

Resident dock not informed
of P's approval 26/4/52

MESSAGE FROM THE PRIME MINISTER TO COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF, FLEET

I have just reported to Parliament the successful completion of the operation to recapture the British dependency of South Georgia.

All the major political parties represented in Parliament join with me in congratulating the men in the Armed Forces under your command on the successful outcome of this operation. That this should have been achieved without injury to our own men and with so little to the opposing forces was quite remarkable.

I undertook in the House to convey to you and those who played their part in recapturing the island, the feelings of Parliament. This I gladly do. With this message come my own congratulations and that of Her Majesty's Government for a job well done in the best traditions of our Armed Forces.

L. S. Mountbatten

M. S. M.

This has been approved by the Secretary of State for Defence.