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SITUATION REPORT FOR OPERATION SUTTON AS AT 231100A MAY 82

1. Activity in the Falkland Islands has been at a low level overnight since the last Sitrep at 1900A.
2. On land, there have been no incidents. Headquarters 3 Cdo Brigade has moved ashore and taken up a position NE of San Carlos settlement.
3. There were two further reports of action by own forces yesterday not previously reported. Harriers from HERMES attacked military targets in the Goose Green area. Gun positions, vehicles and fuel dumps were attacked. Several wrecked Pucara aircraft were seen which had previously been noted on high level photography. Harriers carried out an armed reconnaissance of Weddell Island without sighting any targets. The ex Falkland Islands Co vessel MONSUNEN was sighted South of East Falkland. This sighting will be investigated by surface ships from the Task Force today.
4. During the afternoon yesterday, 6 Argentinian Mirage aircraft escorted two low flying aircraft which landed in West Falkland, possibly a re-supply mission or additional light combat aircraft being ferried in. The escorting aircraft returned to the mainland 10 minutes later. Shortly before dusk, two A4 aircraft made an ineffectual attack on the ships in San Carlos Water. One aircraft ditched its bombload at the entrance and the second did not press home its attack. Troops ashore reported a possible submarine in the Falkland Sound just West of Port Sussex. PLYMOUTH and two anti-submarine helicopters investigated without result.
5. ANTELOPE escorted NORLAND and STROMNESS into San Carlos Water overnight so that further stores and equipment can be unloaded.
6. The next of kin of all casualties including those in HMS ARDEN have now been informed. Additionally the next of kin of survivors from ARDENT are being informed, this is virtually complete.