

BRIEF FOR ACDS(OPS) - COS MEETING 1000 26 APR 82

(TV Brief Items sidelined)

AGENDA ITEM 1 (INTELLIGENCE)

1. The latest INTSUM is in the DSC Folder.
2. We were unable to include an Intelligence section in last night's UK Daily SITREP (SECRET level) because all Intelligence is now coming in at CODEWORD level. DIC are sympathetic to the problem but could not provide anything at SECRET level or which had not already been widely reported by the media.



AGENDA ITEM 2 (OWN FORCES)

3. TOTE. The latest (260600) is at (1).
3. Surrender of GRYTVIKEN. A summary of the information we have received is:
 - a. SANTE FE detected 250855Z on surface 5 NM from CUMBERLAND BAY. Attacked with MK46 and depth charges from HMS ANTRIM Wessex 3 and AS12 from ENDURANCE Wasps. SANTA FE now beached alongside King Edward Point GRYVIKEN.
 - b. 251445. 74 RM SBS, SAS and dets NGSFO Bty RA landed at HESTESLETTEN (1 mile SW GRYTVIKEN) from HMS ANTRIM. Landing party included section mortars, section Recce Tp, 4 Assault Engineers and a troop G Sqn SAS.
 - c. PLYMOUTH, BRILLIANT and ENDURANCE dets were in reserve.
 - d. Prior NGS on LZ and BROWN MOUNTAIN Enemy OP. No bombardment of shore installations.
 - e. A SAS patrol secured GRASS ISLAND (STROMNESS BAY) on 23 Apr. The patrol in LEITH is not yet accounted.
 - f. It seems opposition was light. No British casualties have been reported. Arg Commander surrendered on VIII Channel 16 at 251705 on behalf of South Georgia (but he had no comms with LEITH). White Ensign hoisted alongside Union Flag in GRYTVIKEN.

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g. One Arg casualty (Ldg Seaman NASIAS, leg amputated by Arg doctor, blood transfusion by ANTRIM, being transferred to TIDESPRING).

h. POW. We do not yet know how many POWs were taken or how they will be removed.

5. Naval. (South to North)

a. TIDESPRING, with M Coy RM embarked, closed on TG 317.9 at 252300Z Apr.

b. The Battle group (renumbered TU 317.8.4) continues to the South West at best speed with 1000 miles to go to FIs.

c. The SHEFFIELD group joined up with the Main Battle Unit at 251800Z.

d. The Amphibious Group (TG 317.0) awaits approval to depart ASI. Current planned ETD is 29 Apr.

e. The ARGONAUT group (now included in 317.8.4) is off DAKAR. ETA ASI 29 Apr.

6. Other Shipping.

a. MV NORLAND. Has been delayed again but should now depart, with 2 PARA embarked, at 1200 today.

b. ATLANTIC CONVEYOR and EUROPIC FERRY. Sailed yesterday and will RV with INTREPID and NORLAND at FREETOWN on 3 May. 300 tons of camp stores shut out of ATLANTIC CONVEYOR will be reallocated to MV LYCAON (ETA SOUTHAMPTON 27 Apr ETD 4 May).

c. Hospital ship UGANDA is 150 NM SW of FREETOWN.

7. Air.

a. Ascension. 6 Hercules, 3 VC10 and 1 Belfast sorties are due at ASI today.

b. VICTORS. One Victor Maritime Radar Recce sortie was flown from ASI yesterday - results not yet known. Two Victor tankers are due in ASI today to enable MRR to be stepped up.

c. NIMRODS.

(1) Three Nimrod Mk 2s are at ASI, 2 are Sting Ray capable. Another Nimrod will replace the aircraft which is not Sting Ray capable, ETA 260900Z. En route from LAJES, it will carry out a search for the southbound Soviet Foxtrot Class SS.

(2) Yesterday one Nimrod sortie was flown to give RV assistance and SAR support to the Victor MRR sortie. Thirteen merchant ships were also located and reported.

8. OP FOLKLORE. AF Ops had no new information.

9. SOG - Separate brief for ACDS(Ops) only.

AGENDA ITEM 3 (PUBLIC RELATIONS)

10. PUS put out a statement to the Press yesterday explaining why the names of ships and the types of missiles should not be reported publically. These details had been included in a pooled despatch from the GUARDIAN, TIMES, SUN, STAR and TELEGRAPH correspondents aboard HMS INVINCIBLE.

AGENDA ITEM 4 (ACTIONS AND DECISIONS REQUIRED)

11. A Record of Decisions or Action Completed has been issued by COSSEC and is attached (2).

12. Decision Flow Chart. Attached at (3).

13. ACDS(Pol)'s US Assistance paper (4). To be taken note of by 1200 today. You may wish to note that there is no request for assistance with the transportation of POW. SF equipment is set out in SOG brief.

14. 0065. Maintenance of Garrison on FIS. Your comments have been taken account of in the final paper which has not yet been issued by ACDS(P&L).

AGENDA ITEM 5 (UNFORESEEN MATTERS)

15. A copy of SECCOS debrief on OD(SA) 24 and 25 Apr is attached (5).