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OPTIONS - 5 INF BDEGeneral

1. You asked for a note on possible roles and deployment options for 5 Inf Bde.

Operational Roles

2. Possible operational roles under Op CORPORATE for 5 Inf Bde are:

- a. Reinforcement of 3 Cdo Bde.
- b. Relief of 3 Cdo Bde to enable further operations to be undertaken.
- c. Relief of 3 Cdo Bde on Falkland Islands as a Garrison.

3. At present 5 Inf Bde is being retained in UK at 7 days notice as the contingency reserve for operations world wide; reinforcement of Belize is currently the most likely with Gibraltar also a possibility. If 5 Inf Bde is deployed, reinforcements to Belize and Gibraltar could still be made.

Deployment Options

4. There are the following options for deploying 5 Inf Bde:

- a. On civil shipping as a follow-on force behind the Task Force.

(1) Advantages.

(a) Probably the quickest means of getting 5 Inf Bde to the area despite shortage of civil shipping for passenger lift (perhaps up to 20 days to acquire shipping).

(b) Could sail as complete bde.

(2) Disadvantages.

(a) Could not be loaded tactically.

(b) Could not be disembarked other than by heli, if platforms could be fixed on board (eg Canberra), or by use of LCVs/LCMs from Fearless. Disembarkation of vehicles would pose severe problems.

(c) Vulnerability to Argentinian attack by air or sea.

(d) Time taken to deploy dependent on shipping.

b. By air to Ascension and then on Task Force transport returning from the Falklands (Heavy lift still by civil shipping from UK).

(1) Advantages.

(a) Fearless could be loaded tactically (Bn Gp) providing not required to remain in S Atlantic.

(b) No need for transshipment in S Atlantic.

(2) Disadvantages.

(a) Major problem of air move and maint at Ascension.

(b) All transfers at Ascension to shipping have to be by helicopters.

(c) Separation from freight and vehs etc.

(d) Earliest shipping available - late May in Ascension.

(e) Some Task Force shipping would have to remain in S Atlantic.

(f) Again a possible escort problem.

c. By air to overseas location (eg Bermuda) for onward deployment by civil shipping, but freight, vehs etc from UK. Advantages and Disadvantages as in 'b' above, but easier to transfer passengers to civil shipping.

d. By air to Chile.

(1) Advantages.

(a) Additional threat to Argentina from in role Para Bn, if deployed, and other forces.

(b) Easier maint on arrival providing there was Host Nation Assistance.

(2) Disadvantages.

(a) Political uncertainty and difficulty of long air LOC.

(b) Need for transport for any further deployment.

5. The question of transferring 5 Inf Bde from civil shipping to any bridgehead on land is likely to present problems. Civil shipping would not be able to land forces direct and they would need to be moved by helicopters and/or LCVPs/LCMs from Fearless. The latter have the following capacity:

a. 4 x LCVF - 25 men each (100).

b. 4 x LCM - 250 men each or
4 x 4 ton/8 x $\frac{1}{2}$ ton or 105 ton freight.

6. If 5 Inf Bde were to be deployed direct to the Falkland Islands it is considered that fewer vehicles would be needed and use could be made of RM facilities including helicopters. Engineers would be likely to have an important role. You hold a copy of the Minutes of a meeting held by DDASD to discuss these points. A planning staff table is attached to the Minutes reflecting the possible requirement for a sea move; it has not been refined for any specific task or role other than for deployment to the Falkland Islands.

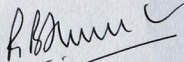
Conclusions

7. 5 Inf Bde cannot be deployed direct from UK with an amphibious assault capability.

8. Depending on the availability of civilian shipping 5 Inf Bde could be deployed in the Falkland Islands within 3-5 weeks of the order being given.

9. The option via Chile presents the only opportunity of simultaneous threat by 5 Inf Bde and 3 Cdo Bde.

6 April 1982


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Col M02
Army Ops Room

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MINUTES OF A MEETING TO DISCUSS CONTINGENCY
PLANNING FOR MOUNTING 5 INF BDE FOR OPERATIONS
HELD IN ROOM MB 5167 ON 5 APR 82 AT 1430 HOURS

Present: Brig K Burch DDASD Chairman
Brig BC Webster DAP(A)
Col RH Swinburn ASD 2
Lt Col C Bullock HQ UKLF
Maj P Hubert HQ UKLF
Maj PJ Durrant ASD 2 b/c
Maj DA Reece MO2
Maj M Paine DOMS
Maj DR Wilson ASD 2a Secretary

1. Chairman's Opening Statement. The Chairman Action
stressed that planning was to continue on a purely (Planning Only)
contingency basis and that an early deployment of 5 Inf Bde
was at this stage most unlikely. No decisions were
to be taken but planning guidelines were to be
established and problems identified. A proposal to
establish a Forward Support Base at Ascension Island
was to be clarified. DAP(A)

2. Item 1 - Possible Operational Roles. These were
in outline:

- a. Operational relief of 3 Cdo Bde.
- b. Relief of 3 Cdo Bde as Garrison of the
Falkland Islands.
- c. Deployment to another location.

The Chairman felt that the third role was most likely
of the three.

3. Item 2 - Task Organisation - 5 Inf Bde. A staff
table was discussed and the point was made that if a
deployment was ordered the ORBAT would have to be
revised in view of the operational task. A staff
table reflecting the discussion is attached at Annex
A. It shows vehicles and equipment at a reduced
establishment to save shipping space. The following
points were made on the ORBAT for further examination:

- a. The requirement for AAC helicopters. MO2
- b. The organisation of 36 Engr Regt. MO2/ASD2
- c. The final identification of the three
infantry battalions. ASD 2
- d. The requirement for RCT transport. Q(Ops&Plans)

e. The replacement of Leading PBG elements if 2 PARA were withdrawn from the brigade as Leading PBG and retained in UK. (Para OP parties, engr recce and PCT).

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f. The staff table should be compared with that of 3 Cdo Bde.

ASD 2

g. The following should be considered:

(1) Port Operating Team RCT.

(2) Tactical EW Team.

(3) Photographic Interpretation Team.

4. Item 3 - Logistics.

a. Staff Table. The following points were made:

(1) Ammo 5 x DAER at Ltd War rates.

(2) Freight is mostly rations (30 days) and does not include POL or Water.

b. Ammo was in bulk. A further 25 days of ammo should move with the force, and would weigh 1700 tonnes. This is included in the staff table at Annex A.

c. Third Line logistic support would be required if the force were deployed for more than 21 days (planning figure). Examples of this support would be a Fd Hosp, Ammo and Fuel Handling, Hutting and recovery.

Q(Ops&Plans

d. It was clear that operational loading was not possible and therefore that any move could only be administrative and not operational.

e. Port Facilities. Very restricted port facilities existed at Ascension Island (AI). Consideration should be given to keeping the maximum tonnage of stores afloat.

f. Medical. Casevac would most likely be to ships and then to AI. There was a need to coordinate overall medical planning.

DAP(A)

5. Item 4 - Mounting Responsibilities

a. Mounting. HQ UKLF.

b. Movement. DOMS, then HQ UKLF.

6. Follow Up. DAP(A) outlined 2 logistic options:

a. Stage at AI.

b. Sail to Falkland Islands and then establish a base to support the force.

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It was therefore necessary to earmark an organisation to maintain or sustain the force. This should be the LSG. DAP(A) is to produce a staff table for the LSG. Any deployment of the LSG would be at the expense of UKMF(L) support.

DAP(A)

7. Ascension Island (AI). There was sufficient camp site space for 3,000. The main problem was the lack of transport on the island. A/Q (Ops and Plans) were to send an SO on a recce to AI. DAP(A) was to coordinate Army planning for a Forward Support Base on AI and was to liaise with DNAP.

DAP(A)

8. Shipping. DOMS had identified suitable Ro-Ro shipping to carry vehicles. Passenger ships and their date of availability, had yet to be identified but this may up to 20 days.

DOMS

9. Item 5 - Communications

a. In Transit. DNOT would provide secure comms on commercial shipping.

DOMS

b. Comd of Troops in Transit. RCT Teams would be provided for liaison with ships' masters.

DOMS

c. Command in Location. Chain of Comd.

10. Item 6 - Penalties. ASD 2 were to produce a note on the penalties that would be incurred by a 5 Inf Bde deployment. This note is to cover Combat Arms, Log Units and C Sups and Stores. The penalties to be considered are to Priority 1 and to other Priority 2 capabilities.

ASD 2

11. Miscellaneous.

a. Air Resupply. It would take 5 days to activate an air route via USA, Hawaii and Chile.

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b. 2 PARA. DOMS were to investigate the return of 2 PARA's para equipment from Belize.

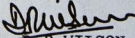
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12. Summary. The Chairman stressed that the meeting was purely a discussion of the problems involved, and that no decision requiring executive action had been taken. Overall, two points were clear.

a. If required, the simplest and best course would be for brigade to move in administrative order with 30 days C Sups and if possible direct to the Falkland Islands.

b. That planning for a base on AI should be coordinated with Central Staffs and DNAP with DAP(A) leading in consultation with ASD 2.

6 Apr 82


D R WILSON
Maj
Secretary

Reference

Distribution:

Action:

All attendees (less UKLF)

Information:

DASD

DDMO

UKLF (Brig Airy)

Spare (5)

5 INF BDE PLANNING STAFF TABLE

Serial	Unit	Pers	Ammo Tonnes	Freight	L/R	4 or 10 ton	Tlrs	Remarks
(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)	(g)	(h)	(i)
1.	5 Inf Bde HQ & Sig Sqn	159	5.00	2.5	12	2	14	
2.	29 Fd Bty	105	65.09	9.12	9	2	11	6 x Lt gun. No ammo vehs.
3.	Tp 43 AD Bty	31	2.00	0.08	2	-	2	8 BLOWPIPE
4.	656 Sqn AAC	63	3.55	1.25	5	1	6	Requirement for hels to be cfm. 656 Sqn 8 x Sc, 6 x Gz.
5.	36 Engr Regt	599	7.37	80.65	35	7	42	Incls 2 Fd Sqns, Fd Sp Sqn.
6.	1 WG	652	36.05	19.10	26	8	34	Final ident of bns not yet made also serials 7 & 8.
7.	2 PARA	652	36.05	19.10	14	8	22	Leading PBG
8.	1/7 GR	652	36.05	19.10	22	8	30	Coy in Cyprus until 20 Apr.

(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)	(g)	(h)	(i)
9.	407 Tpt Tp	56	0.5	1.00	2	24	26	Incls 23 Task vehs.
10.	16 Fd Amb	115	0.6	25.33	20	2	22	Incls PCT (part of leading PBG).
11.	81 Ord Coy	92	0.55	100	3	5	8	Col (e) is 2nd line Ord Stores for Bde.
12.	10 Fd Wksp	143	0.75	8.5	14	27	41	Not op until 1 Aug 82 but will be aval with rft from 3 Fd Wksp.
13.	Pl 160 Pro Coy	15	0.1	0.2	2	0	2	.
14.	Misc REME incl FRT (ac)	145	0.75	10.50	-	-	-	Incls Inf Bn LADs and AMG.
15.	Total (Bde)	3479	194.41	296.43	166	94	260	
16.	25 x DAER		1700					
17.	Total Freight		1894.41	296.43				

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OP CORPORATE - ARMY MOUNTING CONFERENCE 5 APR 82
 TO BE HELD IN ROOM MB 5167 AT 1430 HOURS

1. The meeting is to discuss, as a contingency measure, the mounting of 5 Inf Bde to take part in operations connected with the Falkland Islands.

2. Attendance.

Brig Burch	DDASD - Chairman
Brig Webster	DAP(A)
Col Swinburn	ASD 2
Lt Col Bullock	HQ UKLF (Coord)
Maj Hubert	HQ UKLF (Overseas Log)
Maj Durrant	ASD 2b/c
Maj Reece	MO 2
Maj Peine	Q(Mov)2
Maj Wilson	ASD 2a - Secretary

3. Agenda.

- a. Item 1. Likely op role(s), options.
- b. Item 2. Task Org:
 - (1) Comd and con.
 - (2) Combat Arm Units.
 - (3) Log Units.
- c. Item 3. Log:
 - (1) C Sups.
 - (2) Replen.
 - (3) Casevac.
 - (4) Postal.
- d. Item 4. Mounting responsibilities (HQ UKLF).
- e. Item 5. Communications.
- f. Item 6. Penalties. Pri 1 and others.

4. TV Briefing. The meeting will be preceeded by a short CCTV brief in room 5158 (ASD 2) at 1430 hours.

5 INF BDE PROVISIONAL STAFF TABLE (SEA MOVE)

	Unit(Type)	Unit	Pers	Ammo	Frt	M/CS	1/2 GS	1/2 FFR	1/2 GS	1/2 FFR	4 Ton	10 ton	Misc
(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)	(g)	(h)	(i)	(j)	(k)	(l)	(m)	(n)
1	HQ Sig Sqn	HQ 5 Inf Bde	159	5.00	2.5	0	9	0	4	8	11	0	3
2	Inf Bn (x3)	1 WG 1/7 GR(-) 2 PARA	652	36.05	19.10	0	4	14	13	8	12	0	9
3	Arty Bty	29 Fd Bty	105	65.09	9.12	0	0	7	0	5	6	0	15
4	AD Tp (BLOWPIPE)	32 GW Regt (Inf Bde Tp)	31	2.00	0.08	0	1	0	5	1	0	-	-
5	AAC Sqn	656 Sqn	63	3.55	1.25	0	0	0	2	8	9	0	0
6	Tpt Tp	407 Tp	56	0.5	1.00	5	1	1	0	0	26	0	1
7	Fd Wskps	10 Fd Wksp	143	0.75	8.50	1	0	0	16	2	12	0	14
8	Pro Pl	160 Pro Coy	15	0.10	0.25	2	0	2	0	0	3	0	0
9	Engr Regt HQ	36 Engr Regt	65	0.45	10.65	1	0	2	2	3	2	0	0
10	2 x Fd Sqns	(9 PARA Sqn 20 Fd Sqn)	396	4.92	60	0	0	14	2	10	26	6	0
11	Fd Sp Sqn	61 Fd Sp Sqn	138	2.00	10	0	4	0	0	3	17	3	2
12	Fd Amb	1 Inf Bde Fd Amb	115	0.60	25.33	0	0	0	13	5	8	0	8
13	Ord Coy	1 Inf Bde Ord Coy	92	0.55	100	0	2	0	5	4	17	6	0
14	Misc REME LAD + FMT ac		145	0.75	10.50	0	2	0	15	5	26	0	3
15	TOTALS		3478	192.47	296.46	9	31	68	103	78	199	15	73

Tr	1 1/3 tr	Misc Trls	Truck plant	A Vehs	Misc
(o)	(p)	(q)	(r)	(s)	(t)
15	0	8	0	0	0
51	0	0	0	0	0
7	24	1	1	0	0
-	-	-	-	-	-
11	0	2	1	0	0
2	1	1	0	0	0
2	2	3	7	0	0
0	4	-	-	-	-
7	2	0	0	2	0
24	26	8	0	14	0
5	0	21	24	0	20
16	7	0	2	0	0
10	5	4	2	0	0
13	1	1	0	0	7
266	72	49	37	16	7

Addl Units for consideration:

- (1) Armd Recce Sqn (RHG/D)
- (2) RE Sp Team (HARRIER)
- (3) TACP
- (4) Fd Cash Office ✓
- (5) Fd Hygiene Sect
- (6) Pioneer Pls
- (7) Air Despatch Tp RCT
- (8) Fwd Interrogation Unit
- (9) EPI
- (10) MILO
- (11) PR det
- (12) *Ac Det (from 70 Ac Wksp) - 10 per?*

Ammo shown is 5 days at Ltd War Rates
 Daily Maint (planning) is 46.4t.