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SITUATION REPORT FOR OPERATION SUTTON AS AT 041800A MAY 82

June?

Intelligence

1. Current INTSUM passed separately.

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Own Forces

2. Carrier Battle Group in TEZ - East.

HMS MINERVA and RFAs BLUE ROVER, STROMNESS and the liner CANBERRA to sail from San Carlos after unloading.

SIR PERCIVALE, SIR GALAHAD, AVENGER and FEARLESS in Teal Inlet.

42 Cdo and 3 Para are in possession of high ground overlooking Port Stanley.

1/7 Gurkha Rifles are moving forward from Darwin.

2 Scots Guards and 1 Welsh Guards all ashore and moving forward.

63 Squadron RAF Rapiers are ashore at San Carlos.

Incidents

3. There have been no reports of incidents on land nor in the TEZ. Weather conditions continue to be poor and visibility has been much reduced by fog. This prevented the deployment of Harriers to the Forward Operating Base ashore and severely curtailed flying and other operations.

4. The Battle Group remains well to the East of the TEZ. Naval Gunfire Support operations were suspended pending ground reconnaissance to determine probable sites for ARG shore-based EXOCET.

5. Unloading in San Carlos continues. Six Sea Kings have, however, been deployed to the San Carlos area for stores/equipment lift. ATLANTIC CAUSEWAY has offloaded all her helicopters, and RAPIER equipment. CANBERRA has unloaded 60% of her engineering stores and continues today.

Vulcan in Brazil

7. The Brazilians have agreed that the Vulcan can be flown

back to Ascension Island once it has been disarmed by removing one SHRIKE missile. The Air Attache Montevideo has reported that the Brazilians have agreed that the weapon can be retained in British custody once removed from the aircraft and until collected by a RAF Hercules. This aircraft is at Ascension Island and should arrive at Rio de Janeiro within 8 hours of Brazilians giving flight clearance.

Accidents and Casualties

8. The results of the Board of Inquiry into the accidental explosion at Goose Green when Argentine ammunition exploded on 1 June are awaited. First reports state there are no British casualties. Argentine casualties are 5 dead and 7 injured.

Intentions

9. Land Forces continue to move forward. Units of 3 Cdo Bde and 5 Inf Bde are consolidating along the line of high ground ten miles to the east of Port Stanley. This will be followed by the assault on Argentine forces.
10. NORLAND will load the final batch of POWs 5/6 June making a total of 1400. Subject to negotiations, she will sail overtly to Montevideo.
11. GLASGOW will arrive at Ascension Island 8 June. UGANDA is planned to rendezvous with BAHIA PARAISO today and transfer Argentine casualties. HECLA is returning to the Red Cross Box.
12. Lieutenant Commander ASTIZ. ASTIZ is being brought to the United Kingdom by sea and will arrive tomorrow. He will be held in secure accommodation which satisfies the conditions of the 3rd Geneva Convention at the Royal Military Police Depot at Chichester. The Red Cross have accepted an invitation to visit him and to inspect his accommodation.