

SPECIAL FORCES (SF) COMMAND AND CONTRLL ARRANGEMENTS

1. This brief shows the deployment of SAS and SBS and outlines the command and control arrangements of those forces for OP CORPORATE.
2. Special Forces Deployment. The present deployment of forces is at Appendix 1.
3. Command and Control OP CORPORATE. The command and control arrangements for Special Forces are as outlined in the diagram at Appendix 2. In amplification, this means that once command has been 'chopped' to CinC FLEET he becomes responsible for all aspects of tactical tasking, deployment, reporting, recovery and logistic support. Any SF used on strategic tasks (ie outside the Falkland Islands or South Georgia) will remain under command MOD.
4. The satellite link from SAS under command CinC FLEET to Hereford has no formal C2 status. It may well however be invaluable in resolving the difficult problem of passing information from deployed patrols to HERMES and FEARLESS.
5. The air troop of G Sqn remains under command MOD through DSAS. Any decision to deploy it on a tactical task must be initiated by a request from CinC FLEET to ACDS(Ops) for its release.

Appendices:

1. Special Forces Deployment as at 16 April 1982.
2. Chain of Command Special Forces OP CORPORATE.

SPECIAL FORCES DEPLOYMENT AS AT 16 APRIL 19821. SASa. Remaining Under Command DSAS:(1) A Sqn. 57 SAS earmarked as follows:

(a) 34 for OP MINSTREL/PULPIT.

(b) 23 for OP CONTRAVENE (Under command Commander Northern Ireland.

(2) B Sqn. 60 SAS earmarked as follows:

(a) 16 for OP MINSTREL/PULPIT.

(b) 44 available for JTP 60 (BELIZE).

(3) B Sqn is therefore not available for OP CORPORATE.

(4) Air Tp G Sqn. In UK. 12 available for OP CORPORATE parachute insertion option.b. Under Command CBF BELIZE. One Tp G Sqn. 13 SAS + 7 sigs + 1 admin staff.c. Under Command CinC FLEET for OP CORPORATE(1) D Sqn. Deployed complete with OP PARAQUET Task Force. 68 SAS + 12 sigs + 3 admin staff..(2) G Sqn. (Less Air Tp and BELIZE Tp). Deployed Ascension by 172000APR. 37 SAS + 7 sigs + 6 admin staff.2. SBSa. Remaining under command HQ TRF RM:(1) 1 SBS. In UK for counter-terrorist tasks.(2) 5 SBS. In UK for counter-terrorist tasks.b. Under command of CinC FLEET.(1) 2 SBS. Under OPCON 317.9 for OP PARAQUET.(2) 3 SBS. In RESOURCE for OP SUTTON.(3) 6 SBS. In CONQUEROR as reserve for PARAQUET and available for OP SUTTON.(4) 8 SBS. In Ascension Island available for OP SUTTON.

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APPENDIX 2 TO
ANNEX A TO
D OPS STAFF 7/10/2
DATED APRIL 1982

CHAIN OF COMMAND SPECIAL FORCES

OP CORPORATE

CDS

SF ADVISERS

DSAS Brig de la Billiere

MOD

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CINCFLEET
Mil Dep XX Air Commander XXX

TPT AC UNDER
OPCON WHEN ENGAGED
IN SF OPERATIONS

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HERMES
FOFI
(CTG 317)
Mil Adv (RM Col)
Col R Preston RM

AOC 38 GP RAF
ATF
SAS (LO)

OPCON OF SF

OPCON OF SF

ANTRIM
TG 317.9
SBS/LO
SAS Sqn Cmdr

PRC 320
SAS/SBS
Manned

SF
Patrols

RETAINED UNDER
SECTION 3(4)

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Comd and Comms Gp (SAS)

FEARLESS
COMAW
(CTU 317.0)
Cdre Clapp

PRC 320 SAS/SBS Manned

Comd 3 Cdo Bae
CTU 317.0.2.

SF PTLs
WHEN
DEPLOYED

SECRET