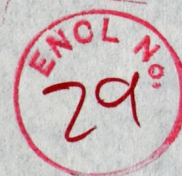


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SITREP NO 3 ON FALKLAND ISLANDS AS AT 042200Z APR.
SITUATION.

ARGENTINIAN DEPLOYMENT.

ONE, FALKLAND ISLANDS. IT IS ESTIMATED THAT AT LEAST 1000 MEN AND ABOUT 30 VEHICLES COULD HAVE BEEN LANDED ON THE EAST ISLAND IN THE INVASION. INFANTRY, MARINE INFANTRY AND AIRBORNE UNITS HAVE BEEN IDENTIFIED AS WELL AS SOME LVTP-7 ARMoured AMPHIBIOUS ASSAULT VEHICLES. THERE HAVE BEEN SEVERAL REPORTS OF AN AIRLIFT INTO PORT STANLEY AIRFIELD OF TROOPS AND SUPPLIES BUT NO RELIABLE EVIDENCE OF SCALE OR FREQUENCY. THERE IS AN UNCONFIRMED REPORT OF TROOPS AND VEHICLES BEING MOVED BY SEA FROM PORT STANLEY TO OTHER ISLANDS.

T O. SOUTH GEORGIA. LANDING CARRIED OUT BY 40 MARINES. THREE REPORTED KILLED. ONE CORVETTE, ONE ICE BREAKER AND ONE SUPPORT SHIP REMAIN IN THE VICINITY OF SOUTH GEORGIA.

THREE. OUTLOOK. BUILD UP OF TROOPS AND SUPPLIES LIKELY TO CONTINUE.

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FOUR. RM RM DET FALKLANDS. DET AND GOVERNOR LEFT MONTEVIDEO THIS AFTERNOON BY RAF VC10. ETA BRIZE NORTON 050640Z OC DET

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AND GOVERNOR WILL TRAVEL TO NO 10 FOR PERSONAL DEBRIEF TO PRIME MINISTER.

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FIVE. RM DET AND BAS SOUTH GEORGIA. FOLLOWING FALL OF CRYTVIKEN AFTER STIFF RESISTANCE BY RM DETACHMENT IN WHICH ARG CORVETTE GUERICO WAS DAMAGED BY 84 MM GUSTAV FIRE WHICH HAS REDUCED HER SPEED TO 16 KNOTS; ONE PUMA ALSO THOUGHT TO HAVE BEEN SHOT DOWN. IT IS PRESUMED THAT DET AND BAS CIVILIANS HAVE BEEN EMBARKED ABOARD ARG SHIPS, ALTHOUGH THIS IS NOT CONFIRMED. HELICOPTER FROM HMS ENDURANCE HAS VISITED ONE CIVILIAN OUTPOST AND NOW WILL REMAIN COVERT UNTIL IT IS NO LONGER SAFE TO DO SO WHEREUPON SHE WILL CLEAR THE AREA TO NE.

OPERATION CORPORATE.

SIX. FIRST TASK UNIT IS NOW IN AREA CANARY ISLANDS.F

SEVEN. PREPARATIONS FOR SECOND TASK UNIT TO SAIL 5 APR CONTINUE. AND ARE WELL IN HAND. OUTLOADING FOR 3 CDO BDE COMPLETE. MINISTERIAL APPROVAL HAS NOW BEEN GIVEN FOR 3 PARA TO COME UNDER COMMAND 3 CDO BDE AND WILL EMBARK SS CANBERRA 8 APR. ONE TP SCORPION AND ONE TP SCIMITAR HAVE BEEN ADDED TO ORBAT.

EIGHT. 5 INF BDE IS AT 7 DAYS NTM. ROULEMENT BELIZE BN, DUE

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TO CHANGE OVER, HAS BEEN FROZEN TO ALLOW 2 PARA TO REMAIN AVAILABLE TO 5 INF BDE.

NINE. AIRLIFT TO ASCENSION ISLAND CONTINUES. SIX X C130 ARRIVED 4 APR. A FURTHER 2 ARE SCHEDULED TO ARRIVE 5 APR. ONE CIVILIAN BELFAST DEPLOYED 2 X RN WESEX TO ASCENSION ISLAND TODAY. NO DIFFICULTIES ARE FORSEEN REGARDING THE CONTINUED USE OF WIDEAWAKE AIRFIELD.

TEN. UK LEGAL POSITION. NO CHANGE FROM SITREP NO 2

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