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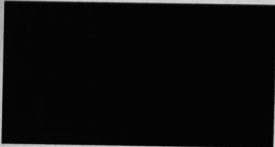
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ARMY EW DET - SITREP NO 5

1. OPERATIONAL

A. THE 2 X ARMY EW DETS HAVE BEEN DEPLOYED AS FOLLOWS:

(I) EW DET A (CAPT CORBETT AND GROUP FROM BAOR) LOCATED AT BDE HQ ON LAND.

(II) EW DET B (STD - COMMS AND SY GP/ [REDACTED] LOCATED ON BOARD

HMS INTREPID.

B. ON ESTABLISHING BEACH HEAD AT PORT SAN CARLOS, IT WAS DECIDED THAT EW DET B WOULD REMAIN ON BOARD SHIP. MANY FACTORS DETERMINED THIS DECISION, THE MOST IMPORTANT AS FAR AS THE DET WAS CONCERNED WAS THAT BDE COULD NOT AFFORD TO LOSE OUR PRODUCT FOR APPROX 12 HOURS (THE TIME EXPECTED TO TAKE TO DISEMBARK).

C. EW DET A DISEMBARKED ON 22 MAY AND INITIALLY WERE LOCATED WITH BDE HQ. AS OF TODAY, THIS DET HAS HARDLY BEEN OPERATIONAL.

THE IDEA IS TO DEPLOY THIS DET TO HIGH GROUND OVERLOOKING BDE HQ, ALAS, EVERY TIME THE DET MOVES A SHORT DISTANCE IT GETS >>SOGGED DOWN>> AND HAS TO BE RECOVERED.

D. PRIOR TO >>D DAY>, IT WAS AGREED THAT DET A WOULD COVER TARGETS IN THE VHF FREQ RANGE AND DET B, TARGETS IN THE HF FREQ RANGE. DET B HAS VIRTUALLY EMPLOYED ALL ITS ASSETS TO COVER AND REPORT THE HF FREQ RANGE. THEREFORE, VERY LITTLE VHF ACTY HAS BEEN INTERCEPTED. NOW THAT THE CONTACT BATTLE HAS STARTED (GOOSE GREEN), IT WOULD APPEAR THAT THE HF TARGET IS NOT BUSY, ALLOWING DET B TO OBSERVE THE VHF FREQ RANGE.

E. THE PASSAGE OF INT TO BDE HQ OVER THE DEDICATED EW LINK HAS WORKED VERY WELL. THE ONLY >HICK-UP> WE HAVE HAD IS THE INTER-RETAIN OF OUR PRODUCT. HAVING A PERSON WITH EXPERIENCE OF OUR PRODUCT COLOCATED AT THE BDE HQ INT CELL WOULD HAVE MADE A BIG DIFFERENCE. FOR EXAMPLE:

DET INFO BDE THAT PATROLS HAD BEEN DEPLOYED TO 5 FORWARD LOC.

BDE TO DET. WE KNOW, THEY ARE PATROLS FROM BRIT PARA.

(COMMENT - ARGIE DIDN'T TELL US WHO>> PATROLS THEY WERE)

LATER THAT DAY, I WAS SPEAKING WITH CO FROM PARA AND HE ASKED FOR THE LOCS AS PASSE TO BDE. ON CHECKING HIS LOCSTAT, ONLY THE FIRST 2 LOCS WERE THE SAME. OBVIOUSLY ALL THE LOCS GIVEN WERE NOT CHECKED, AND IT DIDN'T ENTER THEIR HEADS TO THINK THAT POSNS AS GIVEN WHICH WERE LARGE HILLS COULD BE OCCUPIED BY BOTH SIDES.

2 MANNING

A. EW DET A - DET CONSISTS:

CAPT G CORRETT R SIGS 14 SIG REGT

SGT FAWTHROPE 14 SIG REGT

CPL ELLIS 14 SIG REGT

LCPL SPENCER 14 SIG REGT

SGT CAMPBELL 13 SIG REGT

CPL COLEMAN 13 SIG REGT

SGT VOLLENTINE 3 SQN 13 SIG REGT

B. EW DET B - NO CHANGE TO SITREP NO 4.

3 EQUIPMENT

A. NO PROBLEMS WITH EQUIPMENT ON HMS INTREPID.

B. FOR P7 - 54N EQPT. FORSEE NO PROBLEM WITH THIS EQUIPMENT IF DET WAS TO GO ON SHORE. EQUIPMENT WOULD NOT FIT INTO OWN VEHICLE, MAY FIT INTO EW DET A VEHICLE. IF NOT COULD BE PLACED ON A TABLE IN VEHICLE PENTHOUSE/TENT.

4 FUTURE INTENTIONS

FOR D124(A). DET WAS DEPLOYED TO SUPPORT 3 RMC BDE. VERY SOON EXPECT TO SEE 5 BDE ON THE ISLAND AND POSS A DIV HQ. PLEASE ADVISE SOONEST CHAIN OF COMMAND FOR THIS DET AND TO WHOM WE SHOULD PROVIDE OUR PRODUCT. THIS INFORMATION ESSENTIAL IN ORDER TO PLAN FUTURE INTENTIONS.

5 ADMIN

1. NO PERSONAL OR ADMIN PROBLEMS.

2. EVEN AFTER TAKING ALL THAT ARGIE HAS DROPPED ON US, DET MORALE REMAINS VERY HIGH EVEN THOUGH A LITTLE TIRED.

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