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CHIEF OF DEFENCE STAFF
DATE 7 May

BRIEF FOR ACDS(OPS) - CCS MEETING 7 MAY 82 AT 1100 (ON CALL)

AGENDA ITEM 1 (INTELLIGENCE)

- 1. Please see latest INTSUM in separate folder.

AGENDA ITEM 2 (OWN FORCES)

- 2. TOTE as at 070600A May is at (1). (TV brief items sidelined.)

- 3. Navy. No contacts were reported in the last 24 hours.

- a. Battle Gp (TG 317.8). Continues to operate in the SE 338/11

Section of TEZ giving high priority to ASW search.

- (1) 2 SEA HARRIERS of 801 NAS (HMS INVINCIBLE) detached from CAP stations to investigate a report by a helo to SW of Force at 1055Z. Comms and radar lost at 1100Z as aircraft descended to low level in poor visibility. Ac fuel expired 1210Z. Navy pilots missing - NOK have been informed.

- (2) HMS SHEFFIELD. Final casualties are 20 Dead, 24 Injured (1 VSI List).

- b. SSNs. CTG's intentions are:

- (1) Sprint SPARTAN north to VIC 41S 60W (about 600n miles N FIs).
- (2) Sprint CONQUEROR north to VIC 49S 60W (N Bdry TEZ).
- (3) SPLENDID to continue inshore patrol NW TEZ.

- c. ENDURANCE (CTG 317.9). Remains LEITH and has conducted helo recce and reprovisioning of permanent Op. BLUE ROVER (in company PLYMOUTH and BRITISH ESK) moving to RV for air drop at 071000 thence to S GEORGIA.

- d. Amphibious Gp

- (1) ARGONAUT/ARDENT/TIDEPOL/CANBERRA/ELK sailed from ASI 061800Z.
- (2) FEARLESS Unit (TU 317.0.5). With INTREPID/ATLANTIC CONVEYOR/NORLAND/EUROPIC FERRY/STROMNESS due to sail from ASI 072000Z.

e. LSL Group. Now holding 1500 miles SW ASI. ANTRIM joins as CTU 317.0.4 today transferring BAS/Prisoners to ANTELOPE. ANTELOPE will then detach to ASCENSION with TIDESPRING. PLYMOUTH joins LSL Group 8 May as surface escort.

4. RAF

a. One NIMROD conducted surface surveillance within 400 N Miles ASI and a second supported the ANTELOPE Group down future track and within 100 N Miles of Group.

b. A VICTOR tanker and the 9th HARRIER GR3 arrived ASI from BANJUL yesterday. SAR support was provided by a NIMROD detached to FREETOWN.

c. One NIMROD surface surveillance sortie in support of LSL Group and one surveillance sortie around ASI is planned for today.

d. 6 x GR3 HARRIERS have loaded on ATLANTIC CONVEYOR due to sail from ASI today. 3 HARRIERS remain at ASI to provide Air Defence Cover.

5. HQ 3 Wing RAF Regt and A Flight 15 Fd Sqn RAF Regt are now deployed to ASI for security duties. The deployed HQ is assessing security requirements and may ask for a second Flight to be sent to ASI. Signals are attached (2) (3).

6. HERCULES air to air refuelling trials have been completed in the UK and the aircraft is now cleared as a receiver of VICTOR K2 by day or night with some minor limitations.

7. ASCENSION FUEL. It is expected that the new four miles fuel pipeline from the tank-farm near GEORGTOWN to the airfield will be pressure tested this weekend. This will replace the present bowser delivery and enhance the flow rate.

AGENDA ITEM 3 (PUBLIC RELATIONS)

8. There may be discussion about whether the name of the ship from which the two HARRIERS were lost yesterday should be released to the press.

AGENDA ITEM 4 (ACTIONS AND DECISIONS REQUIRED) (4)

9. 0065 (Maint of British Garrison in FIs). Agenda Item 5. Lead with VCDS (P&L).

10. 0076 (Long Term Logistic Requirements). Included in 0065 above (VCDS P&L).

11. 0066 (Long Term Measures to Sustain Op CORPORATE). Lead with DCDS(OR).

12. 0086 (Rationalisation of ROE) (5) is due for Out of Committee clearance by 1000 7 May. Copy of CNS comments attached (6).

13. 0089 Special Forces Plans. You have been briefed by D of D Ops. (Agenda Item 6).

AGENDA ITEM 5 (MAINTENANCE OF A BRITISH GARRISON IN THE FALKLAND ISLANDS)

Paper by VCDS(P&L) is attached (7).

AGENDA ITEM 6 (SPECIAL FORCES)

You have been briefed by D of D Ops. OD(SA) note regarding prisoners is attached (8).

AGENDA ITEM 7 (UNFORESEEN MATTERS)

14. CDS may raise the need for improved security of information because of the leak to the press of the loss of the HARRIER aircraft yesterday, possibly by loose talk in the wrong place. A draft signal is attached (9) for your consideration and possible discussion with CDS. It has been seen by MA/CDS who is content with the line proposed.