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ASSESSREP 104/03

8 MAY 03

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1 (UK) ARMD DIV ASSESSREP 104/03  
COVERING THE PERIOD 071900Z TO 081900Z MAY 03

KEY GOC ISSUES

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1. LO to ORHA SE. SO1 G5, HQ 1 (UK) Armd Div has identified a requirement to establish the post of LO to ORHA SE. The post should be a Maj (or acting Maj) and should start on 13 May 03. A nomination of [REDACTED] CAG currently employed in the HOC, KU is seen as the ideal selection. PJHQ are requested to confirm the establishment of this post and confirm the nomination of [REDACTED] in post with acting rank.

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2. See daily Intsum.

3. [REDACTED]

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4. General. Combat Effectiveness is GREEN.

5. 3 Cdo Bde. CE GREEN. 3 Cdo Bde are now off task and being processed by MCC / JFLogC for redeployment.

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6. 7 Armd Bde. CE GREEN. An Iraqi civilian died in the custody of C Coy of the Black Watch after having been arrested during a search and cordon operation in pursuit of a murder suspect. The civilian, one Radr Nama, died at the BW base location of a suspected heart attack. The murder suspect was later successfully arrested and is now in custody.
7. 16 AA Bde. CE GREEN. A grenade was thrown through a shop window in AL AMARAH. On investigation by EOD callsigns, the pin was found to be in place.
8. 101 Log Bde. NSTR.
9. JHF. CE GREEN.
10. Visit by Min AF. There is some doubt at present over instructions for the hosting of Min AF by the Division on 13 or 14 May. It is understood that Min AF will be accompanied by the Rt Hon Mr Bernard Jenkins and the Rt Hon Mr Paul Keach but there has been a suggestion that Min AF expects to be briefed separately from his Parliamentary colleagues. This would place a further burden on the Division and Brigades at an already inconvenient time for such a high profile visit. PJHQ are requested to confirm that this is not the case.
11. Visit by DG Ops (DLO). We have been asked to host a visit by DG Ops (DLO) on Thu 15 May despite the requested moratorium on visits. PJHQ are asked to reschedule this visit not earlier than 19 May 03 in order to minimise disruption during the handover of GOC and Comd 7 Armd Bde.

#### Ops Sp

12. Azzaman Newspaper. There are some concerns about whether articles submitted by the Div to DTIO are appearing in the Azzaman newspaper in a timely manner. Ops Sp have been made aware of one article submitted on 25 Apr for inclusion in the paper on 28 Apr that was in the paper today, 8 May. Articles will be tracked closely over the next few days to confirm that this incident is a one off. As of 1900D Div has not received an English synopsis of today's newspaper.

#### FUTURE INTENTIONS

3. No change.

14. Locstats (Map series K643, sheets 5549 & 5449)

1 (UK) Armd Div OSCAR HQ	-	QU 559831
1(UK) Armd Div PAPA HQ	-	QU 485473
HQ DSG	-	QU 559831
7 Armd Bde HQ	-	QU 743778
16 AA Bde HQ	-	PA 995176
JHF HQ	-	QU 559831
JFLogC HQ	-	QT 821284

15. Visits. The following visits are forecast:

- a. The Bishop of the Forces, the [REDACTED], accompanied by the Chaplain General, the [REDACTED] is visiting from 7-10 May. Accompanied by the GOC, they attended the

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rededication of the Kut Cemetery, a great success in terms of both UK/US relations and IZ appreciation of the proceedings. The outline programme is:

- (1) Visits units on 9 May 03
  - (2) Fly out 10 May 03
- b. CGS: 7-10 May 03.
  - c. COS NCHQ - 11 May 03.

{Signed on JOCS}

  
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