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LAND FORCES UPDATE AS AT 100830A JUN

Tim Donkin gave me the gist of CLFFI latest SITREP which updates the one issued by CTF last night. Basically improving weather enabled much more to be achieved but the attacks on the LSLs and the LCU will delay the forward concentration of 5 Bde.

a. 3 Cdo Bde. A patrol of 42 Cdo bumped an enemy position and 5 enemy killed, with no own casualties. Otherwise no change.

b. 5 Bde.

(i) GALAHAD. Casualties still not yet confirmed and the following figures should not be released yet to the Press:

Killed: 1 (from Fd Amb)
 Missing: 46 (42 from 1 WG, 2 RE, 2 Fd Amb)
 Wounded: 115-140, (75 minor, 40-65 evacuated to UGANDA).

(ii) LCU F4. 6 RM/RN casualties. The ALO and BID Comms equipment for Bde HQ was lost.

(iii) Operational Capability. Basically two Coys of 1 WG are non-effective until they can be re-equipped. Radio and G1098 will be the limiting factor but not insurmountable.

(iv) Incidents. A patrol of 2 SG came under fire at Mount Herriot, sustained 2 casualties but withdrew intact. In a separate incident a Gazelle ditched without casualties.

(v) 1/7 GR. It is believed that two Coys are now forward with the remainder still at Darwin.

c. Intentions.

(i) CLFFI intends to reinforce 1 WG with A and C Coys 40 Cdo. As soon as possible he wants to use the BCR, but he cannot until the PW have been repatriated!

- (ii) 5,700 rounds to be moved forward to the five Bty gun lines.
- (iii) Continue recce and minefield probes forward.
- (iv) Establish CLFFI tac~~X~~ HQ ashore.

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