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OPERATION CORPORATE - THE LIFT OF 5 INF BDE TO THE SOUTH ATLANTIC

1. The shipping required to lift the Fifth Infantry Brigade to the South Atlantic is currently being studied by DOMS, Dept of Trade and DNOT(T). As this would be a military lift, the lead directorate is DOMS.

2. The provisional plan for this movement is to use the following ships:

<u>SHIP</u>	<u>AVAILABILITY DATE</u>
HMS INTREPID	28 April 1982
RFA Sir BEDEVERE	End April, On Passage
RMS Queen Elizabeth II	By April or after 3 May
BALTIC FERRY (RoRo)	} Readily Available
NORDIC FERRY (RoRo)	
DERWENT (Bulk Carrier)	

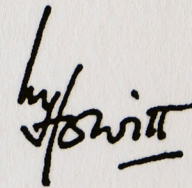
3. Availability. While NORDIC FERRY, BALTIC FERRY, and DERWENT are readily available, QE2 currently is planned to start a short spring cruise 19 April until 3 May.

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She would therefore be 'in baulk' between these dates and if needed should be requisitioned by 18 April 1982 .

4. Lift Capability and Requirement. The ships listed at Paragraph 2 are well able to lift the whole force. Indeed, if HMS INTREPID was made available, it is unlikely that both RoRo would be needed. The lift requirement consists of the following:

3479	Soldiers
1894 ST	Ammunition
296 ST	Freight
260	Vehicles
260	Trailers
6	Light Guns
8	Blowpipe
UK	Brigade Air Squadron of Scout and Gazelle Aircraft.



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