

MR. COLES

Grytviken

The messages received during the day from Endurance have been as follows:

1. Received in London 1220 BST:
Second Argentine vessel - frigate - arrived off Leith.
2. Received 1442 BST; in radio contact with Grytviken
[i.e. no change in situation].
3. 1520 BST:
Endurance reported direct her monitoring of conversation between British Antarctic ^{Survey} ~~surface~~ base and the first Argentine vessel. The Argentine vessel's commander told the shore base that the Port Stanley marines had surrendered and called on those at base to do the same. The commander said that he would not do so. The ship then proposed to send in Argentine marines. The base commander replied that he would treat this as a provocative action. The ship then changed its ~~proposal~~ proposal and said it would send in a helicopter with one man. The commander agreed to allow this to land, but ordered the marines to resist any additional landing.
4. 1637 BST:
Endurance reported that it had lost communication with Grytviken. There was jamming on the frequency. If communication was not resumed, Endurance proposed to fly a helicopter reconnaissance, remaining as covert as possible.

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