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PERSONAL FOR CBF FROM CGS PD YOU WILL NOW KNOW AND NO DOUBT BE RELIEVED THAT HOSTILITIES HAVE NOW CEASED IN THE FALKLAND ISLANDS PD THE ARGENTINES HAVE SURRENDERED THEIR FORCES PD I AM DELIGHTED TO BE ABLE TO TELL YOU THAT GURKHA TROOPS MADE AN INVALUABLE CONTRIBUTION TO THIS SUCCESS PD HAVING BEEN TRANS-SHIPPED FROM THE QE2 IN THE AREA OF SOUTH GEORGIA FOR A MOVE INTO SAN CARLOS WATER CMM THE BATTALION WAS LANDED AND TOOK OVER RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE DARWIN/GOOSE GREEN AREA FROM 2 PARA PD DURING THE DEFENCE OF THIS ISTHMUS CMM WHICH JOINED LAFONIA TO EAST FALKLAND CMM THEY HAD SEVERAL ENCOUNTERS WITH ARGENTINE PATROLS INVOLVING NOT ONLY THE RESIDUE OF THE ENEMY WHO HAD BEEN IN THE GOOSE GREEN AREA CMM BUT ALSO SOME MARAUDING ENEMY PATROLS FROM FURTHER EAST PD SOME EIGHT PRISONERS OF WAR WERE CAPTURED (WHO INCIDENTALLY WERE EQUIPPED WITH SAM WEAPONS) PD THE BATTALION CLEARLY DID WELL PD SUBSEQUENTLY THE BATTALION WAS DEPLOYED EAST OVERLAND BY A COMBINATION OF FOOT AND HELICOPTER FOR THE FINAL PHASES OF THE MAIN ASSAULT ON PORT STANLEY IN WHICH THEY PLAYED A VERY DISTINGUISHED PART PD DURING THIS ACTION CMM 1/7 GR HAD AS THEIR OBJECTIVE MOUNT WILLIAM CMM BELIEVED TO BE HELD STRONGLY BY A BATTALION OF ENEMY CMM WHICH BY ALL ACCOUNTS CMM FACED WITH THE PANACHE AND REPUTATION OF THE GURKHAS CMM APPEARED TO HAVE TURNED TAIL AND FLED TAKING WITH THEM INTO STANLEY THE NEXT POSITION IN DEPTH CMM SO NO HEADS WERE CUT OFF WITH KUKRIS OR ANYTHING MESSY LIKE THAT EXCLAM BUT THE MERE PRESENCE OF THE GURKHAS ACTUALLY HELPED TO QUICKEN THE FINAL STAGES AND SAVE CASUALTIES PD ALTHOUGH AT PRESENT I HAVE NO FIRM DETAILS OF GURKHA CASUALTIES FOLLOWING THIS LATEST ACTION CMM THEY ARE BELIEVED TO BE VERY LIGHT AND NOT EXCEEDING FIVE OR SO WOUNDED PD I KNOW OF NO FATALITIES SO FAR PD I HOPE THIS WILL BE OF SOME HELP TO YOU PD I AM COPYING THIS TO ALAN DONALD PD I AM MOST GRATEFUL FOR ALL YOUR HELP AND SUPPORT THANK YOU

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