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FM CTG 317.1

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INFO RBDEN/CTG 317.3

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RBDEN/CTU 317.1.1

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OP. SUTTON FOR C170 FROM EGLED

1. YESTERDAY SAW THE FIRST ARRIVALS FROM 5 BDE IN SAN CARLOS AND BEGINNING OF THEIR OFFLOAD INTO THE FIA.

2. IMMEDIATELY IT BECAME LIGHT I VISITED TAC HQ.3 CDO BDE IN TEAL INLET SETTLEMENT TO DISCUSS THEIR PROGRESS ON THE NORTHERN FLANK. IT WAS IMMEDIATELY OBVIOUS THAT A CHANGE OF PACE WAS REQUIRED. OPERATIONS OVER THE PAST FEW DAYS ABOUT MOUNT KENT HAVE SHOWN US THAT THE ENEMY HAS NO STOMACH TO FIGHT US IN THIS HIGH AND BITTERLY COLD AREA AND HAS WITHDRAWN IN THE FACE OF MOVES WHICH THREATEN HIM. CTU 317.1.1 HAS THEREFORE PUSHED 42 CDO RAPIDLY INTO

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THE MOUNT KENT MOUNT CHALLENGER AREA AND 3 PARA ONTO ESTANCIA MOUNTAIN AND SOUGHT FROM ME THE ASSETS TO EXPLOIT WHAT WE PERCEIVED TO BE HIS ADVANTAGE. I THEREFORE TOOK ALL THE SH OFF THE UNLOADING AND ALLOCATED THE WHOLE LOT TO HIM. HE IS NOW MOVING HIS GUNS AMMO AND INFANTRY FORWARD AS FAST AS POSSIBLE AND IS DRIVING THROUGH THE HILLS TOWARDS THE MOUNT LONDON, TWO SISTERS, AND MOUNT HARRIET POSITIONS WHICH NOW APPEAR TO BE THE FORWARD ENEMY COMPANY LOCATIONS.

3. MEANWHILE, UNFORTUNATELY THE OFFLOADING OF TU 317.1.2 IS INEVITABLY DELAYED WHICH IS EXTREMELY FRUSTRATING FOR THEM. ONCE 317.1.1 IS FIRMLY LAUNCHED I WILL BRING THEM INTO THE BATTLE AS FAST AS MY NAV MOUNTING HELICOPTER ASSETS ALLOW. MEANWHILE I AM TAKING RISKS BUT HAVE BIG PRIZES IN VIEW.

4. THESE OPS ARE OF COURSE STRONGLY SP BY THOSE OF SE OF ALL TYPES. IT IS OF INTEREST THAT AN EN PH OF 16 NEATLY AND FORCEFULLY TAKEN OUT BY M AND AM CADRE IN THE MALO HILLS WAS FROM 602 CDO COY AND HAD ARRIVED IN FALKLAND 26 MAY.

5. TO SUPPORT THESE OPS AN LSL VERY RAPIDLY LOADED WITH 300 TONS OF COMBAT SUPPLIES IS NOW MOVING TO TEAL INLET. AS SOON AS THE FIRST LIGHT MOVE OF 63 SON RAF INTO POSITION

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IS COMPLETE A TP OF T BTY WILL BE MOVED FWD TO COVER THIS AREA.

6. SADLY I HAVE TO REPORT THAT DURING BATTLEFIELD CLEARANCE
 ACTIVITIES BY EN PW AT BOOCE GREEN AN EXPLOSION OCCURRED IN
 WHICH SEVERAL PW AND POSSIBLY SOME OF THEIR GUARDS FROM 2
 PARA WERE KILLED AND OTHERS INJURED. DETAILS WILL FOLLOW.
 THERE IS SOME SUSPICION THAT THIS MAY HAVE BEEN THE RESULT OF
 DELIBERATE BOOBY TRAPPING AND I AM INFORMED THAT AN ARGENTINE
 OFFICER HAS NOW STATED THAT HE WISHES TO ASSIST IN THE PREVENTION
 OF A REOCCURENCE. A TEAM, INCL RAF EOD AND RE, UNDER MY DEPUTY WILL
 TODAY CARRY OUT THE NECESSARY FOLLOW UP ACTION.
 7. A DAY FREE OF EN AIR ATTACKS UPON US. TODAY THE ANCHORAGE
 WILL BE VERY FULL, INCLUDING CAMBERRA AND OUR HELICOPTERS WILL
 BE FLYING LONG DISTANCES WITHOUT ESCORT. I CAN BUT KEEP
 MY FINGERS CROSSED THAT OUR LUCK DOES NOT RUN OUT
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