



10 DOWNING STREET

THE PRIME MINISTER

4 June, 1982.

Dear Councillor Stockwell,

I have learned that your son, Petty Officer Geoffrey Stockwell, gave his life for his country when HMS Coventry was lost in the South Atlantic.

I have always been proud of those who serve the Crown, and all their families who so often have to bear the anxiety of separation and the pain of bereavement. I know that words cannot make up for your loss. But your son gave his life for important principles. Argentina must not be allowed to profit from its use of force, and the Falkland Islanders must be freed from occupation. These principles have to be upheld.

You have all my sympathy; we owe so much to

your son. But for him and others like him, liberty and justice would be lost.

Yours sincerely

Ray and Shella

Councillor L.J.C. Stockwell