

SAS OPERATIONS IN SUPPORT OF OP 'CORPORATE'

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TROOPS AVAILABLE

1. One Squadron group, including a communications base staff, is ready to deploy from Hereford at 6 hours notice. A small RHQ command group is at the same notice.
2. A second squadron group is on 24 hours standby and is training specifically for likely intervention tasks.
3. The counter-terrorist squadron remains untouched and at 30 minutes and 2 hours notice as normal. An ad hoc command group, led by the 2IC, has been formed.
4. The fourth squadron, tasked at Priority 1 to COMNOK, is undergoing training within UK and could be made available if required.

COMMAND AND CONTROL

5. SAS troops deployed on Op 'CORPORATE' are under command of C in C Fleet. He may delegate operational control to FOF 1 as deemed fit.

SAS TASKS

5. There are four possible SAS tasks, all of which will require adequate intelligence support:

- a. Intelligence Gathering. To include the maintenance of a presence for political purposes on the Falkland Islands or dependencies and the promotion and organisation of resistance groups as required.
- b. Diversionsary. Direct action either to achieve strategic deception by attacking mainland targets or tactical deception within the Falkland Islands.
- c. Pathfinding. LZ, DZ or beach marking.

d. Direct Action. Closely coordinated with and in direct support of a main landing. Primarily attacks against C³ installations, but also attacks on personalities.

SAS CAPABILITIES

7. Equipment is being shipped as follows:

a. Boats. Gemini, engines and canoes to carry one Troop.

b. Parachutes. One Troop's worth of TAP 4 giving HALO or 10-15 km stand-off capability. Trickey and strong winds make parachuting problematic.

c. Explosives. Standard charges and specialist explosives give coverage of bridge/culvert demolition and attacks on tactical and industrial targets. Quantities are insufficient to tackle reinforced concrete targets.

d. Weapons. All personal weapons, including stand-off attack. No support weapons.

COMMUNICATIONS

8. In addition to the normal Fleet communications, the following nets will be established:

a. HF Strategic. From command groups, through ASCENSION ISLANDS to HEREFORD. Link is fully secure.

b. HF Tactical. From Regimental/Squadron command groups to patrols. Link is fully secure.

c. TACSAT. From Squadron command group or ASCENSION ISLANDS to HEREFORD. Link is fully secure.

d. Ground/Air. All patrols will have ground to air communications.

e. VHF Tactical. All patrols will have inter-patrol tactical communications.

EXERCISE PENALTIES

9. The following exercises represent the first to be threatened in each Squadron's case. Some re-allocation will be possible and it would be undesirable to cancel exercises until further investigations are complete.

D Squadron (to move on RFA Fort Austen): Ex SLIMBOAT - BRUNEI

23 May - 1 Jul.

B Squadron (on standby but not yet tasked): Ex FLINTLOCK - EUROPE

1-14 May.

G Squadron (next for tasking): Ex SANDY WANDER - OMAN 8 Jun - 30 Ju

MENT TABLE - OP 'CORPORATE'

<u>Sub Unit</u> (a)	<u>Strength</u> (b)	<u>Notice</u> (c)	<u>Movement Plan</u> (d)	<u>NMB</u> (e)	<u>Task on Arrival</u> (f)
RHQ Comd Gp	7	12	To accompany Bde Comd on FEARLESS	040400Z	Advise Bde Comd and assist planning
D sqn	80	12	C130 to ASCENSION I'S RFA FORT AUSTEN with task force.	040400Z	Carry out tasks in support of task force or as directed
Rear Link Det	10	12	C130 to ASCENSION I'S. There to remain.	040400Z	Establish rear link base for HF and SATCOM.
B Sqn	96(?)	24	NYK		NIL, but on standby for sn; tasking.

FREIGHT

2. <u>Load</u> (a)	<u>Weight in lbs</u> (b)
All up weight per man	300
Sigs	9000
Ammo	12000
Dml	2600
Wpns	2500
Rats	4000
Consumables	545
Gen Stores	2739
Extra Eqpt (To incl boats, engines, parachutes, diving eqpt)	10000

AIR PLAN

3. <u>Srl</u> (a)	<u>Chalk</u> (b)	<u>Pax</u> (c)	<u>Freight</u> (d)	<u>ETD Lyneham</u> (e)	<u>ETA Ascension Is</u> (f)
1	4754	3	11.5K	051200	060625
2	4756	5	17.OK	050800	000225
3	4757	5	17.OK	050900	060325
4	2801	80	-	051910	060600