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OPERATION GRANBY GENERAL SITREP EIGHTY THREE - 012359Z NOV 90
ADDRESSEES SHOULD DISSEMINATE INFORMATION WITHIN THEIR COMMANDS AS
REQUIRED.

1. INTELLIGENCE. IRAQI DISPOSITIONS IN KUWAIT SHOW EVIDENCE OF REPOSITIONING AND ROTATION, ESPECIALLY THE HEAVY UNITS. ATTACK ON SAUDI ARABIA IN NEAR TERM ASSESSED UNLIKELY. THERE IS EVIDENCE THAT THE LONG AWAITED DEPLOYMENT OF A SYRIAN ARMD UNIT TO THE GULF MAY BE UNDERWAY.
2. POLITICAL. PRESSURE WAS TIGHTENED WITH STATEMENTS IN THE US AND UK. PRESIDENT BUSH SAID YESTERDAY THAT HE HAD QUOTE HAD IT UNQUOTE WITH IRAQ AND ITS VIOLENCE TOWARDS US CITIZENS IN IRAQ AND KUWAIT. IN LONDON MR HURD ADMITTED THAT SANCTIONS MIGHT NOT BE ENOUGH TO GET SADDAM QUOTE THAT CRUEL AND BLINKERED MAN UNQUOTE, OUT OF KUWAIT. HMG IRAQS OFFER TO ALLOW RELATIVES OF QUOTE ITS GUESTS UNQUOTE TO VISIT THEM AT CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR AS EXPLOITATION.
3. NAVY OPERATIONS. LITTLE CHANGE. GLOUCESTER IS ON PATROL IN THE GULF. LONDON IS IN BAHRAIN. CARDIFF SAILED FROM JEBEL ALI TODAY TO TAKE OVER PATROL FROM BRAZEN WHICH IS IN SHARJAH. ATHERSTONE, CATTISTOCK AND HERALD ARE CONTINUING THEIR OPERATIONS OFF ABU DHABI WITH THE USN.
4. ARMY OPERATIONS. ALL 140 MBTS IN THEATRE AND MODIFICATIONS NOW COMPLETE. 7 ARMD BDES 24 X M109 155MM SP GUNS HAVE ALSO ARRIVED AS HAVE ALL 36 JAVELINS. THE MAJORITY OF WARRIOR AND CVR(T) ARE ALSO COMPLETE IN THEATRE. ACTION HAS BEEN TAKEN, USING LOCAL RESOURCES AND MANUFACTURERS ADVICE, TO SOLVE THE MECHANICAL PROBLEMS AFFECTING SOME OF THE WARRIOR AND DROPS FLEET. INITIAL REPORTS ARE ENCOURAGING. THE FIRST TRAINING COURSE FOR DRIVERS AND OPERATORS OF THE FUCHS NBC RECCE VEHICLE HAS BEEN COMPLETED IN GERMANY.
5. RAF OPERATIONS. DISPOSTIONS UNCHANGED. REPORTS INDICATE THAT DAMAGE TO STORES ON MV AETOS FOLLOWING STORM IN BISCAY ARE 11 LAND-ROVERS AND 4 TRAILERS WRITTEN OFF AND 7 VEHICLES PLUS 5 TRAILERS IN NEED OF REPAIR. SHIP ARRIVES GIBRALTAR 2 NOV FOR FORMAL DAMAGE ASSESSMENT. FIRST US C5 AIRLIFT OF PUMAS WAS DELAYED UNTIL MID-DAY TODAY.
6. LOGISTICS. NO SIGNIFICANT CHANGE. AS PART OF THE CASUALTY

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RECEPTION PLAN INTO THE UK, UKLF HAS IDENTIFIED A REQUIREMENT FOR 36 COACHES AND 12 AMBULANCES IN SUPPORT OF THE UKCICC JOINT MEDICAL SUPPORT PLAN. VEHICLES HAVE BEEN EARMARKED SO THAT RELEASE MAY BE ACTIONED ONCE THE PLAN IS PROMULGATED.

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