

FC 1881

LANDING FORCE SITREP AS AT 282359Z MAY

GENERAL

1. Information in this SITREP is based on CTF 317 SITREP No 27 covering the period up to 281830Z MAY, supplemented by additional information received since then.

2. The period covered has seen the development of the breakout from the bridgehead by 2 PARA, 45 Cdo and 3 PARA. The highlight of operations ashore has been the capture of the enemy position at Darwin and Goose Green. This successful operation resulted in the seizing of some 90 prisoners (first estimate) and military equipment, with one PUCARA shot down. Present land force dispositions are shown on the map at Annex A with future intentions in dotted lines.

OPERATIONS ASHORE

3. Major unit activities are summarised as follows:

a. 2 PARA. First news of 2 PARA's battle for Darwin/Goose Green came to MOD at 282015A; it came in the form of 3 reports:

(1) 1st Report (as at 281615Z). Stated that 2 PARA was in difficulty crossing the isthmus between Darwin and Goose Green. Weather did not permit the effective use of CAS/FGA and some casualties were sustained largely due to enemy mortar and artillery fire and attack by an enemy PUCARA.

(2) 2nd Report (as at 281750Z). Stated that 2 PARA was still advancing and that several white flags were appearing at Goose Green. 1 Scout helicopter (3 Cdo Bde Air Sqn) was lost in this part of the attack and the pilot was killed.

(3) 3rd Report (as at 281910Z). Stated that 2 PARA had reached Goose Green, was reorganising on the objective and conducting mopping-up operations. During this period own forces were still coming under effective artillery fire. A FGA mission was ordered on a small group of persistent enemy situated on a small peninsula to the East of Goose Green. It was later stated that Goose Green had been captured with between 80 - 100 prisoners taken. 2 PARA sustained 10 killed and wounded (first report). The Bde Comd stated his intention to secure and maintain a position in Darwin/Goose Green area against counter attack.

One $\frac{1}{2}$ Battery RA was in direct support throughout the operation.

b. 45 Cdo. Moved from Ajax Bay for Douglas Settlement (GS 8897) on foot. Slow progress due to heavy loads and extremely heavy going. Established harbour position night 27/28 May GR 763978. ETA Douglas Settlement was last light 28 May but confirmation of arrival not yet received. Some casualties were sustained in an air attack on the unit ashore. Brigade Support Area (BSA) at San Carlos on 27 May is briefly in previous SITREP; details are at Paragraph 1.

SECRET

c. 3 PARA. Moved from the North of the beachhead for Teal Inlet Settlement (GS0087); passed Third Shanty Coral (GR776898) at 272200Z MAY; progressing well with ETA Teal Inlet last light 28 May but confirmation of arrival not yet received.

d. 40 Cdo. Beachhead protection. Observation post (OP) at GR 609867 captured an Argentinian Marine Officer (Lt Cdr) who was part of a 5 man patrol. He was armed but had no radio and maintained that he had been split up from his patrol earlier in the day. At 272200, a 4 man enemy patrol was engaged at GR612859 with small arms with one possible hit; immediate follow-up NTR. A number of unexploded bombs (UXB) remain in the unit echelon area (BSA) after air attacks on 27 May.

e. 42 Cdo. Beachhead protection. NTR.

COMMAND

4. CLFFI, now in HMS ANTRIM, transfers to HMS FEARLESS 291130Z.

LOGISTICS

5. Emergency Fuel Handling Equipment (EFHE) and HARRIER pad now completed at Port San Carlos Settlement. Offloading into BMA continues. UXB located in Field Dressing Station (FDS) which has been evacuated. Bomb damage to mortars and MILAN ammunition is being assessed.

6. CLFFI (CTF 317.1) has stated his priorities for the movement of essential personnel, stores and equipment from UK to the Falkland Islands. The 'shopping list' (CTG 317.1 SIC I9F 280929Z) includes some items lost in ATLANTIC CONVEYOR and is attached for information at Annex B.

CASUALTIES

7. 3 Cdo Bde casualties for the period 280001A - 282359A were:

<u>Unit</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Details of Cas</u>				<u>Kinformed</u>	<u>Remarks</u>
		<u>KIA</u>	<u>VSI</u>	<u>SI</u>	<u>NL</u>		
45 Cdo RM	4	4	-	-	-	2	2 x NOK to be informed 290800A (details received after 282300A)
3 Cdo Bde Air Sqn	1	1	-	-	-	1	at Goose Green
40 Cdo RM	1	1	-	-	-	1	
Cdo Log Regt	1	1	-	-	-	1	
59 Indep Cdo Sqn RE	1	1	-	-	-	1	
2 PARA	10					-	Number and names to be confirmed

PRISONERS OF WAR

8. Prisoners of War taken as a result of land operations since initial landings are:

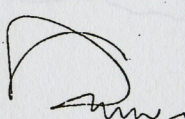
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| a. | In FD5 | - | 1 (Wounded). |
| b. | In CANBERRA | - | 3 (Wounded). |
| c. | In NORLAND | - | 7 |
| d. | At Goose Green | - | 80 - 100 (to be confirmed) |

9. A temporary Bde PW Cage has been established in BSA at Ajax Bay (GS 5684).

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10. At 290550A it was reported that 2 PARA had secured Darwin but NOT Goose Green, however the latter was surrounded, and 2 PARA is to be reinforced in the area by one Company from 42 Cdo.

11. 45 Cdo is now established at Douglas Settlement and 3 PARA at Teal Inlet Settlement.



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Annexes:

- A. Land Forces Deployment Map.
B. CLFPE's Logistic Priorities ex-UK.

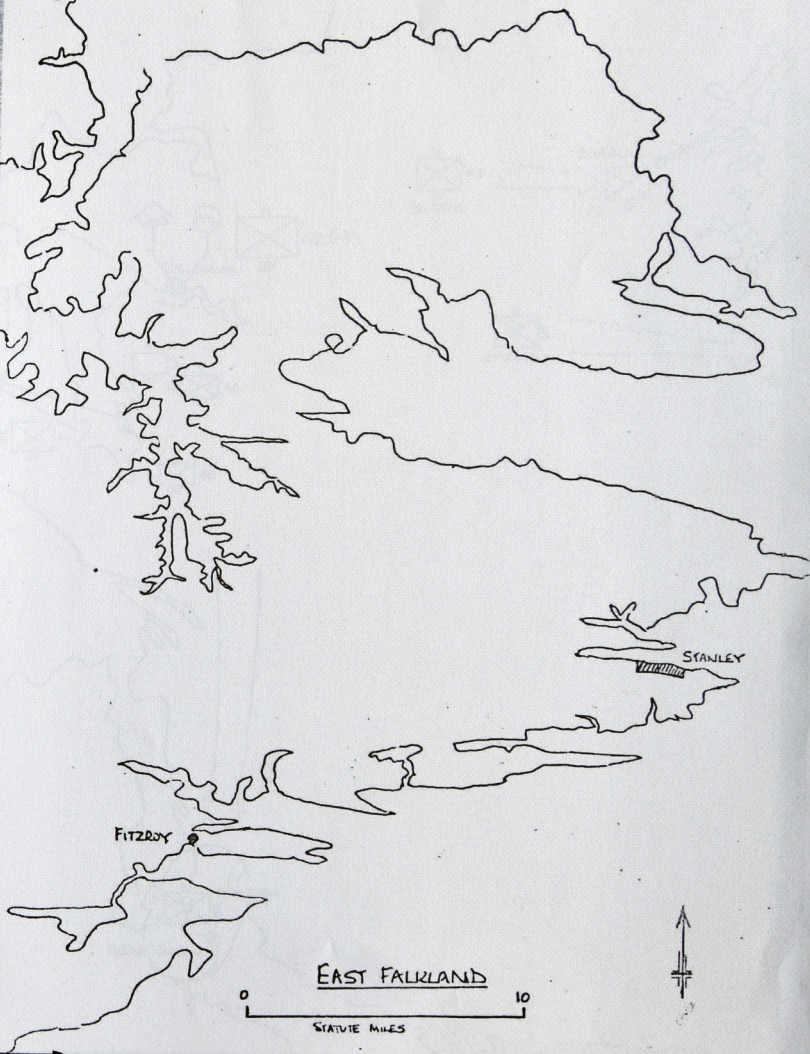
Distribution:

SCDS
Navy Ops
Army Ops
RAF Ops
Sec NSAG (9)
FISY
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ANNEX A

TO LAND FORCES STREET

(ORIGINATOR: RM REP, NSAG, DSC)



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