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 FCO LONDON (SOUTH AMERICAN DEPARTMENT)  
 FROM WEBSTER HEAD OF DS8 TO AIR ATTACHE  
 SUBJECT VULCAN DIVERSION 03 JUN 82

1 PD GALLANTRY CITATION FOR SQUADRON LEADER C N MCDUGALL CMM  
 CAPTAIN OF RAF VULCAN WHICH DIVERTED TO RIO ON 03 JUN IS DUE TO BE  
 PUBLISHED IN LONDON ON MONDAY 11 OCT PD THIS CITATION WILL BE  
 INCLUDED AMONG OTHERS TO BE PUBLISHED IN THE LONDON GAZETTE AND WILL  
 COINCIDE WITH THE PARADE HERE ON 12 OCT PD CITATIONS WILL BE DRAWN  
 TO THE ATTENTION OF THE PRESS AND AVAILABLE TO THE PUBLIC PD SOME  
 COMMENT ON THEM IS THEREFORE PROBABLE PD  
 2 PD CITATION FOR SQUADRON LEADER MCDUGALL READS AS FOLLOWS CLN  
 WHEN THE FALKLAND ISLAND CRISIS AROSE SQUADRON LEADER MCDUGALL AND  
 HIS CREW WERE EARMARKED FOR SPECIAL TRAINING FOR OPERATIONS IN THE

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 SOUTH ATLANTIC BUT COULD NOT BE FULLY CONVERTED IMMEDIATELY  
 BECAUSE OF SHORTAGE OF IN-FLIGHT REFUELLING AIRCRAFT PD WHILE  
 AWAITING CONVERSION SQUADRON LEADER MCDUGALL MADE A SIGNIFICANT  
 CONTRIBUTION TO THE ENHANCEMENT OF THE VULCANS CAPABILITY WHEN HE  
 CAPTAINED THE AIRCRAFT TEST FLYING NEW EXTERNAL WEAPONS MOUNTINGS  
 AND FLEW THE FIRST FIRING OF THE ANTI-RADIATION MARTEL MISSILE PD  
 SHORTLY AFTERWARDS HIS CREW DEPLOYED TO ASCENSION AND ON BOTH  
 31 MAY AND 03 JUN 82 HE FLEW OPERATIONAL SORTIES AGAINST  
 TARGETS IN EAST FALKLAND ARMED WITH THE SHRIKE ANTI-RADIATION  
 MISSILE PD THE FIRST SORTIE TOOK THE CREW WELL BEYOND THEIR PREVIOUS  
 EXPERIENCE IN LONG DISTANCE FLIGHT AND IT WAS THE FIRST LIVE  
 MISSILE FIRING BY A VULCAN IN A COMBAT ENVIRONMENT PD TO ACHIEVE  
 ACCURATE DELIVERY OF THE WEAPON SQUADRON LEADER MCDUGALL HAD TO  
 FLY HIS AIRCRAFT WITH GREAT PRECISION IN A COMPLEX NIGHT  
 MANOEUVRE PD BECAUSE OF THE SPEED WITH WHICH THE MISSILE WAS  
 BROUGHT INTO SERVICE CMM THE CREW HAD HAD NO PREVIOUS PRACTICE  
 BUT SQUADRON LEADER MCDUGALLS EXCEPTIONAL SKILL AND DETERMINATION  
 ENSURED COMPLETE ACCURACY IN PERFORMING THIS MANOEUVRE AND THE  
 RADAR SHUT DOWN SHORTLY THEREAFTER CMM CONSISTENT WITH A  
 SUCCESSFUL HIT PD ON THE SECOND SORTIE CMM THE ENEMY THWARTED

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 SQUADRON LEADER MCDUGALLS INITIAL ATTACKS BY TURNING OFF THE TARGET  
 RADAR WHENEVER HE APPROACHED PD DESPITE HIS VERY LONG RANGE FROM



BASE AND THE FACT THAT HIS FUEL RESERVES WERE CRITICAL CMM  
SQUADRON LEADER MCDOUGALL PERSISTED FOR MORE THAN 25 MINUTES IN  
HIS ATTEMPTS TO ACQUIRE A TARGET BY DESCENDING THE AIRCRAFT TOWARDS  
THE ENEMY DEFENCES PD EVENTUALLY CMM HE SUCCEEDED IN PROVOKING  
THE ENEMY INTO SWITCHING ON A RADAR WHICH WAS BRIEFED AS THE  
SECONDARY TARGET AND HE WAS THEN ABLE TO FIRE HIS MISSILES SUCCESS-  
FULLY AT THE TARGET PD THE CEW THEM MADE A SUCCESSFUL RENDEZVOUS  
WITH THE VICTOR TANKER ON THE RETURN JOURNEY TO ASCENSION ISLAND  
BUT THE REFUELLING PROBE OF SQUADRON LEADER MCDOUGALLS AIRCRAFT  
BROKE AS HE WAS MAKING CONTACT CMM SO PREVENTING THE TRANSFER OF  
ANY FUEL PD THERE WAS NO ALTERNATIVE BUT TO DIVERT THE AIRCRAFT  
TO BRAZIL AND SQUADRON LEADER MCDOUGALL SHOWED COURAGE AND  
CALMNESS OF THE HIGHEST ORDER IN PREPARING HIS AIRCRAFT AND CREW  
FOR THE LANDING TO AN UNKNOWN RECEPTION AT AN UNPLANNED FOREIGN AIR-  
BASE PD THROUGHOUT THIS PERIOD OF THE FLIGHT CMM HIS AIRCRAFT  
CAPTAINCY WAS FAULTLESS AND HE SHOWED THE ABILITY TO MAKE INSTANT  
DECISIONS IN THE FIRST EMERGENCY OF THIS KIND DURING THE SOUTH  
ATLANTIC HOSTILITIES PD HE WAS THUS LARGELY RESPONSIBLE FOR THE

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EVENTUAL SAFE RETURN OF HIS AIRCRAFT AND CREW PD THROUGHOUT HIS  
INVOLVEMENT IN THE SOUTH ATLANTIC OPERATIONS SQUADRON LEADER  
MCDOUGALL DISPLAYED QUALITIES OF LEADERSHIP AND COOLNESS WHICH WERE  
A MAGNIFICENT EXAMPLE TO OTHERS PD HIS FEARLESSNESS UNDER  
OPERATIONAL CONDITIONS CMM AND HIS ZEAL AND DOGGED DETERMINATION  
THROUGH LONG HOURS OF A MOST DEMANING FLIGHT IN A POTENTIALLY  
DANGEROUS ENVIRONMENT ARE THOROUGHLY DESERVING OF SIGNIFICANT  
RECOGNITION PD THEREFORE CMM SQUADRON LEADER MCDOUGALL IS MOST  
STRONGLY RECOMMENDED FOR THE AWARD OF THE DISTINGUISHED FLYING  
CROSS

3 PD ABOVE HAS BEEN SEEN BY THE AMBASSADOR WHEN BRIEFED HERE BY  
MINISTRY OF DEFENCE ON 06 OCT BUT YOU SHOULD BE AWARE OF TEXT  
IN CASE DETAILS OF THE CITATION ARE PICKED UP BY THE BRAZILIAN  
GOVERNMENT OR PRESS NEXT WEEK PD YOU SHOULD NOTE THE CITATION  
GIVES FULLER DETAILS THAN WE HAVE RELEASED SO FAR PD PLEASE  
REPORT PROMPTLY ANY LOCAL COMMENT ESPECIALLY IF IT IS ALLEGED WE  
WERE LESS THAN FRANK AT THE TIME AND OF COURSE TAKE ACTION  
NECESSARY TO AVOID PROBLEMS WHICH MIGHT AFFECT FUTURE USE OF  
BRAZILIAN AIRFIELDS

4 PD THIS INFORMATION SHOULD OBVIOUSLY BE USED FOR DEFENSIVE

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