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LANDING FORCE SITREP AS AT 012359Z JUN 82GENERAL

1. Information in this SITREP is based on CTF 317 SITREP 31 as at 011830Z Jun, supplemented by additional information received from other sources.
2. The last 24 hours have seen the consolidation of 3 Commando Brigade units in the Mount Kent/Mount Challenger area and the establishment ashore of HQ 5 Inf Bde (Tac) and 1/7 GR. The 2 Guards battalions with their combat and logistic support were expected to commence their landing in the San Carlos bridgehead during the night 1/2 Jun but confirmation is still awaited.

OPERATIONS IN EAST FALKLANDS

3. The period covered has been unusually quiet; however the following operations have taken place:

- 2/6/82
- a. HQ 3 Cdo Bde. The majority of HQ 3 Cdo Bde is now firm at Teal Inlet.
- b. 42 Cdo RM. Tac HQ and 2 companies (with 7 Bty RA in direct support (DS)) are now established in the area of Mount Kent with 2 OPs in place on Mount Challenger. They appear to have met with very little resistance; what resistance there was seems to have been easily overcome. No further details of the casualties (see yesterday's SITREP) are available.
- c. 3 PARA. The battalion has now completed its move from Teal Inlet and is now in a defensive position at Estancia House.
- d. 2 PARA. The battalion has continued to consolidate at Goose Green and to process PWs. The majority of these have been transported to the PW cage in the BSA at San Carlos. The battalion was transferred to under command of 5 Inf Bde at 011600Z Jun.
- e. Mountain and Arctic Warfare Cadre. The sub-unit had a brief engagement with an enemy position (thought to be Argentinian Special Forces) at Top Malo House which resulted in 2 enemy dead and 9 PW (including 2 wounded).

PRISONERS OF WAR

4. The handling, administration and guarding of PWs is becoming something of a problem for CLFFI. Engineers have now completed a PW cage at San Carlos but this is already inadequate for the numbers involved. CLFFI's policy is to embark PWs in shipping at the earliest opportunity; MV NORLAND is already being used to this effect. A policy for subsequent handling of PWs is still awaited from MOD. Ashore, CLFFI has formed a special ad-hoc PW handling unit comprising 160 ranks from the RM detachment of HMS HERMES and battle casualty replacements (BCRs).

CASUALTIES

5. Five casualties (all not listed) have been sustained throughout the period. NOK have been informed.

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