontrolu teritorije i odrzati liniju blokada.

u borbama smo imali desetine ranjh desetak poginulih i petoicu nestalih.
precizni podatke dostavicemo kasnije.
zbog presecanja puteva tesko smo vrsili snadbevanje i evakuaciju ranjenih.

3.obzirom na velika opterecenja zone brigade ,pretrpljene gubitke i nemogucnost dugog opstanka okruzenih snaga ,prepuste,-nost komande zbornice pbr da se sama nosi sa srebrenickim turcima (a tako joj treba i samih je iz srebrenice dotjerala u svoju zonu),kao i podpunu resenost poturica da bez razlike na gubitke izvuku bar koju zivu glavu, a ucilju sprecavanju gubitaka u vlastitim redovima odlucio sam ceneci situaciju da na pravuc vec izgubljena tri rova otvorim koridor civilnom stanovnistu koga je bilo oko 5000 hiljada sa protivnickom stranom sam usaglasio tehniku evakuacije i ista je u toku. zahtjevamo sam oslobadjanje zarobljenog policajca i svojih nestalih boraca .

procedura je u toku i mislim da cu uspeti .
vjerovatno je medju civilima izaso i odredjen broj vojnika ,ali sve sto je prošlo proslo je nenaoruzano.

4.prema izjavama njihovim naoruzanih jedinica podjeli-o se u manje grupe i odlucijo se na samostalne prodore prema kalesiji ,kladnju i tuzli.

5.brigada je iscrpila sve raspolozive resurse i neophodna je hitna pomoc sa nivova komande korpusa .
i pored zestonih trodnevnih borbi do pomeranja linije frnota

~~fronta~~ nije doslo.

6.predlazem da se novim -dodatnim snagama blokira kamenica i pristupi pretresu terena.
smatram da oeracija krivaja 95 nije završena sve dok se iza linije fronta nalazi i jedan neprijateljski vojnik ili civilni.

komandant

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mr vinko pandurevic

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