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LÉGATION ROYALE DE SERBIE.

London.

July 11th, 1913.

Sir,

I beg to enclose the translation of the written order given to his troops by the Commander of the Second Brigade of the Fourth Bulgarian division (of Preslaw) on Sunday, June  $\frac{16}{20}$ th for the attack on the Servian troops on Monday June  $\frac{17}{30}$ th.

The original of the order was found in the archives of the 31st Bulgarian Regiment of Infantry (of Varna) which was routed in the failure of the general Bulgarian attack. (A photographic reproduction is in my possession and I will send you a copy later on if you so wish).

I wish to point out that if one considers the time necessary to prepare an attack on the scale on which it has been delivered, against the Servian Army, on Monday morning June 30th (over hundred battalions and 200 guns) - and to issue the necessary detailed orders to every unit - it is evident that the preparations must have taken several days and were taking place at the same time when the Bulgarian Government were declaring that they were willing to settle by pacific means the Serbo-Bulgarian dispute.

You may make use of this letter.

Yours truly,

To the Editor

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Map scale 1: 210.000

The Commander of the 2nd Brigade,  
4th Division.

To the Commanders of the various  
troop sections and establishments.

Village Bagna  
No. 21  
1913 16/VI - 8 p.m.

1. - Tomorrow commence the war operations against the Servians and the Greeks.

Against the front of the brigade the Servians are holding the line of the Zletovo river.

The height Crni Vrh is defended by one Servian infantry regiment, two mountain batteries and four machine guns.

2. - The army advances tomorrow at 3 a.m. and attacks the enemy.

To the right from us, towards Karadly-Sultan, the Macedonia-Adrianople territorials will be acting, to the right however, against Stubalj and further on in a southerly direction the VIIth (Rilo) division is to operate.

3. - The brigade under my command has the order to attack and occupy the position 550 west from the village Dobrevo.

Therefore I command:

(a) The right column

Colonel Kisslov

8 (Primorski) Regiment:  
3 battalions, III Artillery-  
Division: 3 batteries al-  
together 3 battalions, 3  
batteries.

shall advance against Svilanovo-Turkish Rudor-Drevena and after capturing the height north of the village Dreveno to attack from south-east the position 550.

(b) The left column

Colonel Markoff

31 (Varna) Regiment:  
3 battalions  
8 mountain guns: 1 battery

shall by way Raytchani-Neokasi-Kalnichte attack from the south the position 550

At my disposal shall remain one battalion of the 8th (Primorska) Regiment moving behind the right column.

4. - Sections of both columns shall to-morrow at 3 a.m. noiselessly approach the Zletova river and annihilate the outposts of the enemy.

Thereupon they shall energetically advance upon the objects stipulated.

The enemy must be taken by surprise.

5. - The commanders of the columns shall make exhaustive use of reconnoitring detachments and keep in close touch between themselves as well as between adjacent columns.

6. - The commanders shall make adequate arrangements for the protection of the exterior flanks.

7. - Munitions columns and field hospitals at Svilanova.

8. - The supply column at Bagna.

9. - Artillery emergency supply column at Zarevo Selo.

10. - The staff shall keep with the one battalion of the 8th regiment which is standing at my disposal.

The Commander of Brigade:

(signed) Colonel Entchev

Chief of Staff:

(signed) Major Kuyundjiev

The foregoing order has been received by me the 16/VI at 10.20 p.m.