

SITUATION REPORT FOR THE PRIME MINISTER AS AT 0830ASATURDAY 12 JUNE 1982

1. This brief updates the events in the FALKLANDS since the OD(SA) Meeting at 1000A 11 June 1982.

OWN FORCES

2. Air. Four SEA HARRIERS pressed home an attack on STANLEY Airfield defences at 1130Z yesterday despite very heavy fire from AA guns and missiles. 11 x 1000 lb bombs were dropped. Photo recce will confirm the effects of the raid but the initial assessment was that it was successful.

3. Land Forces. Preparation and consolidation of positions continues including further forward build-up of ammunition stores. There has been aggressive patrolling in the forward positions while redeployments and regrouping of some units from 5 Inf Bde to 3 Cdo Bde took place on 10 and 11 June.

- a. 3 PARA. Positions were attacked by 2 PUCARA and by enemy artillery but neither caused any damage or casualties.
- b. 45 CDO. A patrol to the East end of the TWO SISTERS feature on 9/10 June killed 7 enemy. Another patrol unfortunately resulted in casualties to our own forces (see paragraph 9).
- c. 2 SCOTS GUARDS. Enemy artillery engaged their forward positions but was silenced by counter-battery fire.

4. Logistics. Ammunition was being moved by helicopter by day to forward Batteries and to the Brigade Administration Areas and by sea to TEAL Inlet and to FITZROY by night. LSL SIR GERAINT successfully off-loaded at TEAL Inlet during the night 10/11 June.

5. 50 tons of ammunition is now salvageable from the abandoned SIR TRISTRAM.

6. Neutral Zone in PORT STANLEY. The Prime Minister will be aware that we have agreed to the ICRC proposal for a Neutral Zone based on the STANLEY Anglican Cathedral for the protection of civilians. The UK Mission in GENEVA has been instructed to advise the ICRC of our wish to take up the proposal and to request the ICRC to obtain an ARGENTINE response. The MOD intends to announce this decision in a press statement this morning. The ICRC have advised that 590 British Civilians remain in Port Stanley including 100 children. There are no civilian casualties and no serious illness.

#### INCIDENTS/ACCIDENTS

7. There have not been any incidents reported except those set out in 'Own Forces' above.

#### CASUALTIES

8. A further six men who were reported missing in the bombing attacks on 8 June on the LSLs have now been found on other ships.

9. Night 9/10 June. (Assumed to be 45 CDO patrol incident):

a. Killed: 3 NCOs and 1 Royal Marine all of 45 CDO.

b. Wounded: 3 Royal Marines of 45 CDO.

10. On 11 June. 1 NCO of 42 CDO (incident not reported) was killed.

SECRET

PRISONERS OF WAR

11. MV NORLAND is due on 13 June with 1019 prisoners in MONTEVIDEO. She is unescorted but has safe conduct TEZ-MONTEVIDEO-TEZ for this operation although further assurances have been sought. ICRC will board by helicopter at 1700Z today to carry out medical and welfare checks and to supervise hand over to ARGENTINE authorities.

12. 15 Specialist prisoners are in NORDIC FERRY for possible move to ASCENSION ISLAND.

13. OWN PRISONER. Flt Lt GLOVER remains in CHAMICAL Air Base LA RIOJA and an approach has been made by the FCO for his repatriation.

14. Hospital Ships.

a. HMS HERALD will arrive with 27 cot cases and 33 walking wounded in MONTEVIDEO at 1400Z on Sunday to connect with a VC10 flight to UK departing at 1600Z. These times may change to avoid arrival with MV NORLAND and the Argentinian prisoners.

b. HMS HECLA is due in MONTEVIDEO at 1100Z on 16 Jun with 60+ casualties and HMS HYDRA is scheduled to arrive at 1300Z on 18 Jun also with 60+ casualties. Planning is not yet finalised for this move.

INTENTIONS

15. No changes reported.

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