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OPERATION CORPORATE - MOVE OF ADDITIONAL ELEMENTS
OF 5 INFANTRY BRIGADE

1. The attached Note has been prepared by the Army Department.

2. Unless the Secretary, Chiefs of Staff Committee hears to the contrary by telephone (Ext 6804) by noon on 10 May 1982, it will be assumed that the Chiefs of Staff have taken note of the Note and agreed its recommendations.

Attachment:

Note by the Army Department (6 pages).

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NOTE BY THE ARMY DEPARTMENTOPERATION CORPORATE - MOVE OF ADDITIONAL ELEMENTS
OF 5 INFANTRY BRIGADEBACKGROUND

1. At their meeting on 1 May, OD(SA) approved (1) the move of 5 Infantry Brigade with a "Slimline" organisation to reinforce CTF 317 forces in the South Atlantic.

2. The "Slimline" organisation was based on a requirement to undertake operations under command of the Commander Land Forces Falkland Islands (CLFFI). The second line combat and logistic support element was conditioned by the space available in shipping.

THE REQUIREMENT

3. The combat and logistic support element already included in the "Slimline" organisation is the bare minimum to support brigade operations for up to 14 days. CTF 317 has now asked (2) that this support be increased to enable the Brigade to sustain operations for up to thirty days in common with the rest of the landing force. The brigade will therefore require a "follow-on" element of some 355 men, 200 tons of freight and 100 vehicles, the details of which are shown at Annex A.

TIME FRAME

4. The additional men, freight and vehicles involved are required to join the main body of 5 Infantry Brigade. All units of the "follow-on" element are currently at 7 days NTM and so could embark in the shipping provisionally earmarked to transport 6 RAF Harriers and their supporting elements sailing on 17 May 1982.

CONCLUSION

5. It is concluded that this additional combat and logistic support element for 5 Infantry Brigade (paragraph 3) should be deployed to bring the Brigade to a sustainable level consistent with the Force operational requirement.

Notes:

1. OD(SA)(82)40 dated 1 May 1982.
2. CTF 317 19F 081052Z MAY 82.

RECOMMENDATIONS

6. It is recommended that the Chiefs of Staff:
- Take note of this paper.
 - Agree the conclusion.
 - Approve the draft submission to the Secretary of State attached at Annex B.

Annexes:

- 5 Infantry Brigade Follow-on forces (3 pages).
- Draft submission (1 page).

ANNEX A TO
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DATED 9 MAY 1982

FIRST FOLLOW ON STAFF TABLE
EDITION 3

Serial	Unit	Pers	Freight (incl 30 days rats)	L/R	4 or 10 Ton	Trls	Remarks
(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)	(g)	(h)
5 INF BDE FOLLOW ON							
1	5 Inf Bde HQ & Sig Sqn	29		7	5	8	
2	Inf Bns (1)						
a	2 SG	1		7		7	(1) Inf Bns equal pri
b	1 WG	11		7		7	
c	1/7 GR	16		9		5	
3	4 Fd Regt	22		2			
4	656 Sqn AAC	2		6(2)	4(3)	2	(2) Incl 1 x Tractor (3) Incl 1 x Fuel Bowser
5	36 Engr Regt			2		2	
6	407 Tpt Tp	20			8		

(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)	(g)	(h)
7	91 Ord Coy plus elms 81 Ord Coy	28	100	2	2 5 Eager Beaver	4	
8	16 Fd Amb	80		14		8	
9	10 Fd Wksp	41	3 x SLC	4	9(4) 1 x Plant veh	7	(4) Incl 1 x rec veh (10 ton)
10	Det 160 Pro Coy	10					
11	Minor Svcs	6					
12	Comp Port Sqn RCT	22	25 1 Work Boat 4 x Pallet lifters	1	6(5)		(5) 1 x T25 Crane 2 x Hydra Husky 1 x MC 2 x Hyster
13	STREs	16		2			Multi disciplined recce party
14	Bakery	16	4 G1098 42.5 Mincons		2	3(6)	(6) 1 x Water tlr 2 x 40 KVA gens

ANNEX A TO
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(Concluded)

(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)	(g)	(h)
15	Laundry Pl 9 Ord Bn	30	2			3 misc	
16	Refrigeration containers		5 x containers (15.35t)(7)				(7) Empty
17	F Med	5	43t				
18	Total First Follow On	355	189.35 Frt (Minimum figure)	63	36(4) 5 Eager Beaver	56	

SECRETARY OF STATE

MOVE OF ADDITIONAL ELEMENTS OF 5 INFANTRY BRIGADE

1. At OD(SA) on 1 May 1982, Ministers approved the move of a "slimmed down" 5 Infantry Brigade to form part of the Task Force in the South Atlantic. The "Slimline" organisation was based on the requirement to undertake operations under command of the Commander Land Forces Falkland Islands. The combat and logistic support element was kept to the minimum necessary to sustain the brigade for up to 14 days.
2. CTF 317 has now requested that additional combat and logistic support should be deployed to bring the Brigade to a level where it could support operations for up to 30 days. This would entail the additional movement of 355 soldiers, 200 tons of freight and up to 100 vehicles. All units of this "follow-on" element are currently at 7 days notice to move and could embark in shipping provisionally earmarked to sail on 17 May 1982.
3. I have consulted my colleagues who support the request and consider that the move of these additional troops, freight and vehicles would bring the Brigade to a sustainable level consistent with CTF 317's operational requirement.
4. I should be grateful for your early confirmation that you are content for this deployment of additional combat and logistic support for 5 Infantry Brigade.

CHIEF OF THE DEFENCE STAFF

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