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1. En Activity.

- a. 070805Q. EXETER engaged 2 x UNIDENTIFIED high level contacts approaching TA from West. 2 DARTS fired 1 ac destroyed.
- b. 071100Q. Probable 707 shadower circled ARGONAUT (about 700NM NE of TEZ) outside 30NM for 75 minutes.
- c. 071902Q. CARDIFF fired a single missile which malfunctioned in flight at an unidentified aircraft heading 333, height 1000 ft, speed 250 knots.
- d. 072215A. HQ DSAS telephone message stated that 4 x aircraft were splashed yesterday, one by EXETER, one by CAP and two A4 by RAPIER at TEAL INLET. No further details have been received. This has not been confirmed by CTF and may be suspect.

2. Surface Activity.

a. During Night 6/7 June

- (1) In the TEZ ACTIVE and AMBUSCADE conducted NGS on hills N and E of BLUFF COVE.
- (2) FEARLESS landed troops via LCU at BLUFF COVE.
- (3) AVENGER made insertion and conducted NGS on SEA LION Island, and then laid up in ALBERMARLE HARBOUR before night ops W FALKLAND.
- (4) SIR TRISTRAM was unloading in FITZROY Settlement with stores for 5 INF BDE Maintenance Area.

b. Outside TEZ

- (1) ALACRITY sailed TRALA for ASI. ETA 16/17 June.
- (2) STENA INSPECTOR sailed CHARLESTON for ASI. ETA also 16/17 June.
- (3) QE2 due SOUTHAMPTON Friday 11 June.

c. ASCENSION

- (1) BRITISH ENTERPRISE due today.
- (2) GLASGOW sailed Northward last night. 73 crew to fly home.



(3) DUNBARTON CASTLE sailed Southward last night.

3. Land Forces. (As at 071700Z but actions are for 6 June in CTF SITREP).

a. No en contacts have been reported (although the BBC 9 o'clock News yesterday reported that a clash between our forces and the en in the forward areas had resulted in 9-12 Argentine dead).

b. Despite foul day on 6 June "flying progressed quite well".

c. A GAZELLE of 656 Sqn crashed killing 2 x AAC and 2 x R Sigs.

d. Deployment

(1) 3 CDO BDE HQ now at ESTANCIA HOUSE. There is no significant change in deployment areas in the last 24 hours.

(a) 40 CDO remains SAN CARLOS with one Company at 12 hours NTM for ops W FALKLAND.

(b) 42 CDO continued recce/obsn TWO SISTERS feature.

(c) 45 CDO - MT ESTANCIA.

(d) 3 PARA - SE MT VERNET.

(2) HQ 5 INF BDE remains DARWIN (where RE and RAF EOD clearance progresses well). 1/7 GR moving to BLUFF COVE, less 1 Company, "in due course".

(a) 2 PARA relieved by 2 SG at BLUFF COVE returned to FITZROY.

(b) 1 WG were due in BLUFF COVE by First Light yesterday

e. Force Troops. Loading of LSLs with, and movement of stores for forward Brigade Maintenance Areas continues.

4. Air.

a. Weather permitting two HARRIER GR3 ac will deploy to FI from ASI, with AAR support, today (postponed from 7 June because of bad weather).



- b. One NIMROD completed a surface surveillance sortie within 400NM of ASI yesterday. The Peruvian ship ILO was located by a GIBRALTAR-based NIMROD yesterday; intelligence imagery was relayed to London. Today, two sorties are planned; a local surveillance mission and SAR support for the HARRIER deployment.
- c. Four VICTORS supported a LR HERCULES air drop. One VICTOR deployed to ASI from UK yesterday.

Plans for 8 June are:

- 4 VICTOR to support LR C130 drop
  - 8 VICTOR to support 2 x HARRIER to FI
  - 1 VICTOR will deploy ASI - UK
  - 1 VICTOR will support HERCULES SAR cover of HARRIER move.
- d. Diplomatic negotiations for release of VULCAN from RIO DE JANEIRO not yet complete but crew have been told they are free to leave BRAZIL if they so wish.

5. Intentions. For 6/7 June CTF Intentions were:

- a. CARDIFF and YARMOUTH NGS on hills around BLUFF COVE
- b. TA IN: ENGADINE, OLNA, ATLANTIC CAUSEWAY and MINERVA
- c. TA OUT: ELK, NORLAND and PENELOPE
- d. INVINCIBLE/BRILLIANT air interdiction approx 90NM from FI
- e. Continue detailed recce of enemy forward positions TWO SISTERS and flanks.
- f. Continue build-up Combat Supplies particularly artillery ammunition.
- e. Continue movement of remainder of 5 INF BDE by hel and boat forward.
- f. Air: as in para 4 above.