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39INTELLIGENCE

1. Current INTSUM passed separately.

OWN FORCES

2. Sea. LSL SIR GALAHAD is unloading at TEAL INLET. ANDROMEDA, PENELOPE, BLUE ROVER and SIR GERAINT to SAN CARLOS early 5 June. The Carrier Battle Group remains to the East of the TEZ. Naval Gunfire Support Operations to be carried out tonight by CARDIFF and ACTIVE ^{SW} ~~SW~~ the PORT STANLEY area. GLASGOW and ARGONAUT have been released from Op CORPORATE due to extensive damage ^{from earlier actions.} They are due for repair in their home ports towards the end of June. QE2 50 NM off ASCENSION.
3. Land. 3 Para remain in area of NW MOUNT LONGDON. 45 Cdo are moving from TEAL INLET to the area of SMOKO MOUNTAIN. 2 Para are at BLUFF COVE with 1/7 Gurkha Rifles moving forward from GOOSE GREEN to join. 2 Scots Guards and 1 Welsh Guards are moving to BLUFF COVE area by the night of 5/6 June. It is intended that a two Cdo attack will be made on TWO SISTERS MOUNTAIN within next 48 hours.
4. Air. Weather conditions continue to be poor; fog has severely limited all air operations. There are no reports of Argentine air activity. The deployment ashore of GR3/SEA HARRIER aircraft is not yet confirmed but the forward operating base is ready for them.

INCIDENTS

5. A 42 Cdo patrol struck a minefield during the night of 2/3 June; one own forces wounded. In a separate incident an Argentine patrol of 5 was engaged and 3 enemy killed.

BRITISH CASUALTIES

6. Sixteen stretchers and 35 walking casualties are embarked on HMS HYDRA, expected to arrive at MONTEVIDEO at 1300Z on 6 June. Subject to diplomatic clearance they will depart for UK on a VC10 Flight at 1700 hours Z the same day and will fly to BRIZE NORTON via ASCENSION and DAKAR.

7. A M GIVEL of the ICRC is flying on 6 June from BUENOS AIRES to MONTEVIDEO to inspect the 17,000 lbs of medical stores which will be on the VC10 for loading on HMS HYDRA.

ARGENTINIAN PRISONERS OF WAR

8. MV NORLAND is expected to sail from the FALKLAND ISLANDS, with 1400 prisoners of war, on 6 June, bound for MONTEVIDEO, where she is expected to arrive on 10 June. Diplomatic clearance and ICRC arrangements still to be confirmed.

9. Special category prisoners including senior officers, members of special forces and prisoners of intelligence value will be retained in FALKLAND ISLANDS.

10. BAHIA PARAISO has embarked Argentine wounded from UGANDA. BAHIA PARAISO is enroute to FOX BAY and has requested permission

to embark wounded at PORT HOWARD.

ASTIZ

11. Commander ASTIZ is due to arrive at PORTSMOUTH on the MV BRITISH AVON at 0300Z on Saturday 5 June. He will be driven under armed escort to the Royal Military Police Depot at CHICHESTER, arriving at about 0500 hours Z.

12. A provisional booking has been made for ASTIZ to return to BUENOS AIRES on a direct flight on the night of 9 June under a pseudonym.

VULCAN DIVERSION TO BRAZIL

13. Further to the 041800Z Situation Report, the BRAZILIAN authorities have not yet agreed to release of the RAF VULCAN or its ^HSTRIKE missile. The BRAZILIAN government is giving consideration to an urgent Argentine request for the internment of the aircraft and weapon. FCO are trying to bring pressure to bear on BRAZILIAN authorities.