

1. Own Forces.

a. Main events in the FI in the last 48 hours were:

(1) At 301334Q INVINCIBLE reported a contact of 1 x Super Etendard and 2 x A4. Believed one EXOCET missile released but not observed. No hit. 1 x A4 claimed to have been shot down by EXETER SEADART. Etendard believed to have been tanked.

(2) HERMES aircraft on 30 May:

(a) Carried out armed recce over hills North of Stanley. 2 suspected radar positions bombed with no confirmation of their existence.

(b) 2nd Attack. Target helicopters WSW of Stanley. No helicopters - artillery and troops attacked instead. 1 x GR3 hit by SA fire. Fuel lost and aircraft crashed: pilot recovered to HERMES.

(c) 3rd Attack. 2 x LASER TARGET MARKER and 2 x DELAY bombs on Stanley airfield. No explosions seen.

(3) Slippery deck on INVINCIBLE led to Sea Harrier sliding over the side whilst manoeuvring to launch on 30 May. Aircraft lost; pilot recovered.

(4) GLAMORGAN and AMBUSCADE. NGS operations on Stanley airfield on 30/31 May to catch a number of Fucara and helicopters apparently evacuated from Goose Green. Included SEASLUG firing!

(5) 310400G. Ground forces reported ineffective high level bombing east of SAN CARLOS. No damage.

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b. Deployment in the SAN CARLOS Area - Land Forces.

(1) 40 CDO remains in the general area of SAN CARLOS SETTLEMENT/NE SUSSEX MENS/AJAX BAY.

(2) BMA. The Field Dressing Station (manned by mixed RM and Army Medics) despite receiving several bombs has so far dealt with 246 casualties and performed 79 major operations.

(3) Advance parties HQ CLFTI and HQ 5 BDE arrived yesterday.

c. Forward Deployment.

(1) 2 PARA/COY 42 CDO. DARWIN/GOOSE GREEN. No contacts. Processing of PW continues together with burial arrangements for Enemy dead, now reported to number 200.

(2) 45 CDO. DOUGLAS SETTLEMENT and TEAL INLET. No contacts. RMP establishing POW cage in TEAL in due course.

(3) 3 PARA. Moved from TEAL INLET to MALO BRIDGE. Will move forward to secure fire base for 79 CDO LT BTY. 3 Enemy surrendered yesterday afternoon.

(4) 42 CDO. TAC HQ, and one COY 42 CDO plus 3 Guns CDO LT BTY RA were inserted night 30/31 May by helicopter into area of MOUNT KENT where they made contact with D SQN SAS already in area. There was some enemy activity. One enemy casualty and one stretcher case. En cas thought to be 4 killed. Prior NGS on MT KENT was provided by ALACRITY. It was

proposed to insert the second Company 42 CDO and the remainder 7 CDO LT BTY last night. (3rd Coy 42 CDO is with 2 PARA, 4th Coy in S GEORGIA).

d. Surface Forces Outside TEZ.

(1) S GEORGIA. LYCAON, SAXONIA and RESOURCE sailed to East to lie up in ice to counter possible air threat.

(2) STROMNESS. En route TEZ from S GEORGIA ETA 1300 today.

(3) ANTRIM. En route to S GEORGIA.

(4) QE2. Continues en route to UK.

(5) CONTENDER BEZANT, ST EDMUND and TORCALEDONIA ETD ASI today or tomorrow.

e. Surface Forces in the TEZ.

(1) AMBUSCADE returned to BATTLE Group with SIR GALAHAD.

(2) BRILLIANT escorting ELK and TIDEPOOL to AOA night 31 May/1 Jun.

(3) AVENGER NGS on VOLUNTEER BAY yesterday and then moved to AOA.

f. Ships in the AOA 010500Z JUN. FEARLESS, INTREPID, YARMOUTH, ARROW, MINERVA, AVENGER, SIR LANCELOT, SIR PERCIWALE, ELK, TIDEPOOL and TIDESPRING.

g. RAF.

(1) ASI KIMROD. Local area update mission yesterday.

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(2) 2 x HARRIER GR3 fly to HERMES today supported by 8 VICTOR K2 and NIMROD SAR.

2. CTF's Intentions (31 May).

- a. Tac HQ 3 Cdo Bde to TEAL by helo.
- b. 2nd Coy 42 Cdo and remainder 7 Cdo Lt Bty to MT KENT.
- c. 3 Cdo Lt Bty from GOOSE GREEN to SAN CARLOS.
- d. Off-load 5 Inf Bde SAN CARLOS WATER.
- e. HERCULES supply drop to WARRIOR in TRAIL.
- f. ATF - 4 x HERCULES and 2 x VC10 to ASI.