

## **January 20, 1980**

# **Military Exercise Plan of the Commander of the 2nd Fleet**

### **Citation:**

"Military Exercise Plan of the Commander of the 2nd Fleet", January 20, 1980, Wilson Center Digital Archive, Institute of National Remembrance (IPNBU). Translated for CWIHP by Gary Goldberg. <https://digitalarchive.umd.edu/document/114263>

### **Summary:**

This document provides instructions on naval exercises in the Baltic Sea.

### **Credits:**

This document was made possible with support from Leon Levy Foundation

### **Original Language:**

Russian

### **Contents:**

Translation - English

Secret  
Copy N° 1

Exercise

[Original Polish receipt and  
declassification stamps]

to the Chief of Staff of the OBF - Kaliningrad  
to the Chief of Staff of the 3rd Fleet - Rostock

THE PLAN OF THE COMMANDER OF THE 2ND FLEET  
to carry out the assigned missions

I have decided:

1. When winning control [of the sea] in the designated zone (west of the Cape Simrishamn-Point Darlowo line to the Cape Arkona-Cape [Møn] line), complete the defeat of enemy ship forces by 24 January independently with the attached forces and in coordination with the allocated forces of the 1st Fleet, considering the main strike targets to be enemy [rka] missile boats and frigates with Harpoon missiles, rka and tka [torpedo boats], MZ [minelayers], mid-sized combat vessels, and DESO [landing detachments].

2. Using the successful operations of the fleet strike forces, the air forces, and troops of the Front begin the simultaneous landing of an amphibious assault group at the order of the OBF consisting of the 50th mdd (less a dp [probably "assault regiment"]) on the islands of Falster and Lolland at 1100 25 January, landing the 2nd dp in one echelon in the regimental sector of landing N° 1, [Mantel'skoe]-Kramnitse and the port of Rødby [Havn] (Lolland Island) with the shore-to-shore method and the 3rd dp of the 50th mdd with shore-to-shore and port-to-port methods in landing sector N° 2 Marielyst-Birkemose and the port of Gedser (Falster Island).

Precede the landing of the assault landing group by suppressing PDO [anti-landing defenses] with the allocated air resources (three regimental sorties of fighter-bomber aircraft) of the air forces of the Maritime Front and (two regimental sorties of ground attack aircraft) of the 2nd Fleet, the artillery fire of OKOP [detachment of fire support vessels] the first wave of assault ships, and also by making lanes in minefields and artificial obstacles with trawlers and the engineer subunits of the 2nd Fleet.

Land troops and unload equipment on a broad front from Cape Ribnitz to Cape Warnemünde. Load the transports in the ports of Warnemünde and Rostock.

3. In accordance with the OBF plan deploy two submarines in the Skagerrak and one in the Baltic Sea with the task of destroying enemy surface ships and transports.

4. Using the results of the forces of the OBF to win control in the southern part of the Baltic Sea and in the zone before the Baltic Approaches [predprolivnaya zona], of the air forces to win aerial supremacy, and the success of the troops of the Maritime Front on the ground, according to the plan of the Maritime Front land an amphibious assault group on the island of Zeeland [Sjælland] at 1200 27 January composed of the 51st msd and 346th opmp [Independent Naval Infantry Regiment] (less a bmp [naval infantry battalion]) in two echelons using the shore-to-shore and port-to-port methods in the areas of Korsør and the port of Korsør and also Nævested and the port of Nævested with the task of overcoming the enemy anti-landing defenses and seize the

island by the end of 29 January together with the troops of the airborne assault group.

With the forces of two DESO of the 1st assault landing formation and one DESO of the 3rd assault landing formation land two bmp's of the 346th opmp and two msp [motorized infantry regiments] of the 51st msd in assault landing sector N<sup>o</sup> 3 (the Korsør area and the port of Korsør) in the first echelon, and land one DESO of the 2nd assault landing formation, a bmp of the 346th opmp, and an msp of the 51st msd in assault landing sector N<sup>o</sup> 4 (Nævested and the port of Nævested).

Precede the landing of the 1st echelon in the area of Korsør with a landing of helicopter assault landing force with the goal of seizing the port.

Land the remaining units and the rear of the division in the second echelon in the ports of Korsør and Nævested with two OTr's [detachments of transports] of the 1st assault landing formation and an OTr of the 2nd assault landing formation.

Before the amphibious assault landing overcome the enemy anti-landing defense with the allocated air resources (one regimental sortie of naval missile aircraft and five regimental sorties of the ground attack aircraft of the 1st Fleet, two regimental sorties of ground attack aircraft of the 2nd Fleet, and three OKOP consisting of one guided missile destroyer and four destroyers) and landing ships, and also by making lanes in minefields and artificial obstacles with trawlers and the engineer subunits of the assault landing forces.

The movement of the DESO and OTr by sea under the protection of the strike forces of the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd Fleets is from the direction of Øresund, the Belt, and Kiel respectively.

The loading of equipment and landing of the troops of the assault force is to be done on a broad front from Cape [Grimnitz] to Cape Rerik and at the ports of Neustadt, Travemünde, and Wismar.

5. Link mine countermeasures support to the landing of the assault group with the first stage of obstacle clearing of the Great Belt strait and then begin the 2nd stage of obstacle clearing as the Jutland Peninsula and the west coast of the Danish islands are seized.

6. As the obstacles of the Great Belt strait are cleared the forces of the 28th FOP [expansion unknown] are to create temporary basing points in the ports of Korsør, Odense, and Kalundborg.

7. Ensure a favorable operating environment in the operating zone of the 2nd Fleet with the forces of the 28th and 29th FOP in their zones of responsibility according to existing plans, concentrating main efforts on supporting the basing and operations of the forces of the OBF.

8. Shipments by sea for the troops of the Front and the assault landing force are to be made by individual transports and small convoys along coastal swept channels.

9. Assistance to the troops of the Maritime Front in defending against landings is to be given by identifying the entry of enemy DESO in the zone of operations of the 2nd Fleet, launching missile and torpedo attacks and airstrikes against them while crossing by sea and in the landing area, and also by erecting anti-amphibious landing mine obstacles in the water and on the beaches.

OKP [Primary Command Post] - Gdynia

ZKP [Alternate Command Post] - Miedzyzdroje

VPU [Auxiliary Control Post] for the tactical assault landing force - the dks [probably "medium landing ship"] Grunwald

VPU for the operational assault force - the dkb [probably "large landing ship"] Warnemünde

COMMANDER OF THE 2ND FLEET

Four copies printed - to file [SIC]

BF [Baltic Fleet] print/20.01.80

Nº Pf-40/1