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BRIEF FOR ACDS(OPS) - COS MEETING 25 MAY AT 0900

## AGENDA ITEM 1 (INTELLIGENCE)

1. Please see latest INTSUMs in DSC folder. The Argentine Air Order of Battle is in your Brief folder.

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## AGENDA ITEM 2 (OWN FORCES)

2. The TOTE as at 250600A is at (1). Latest CTF SITREP is at (2) and our own SITREP at (3).
3. FIs Offensive Air Ops.
- a. 252515Z. Third SHAR in 4 ac launch seen to explode shortly after take-off. 2 ac continued with bombing PORT STANLEY airfield.
- b. 241150Z. 2 SHAR and 4 GR3 bombed runway PORT STANLEY with 17 bombs. Photo post flight shows damage to runway and presence of 4 PUCARA on side pans.
4. Enemy Air Raids.
- a. 252130Z. As a result of detonation of UXB from earlier raid while being defused by Royal Engineer EOD Party HMS ANTELOPE abandoned after fire and flooding became uncontrollable. Cas thought to be 1 killed and 7 wounded. Survivors in SIR PERCIVALE and NORLAND. LYNX disembarked and will be reallocated to BROADSWORD or BRILLIANT.
- b. 241400Z. Multiple SKYHAWK/MIRAGE attacks started on PORT SAN CARLOS area. Total of 17 Arg ac attacked of which 8 destroyed - 3 by CAP, 3 by RAPIER and 2 by FEARLESS SEA CAT. Come cas in various ships but details NYK.
- c. 241410Z. LSLs SIR GALAHAD and SIR LANCELOT hit. GALAHAD damaged aft and resulting fire extinguished but has 1 x UXB forward. SIR LANCELOT also hit second time

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but completed landing embarked force and was fighting fire at 241830Z.

d. 241430Z. HMS ANTELOPE sank.

5. Surface Forces Movements in the TEZ.

a. Night 24/25 May SIR PERCIVALE and NORLAND with ANTELOPE survivors will exit area of ops (AOA).

b. Night 25/26 May RESOURCE and one LSL will exit and ATLANTIC CONVEYOR, TIDEPOL and ELK will enter AOA.

c. COVENTRY and BROADSWORD are op 10 miles N of AOA.

6. Surface Forces Movements Outside TEZ.

a. ATLANTIC CAUSEWAY, NORDIC FERRY and BALTIC FERRY due 29 May.

b. QE2. ETA RV 51S 43W (NW S GEORGIA) Thursday 27 May.

c. BRISTOL GROUP due TEZ 0800 Wednesday.

d. MCM Group. En route to S GEORGIA from Holding Area.

e. ENDURANCE at sea off S GEORGIA. SAXONIA and BLUE ROVER also SE of S GEORGIA.

7. Land Forces. (No change to CDO/PARA posns)

a. There have been no ground contacts reported.

b. Off loading and consolidation continues. Patrolling started.

c. ARG Land Vehicle Troops in area CANTERA HOUSE (SE end of GRANTIAN SOUND) neutralised by artillery...

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- d. Clash between two friendly patrols resulted in 9 cas - details NYK.
- e. Logistics. Estimated 7 days combat supplies ashore by 241115Z May. 2 replacement helos ETA FI 10 June in CONTENDER BEZANT.
8. Commander's Intentions 24/25 May.
- a. Night 24/25
- (1) Attack by Cdo Mountain/Arctic Warfare Cadre on OP MT ROSALIE (NE West Falkland)
  - (2) Recce PORT SALVADOR WATER by 6 SBS
  - (3) Raid by 2 PARA DARWIN/GOOSE GREEN.
  - (4) Insertion of SBS FOX BAY/PORT HOWARD to guide GR3 strikes and NGS.
- b. Airfield denial operations.
9. Air - ASCENSION.
- a. LR NIMROD landed 241200Z. 62 contacts - none significant.
- b. Further NIMROD surface surveillance 400 NM radius ASI. Nil reports received yet.
- c. 1 HERCULES LR supply drop to BRISTOL Group 24 May.
- d. 2 x PHANTOMS arrived ASI for air defence.
- e. 1 NIMROD LR departed 242200Z supported by 9 VICTOR K2.
- f. Intentions.
- (1) 1 NIMROD 400 NM radius ASI today and 1 LR ETD 252000Z.
  - (2) 1 HERCULES LR supply drop to BRISTOL Group with 2/3 VICTOR K2 planned for today.

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10. Lt Cdr ASTIZ. Embarked on MV BRITISH AVON. ETD ASI for UK today. He has declined to answer the questions put to him. In accordance with the Geneva Convention he has also refused to speak to the French or Swedish.

11. Communications. Commercial telephone links have been reopened to ASCENSION.

12. Own Casualties. Latest overall state not yet received. MONTEVIDEO has signalled that URUGUAY has agreed to landing of our wounded. CINCFLEET is providing detailed requirements and ICRC have been signalled for approval of their involvement.

AGENDA ITEM 3 (PUBLIC RELATIONS)

13. You may wish to see the signal (4) from PRO CTG 317.1 about landing of embarked Press in AOA.

AGENDA ITEM 4 (ACTIONS AND DECISIONS REQUIRED) (5)

14. There are no items of your direct responsibility. The Contingencies paper is now to be considered by COS on 26 May.

AGENDA ITEM 5 (UNFORESEEN MATTERS)

15. We do not know of any which may be raised.

TODAY'S PROGRAMME

0830	TV BRIEF
0900	COS MEETING
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