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5 INFANTRY BRIGADE

1. Attached is a refined version of the 'slimline' 5 Inf Bde as discussed at 37/82 COS Meeting.
2. DASD has suggested that CINCFLEET should be given an opportunity to comment although there is little scope for a change in the ORBAT. It is likely that the COS will wish to discuss the subject of 5 Inf Bde and therefore ACDS(Ops) is requested to seek CINCFLEET's views and be prepared to raise the subject of 5 Inf Bde under 'Any other Business' at tomorrow's COS Meeting.
3. It would perhaps be appropriate for DOE to meet in the near future to discuss the provision of a 2 Star Command Group, which could be flown to Ascension Island and join HMS Intrepid.

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5 INF BDE SLIMLINE STAFF TABLE

SERIAL	UNIT	PERS	AMMO TONNES (5xDAER)	FREIGHT (INCL 30 DAY RATS)	L/R	4 OR 10 TON	TLRS	REMARKS
(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)	(g)	(h)	(i)
1	5 Inf Bde HQ & Sig Sqn	100			5		9	2 x TACP incl
2	97 Fd Bty	115			4		4	Incls small Tac RHQ 6 x Lt Gun SNOWCATS tow guns ?
3	Tp 43 AD Bty (BLOWPIPE)	27						8 x BLOWPIPE : :
4	36 Engr Regt (-) Fd Sqn Fd Sp Sqn	350			3	1 x 10 t 3 x 4 t 12 x Plant	1 x 4 t roller 4 2 x gen	
5	2 SG	600			7		10	
6	1 WG	600			7		10	
7	1/7 GR	550			7		10	
8	656 Sqn AAC (-)	70			2		2	3 x Sc 6 x Gz

(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)	(g)	(h)	(i)
9	407 Tpt Tp	47			20x SNOW- CAT	3 x EAGER BEAVER		
10	16 Fd Amb	150			4		1xGen 5	
11	81 Ord Coy (-)	50			2	3 2xEAGERBEAVER		
12	10 Fd Wksp	40			4	6	6 1xKVA	
13	AMG	30						
14	Pro Det	8						
15	SH Det RAF	138			3 2 SNOW CAT	1	10	10 x PUMA ac
16	Total (Bde)	2871	188	485 Rats	48	1 x 10 t 13 x 4 t 12 x Plant 5 x EAGER BEAVER	70 1x4+ rollers 4xguns	
17	WMR (incl 25xDAER at Limited War Rates)		862	226.48 Pol 21.65 Misc				Poss addl require- ment for 370 t packing CIVGAS and DIEGO
18	Total Tonnages							

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TIME AND SPACE

1. The problem of time and space should the Bde be required is not addressed.
2. As we understand them the facts are as follows:

a. The current 5 Inf Bde staff table totals 3,400 men with 155 vehicles and approx 2,000 tons of freight - with an additional 550 men, 50 vehicles and 250 tons of freight as 3rd line support.

b. Shipping availability is shown at Annex A. This establishes that one additional liner (RANGATIRA or SEA PRINCESS) will be required to take the complete Bde and this will delay earliest arrival in the Falklands until 5 Jun.

c. We have therefore looked at a 'slimline' 5 Inf Bde, capable of being carried in QE 2 and the two Ro Ro ferries, and thus earliest delivery in Falklands of 30 May if decision given tomorrow (30 Apr). [Slowest time being Ro Ro ferries, 7 days notice/loading plus 23 days passage].

d. The 'slimline' Bde needs to reduce by 1000 posts and some freight. This can be achieved by deleting following from ORBAT:

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| (1) 3rd line support | 552 |
| (2) 50 Fd Sqn (Airfield Damage Repair) | 193 |
| (3) Provost Pl | 16 |

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The remaining 240 posts will be 'slimmed' by Comd 5 Inf Bde within his establishment, without significant operational penalty. HQ UKLF are advising details later today.

3. This 'slimline' Bde would consist in outline of:

Bde HQ
3 x Inf Bn at full strength
1 x Fd Bty
1 x Engr Regt, with 2 Fd Sqns and Fd Sp Sqn
1 x Sqn AAC - 9 helis plus 10 PUMA sp helis
2nd Line Log Sp

It does not include full arty sp, or any AD cover.

4. Should the COS/Mante decide that 5 Inf Bde are required as a reinforcement force the options are:

- a. 5 Inf Bde at full strength as per staff table (attached) earliest sailing 13 May and arrival Falklands approx 5 Jun.
- b. Slimline Bde at 2,900 strength, earliest sailing 7/8 May and arrival, with Ro Ro ferries, of 30 May.

SHIPPING AVAILABILITY

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ANNEX A to DOMS 1

<u>SHIP</u>	<u>CAPACITY</u>	<u>AVAILABILITY</u>	<u>EARLIEST ARRIVAL FI</u>	<u>FITTING OUT REQUIREMENT</u>	<u>REMARKS</u>
(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)
(1) QE2 (Cunard)	2500 pax	Returns Southampton earliest sailing 4 May Next availability 8 May Next sailing 15 May 20 May	24 May 5 Jun	i RAS ii Hel (3 days) iii Comms	Assuming crew reduced to 500
(2) HANGATIRA	1000 Pax	Earliest (at Falmouth) 13 May	5 Jun	i RAS ii Hel iii Comms	Subject to satisfactory survey
(3) SEA PRINCESS	1000 pax	Earliest (Southampton) 13 May	5 Jun	i RAS ii Hel iii Comms	Now in dry dock therefore assume no untoward delay
(4) BALTIC FERRY NORDIC FERRY O. O.	300 pax All vehicles majority if Not all ammunition and freight	Within 48 hours	(23 days passage)	i RAS ii Hel iii Comms	
(5) MV LAERTES	4000 tons + freight/WMR	Within 7 days	(23 days passage)	i RAS ii Comms	Only required if freight Shut out from BALTIC/NORDIC FERRY

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5 INF BDE PLANNING STAFF TABLE
AS AT 271200A APR 82

Serial	Unit	Pers	Ammo Tonnes (5xDAER)	Freight (incl 30 day rats)	L/R	4 or 10 Ton	Tlrs	Remarks
(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)	(g)	(h)	(i)
1	5 Inf Bde HQ & Sig Sqn	138	.45	14.9	9	-	9	Incls indiv rfts
2	97 Fd Bty	115	64.86	15	10	1	4 1xCymb eline	6 x Lt Gun. No ammo vehs.
3	656 Sqn AAC (-)	83	0.94	40	3	-	3	3 x Sc [with ATGW] 6 x Gz
4	36 Engr Regt	483	9.74	100	6	12 2 x Eager 3 x Beaver 30 x Plant	6	Incls 2 x Fd Sqns, Fd Sp Sqn (but less one para fd tp)
5	50 Fd Sqn (Const) (Airfield Damage Repair)	193	6	20	11	11 x 4 ton 16 x Plant (weighs 300t)	11 10 x towed eqpts	(1) Plant may be required from BAOR 1 fd tps worth in UK. (2) Const material not incl. (3) NATO earmarked.
6	2 SG	650	41.41	100	10	-	10	No WOMBAT/CONBAT
7	1 WG	610	37.32	100	10	-	10	No WOMBAT/CONBAT
8	1/7 GR	530	37.32	100	10	-	10	No WOMBAT/CONBAT

(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)	(g)	(h)	(i)
9	407 Tpt Tp	47 see col (1)	0.31	20	-	12 <i>clerk</i>	-	May be replaced by RCT Sqn but vehs remain at tp str.
10	16 Fd Amb	190	0.43	46.5	12	2	13 1 x KVA	Max hel casevac. Less PCT (part of leading PBG)
11	81 Ord Coy (-)	96	0.3	185	4	5 2 x Eager Beaver	9	Col (e) is 2nd line Ord Stores for Bde
12	10 Fd Wksp	106	0.36	36.1	8	12 7 x Plant <i>clerk</i>	17 1 x KVA	Rft from 3 Fd Wksp
13	Pl 160 Pro Coy	16	0.02	3.9	1	-	1	
14	AMG	30	0.32	21	-	-	-	
15	Minor Svces (6 Fd Cash Office, PC Det)	7	0.02	4	2	-	2	
16	SH Det RAF	115		100	3	1	10	10 x Puma SH AVTUR not incl
17	Total (Bde)	3409	199.8	906.4	99	56 61 x Plant 4 x Eager Beaver	115 13 x towed eqpts	
18	25 x DAER at Limited War Rates		867.44					Not incl fuel
19	Total Tonnages		1067.24	906.4				
20	3rd Line Sp	552		223	41 12 M/Cs	9 24 Eager Beaver	81 5 x towed eqpts	For breakdown of units and figs see Annex A
21	Total	3961	1067.24	1129.4	140 12 M/Cs	65 61 x Plant 28 x Eager Beaver	196 18 x towed eqpts	