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CRIMES OF THE 8TH DALMATIAN CORPUS FORMATIONS OF NOVJ IN HERZEGOVINA AT THE BEGINNING OF 1945

Summary

Formations of the 9th, 19th and 26th Dalmatian division of the 8th corps made many war crimes on Herzegovinian Croats before, during and after Mostar operation, i.e. joint activities of formations of the 8th Dalmatian corps and 29th Herzegovinian division of the 2nd NOVJ corps. Those victims were soldiers, civilians and priests most of whom were killed and buried in Herzegovina, but part of them was taken to Croatia and killed at the Dalmatian battlefields near Vrgorac and Zagvozd. The article analyzes familiar data about these events and updates them with unpublished documents from archive funds which are today kept in the National Archives in London, Croatian state archive in Zagreb and State archive in Split because of identifying formations responsible for certain crimes.

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