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LANDING FORCE SITREP AS AT 092359Z JUN 82GENERAL

1. Information in this SITREP which covers the events of 7 and 8 Jun 82 is based on CTF 317 Land Forces SITREP as at 091906Z Jun, supplemented by additional information from other sources.
2. The main event of the period was the Argentine air attack on shipping at Fitzroy causing casualties to 5 Inf Bde, the extent of which are not yet known. Minor contacts with the enemy also occurred as the result of patrol activity elsewhere.

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3. 3 Cdo Bde. The improved weather conditions has allowed the formation to dry out. Minor patrol clashes have occurred and enemy positions and vehicles have been engaged successfully with artillery. Enemy action has been limited to spasmodic artillery fire. One minor casualty is reported.
  - a. 42 Cdo RM. Remains at Mount Kent. It is now fully resupplied and has provided fighting patrols on the night of 8/9 Jun and a recce patrol on Goat Ridge (GS 3072).
  - b. 45 Cdo RM. Remains in area GS 2074. A valuable recce patrol took place on the night 7/8 Jun and a fighting patrol took place on the night of 8/9 Jun.
  - c. 3 PARA. Fighting patrols took place on the night 8/9 Jun. Enemy has artillery DFs on the bn's forward positions.
  - d. BAA. Remains at Teal Inlet. AD cover is provided by the Rapier Troop. A Sea Harrier FOB is now being operated.
4. 5 Inf Bde. LSLs SIR TRISTRAM and SIR GALAHAD were attacked by Argentine aircraft at 081700Z while offloading at Fitzroy. SIR TRISTRAM had virtually completed offloading WMR when she was hit by 2 x UXB and abandoned. SIR GALAHAD had 2 Coys of 1 WG, ranks of 16 Fd Amb and 9 PARA Sqn RE embarked when she was hit and set on fire. The full extent of the casualties is not yet known although they are thought to have been heavy. SIR GALAHAD is thought likely to be a total loss. LCU F4 was attacked and crippled by aircraft in Choiseul Sound at 082024Z, 17 ranks are believed to have been onboard, 11 survivors were recovered by SK.

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| DATE 10-9-82 | a. HQ 5 Inf Bde. Now established at Fitzroy. Some vehicles were lost in   |
| 4 cbs        | LCU F4.   |
| HQ SCDS (A)  | b. 2 SG. Established at GR 189661. 2 SG and 1 WG were attacked by 4 x A4  |
| SCDS A 1     | at 081939Z, no casualties sustained. One A4 was hit by small arms and another crashed subsequently.   |
|              | c. 1 WG. Bn HQ is now located at GR 205675. The bn is presently ineffective as a result of losses to weapons and equipment, although they are being re-equipped from within LF resources. |
|              | d. 2 PARA. No change.   |

- e. 1/7 GR. D Coy is now established at GR 152652. The rest of the bn remain at Goose Green/Darwin.
- f. 9 PARA Sqn RE. The sqn lost 50% of its G1098 equipment in SIR GALAHAD.
- g. Artillery. AD (Rapier) Troop is now established at Fitzroy and 29 and 97 Btys at Bluff Cove.
- h. 16 Fd Amb. All equipment was lost in SIR GALAHAD.
- i. BAA. Now being established at GR 159611.
5. Force Troops. 40 Cdo remain in reserve at San Carlos.
6. South Georgia Garrison. M Coy 42 Cdo RM report that all routines are working well. Although operations were severely affected by adverse weather on 3/4 June operations and training are now progressing satisfactorily.

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Annex:

A. Land Forces Deployment Map

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