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There have been no reports of engagements with Argentine forces during the night.

We do not yet have firm details of the damage caused to one of our frigates in yesterday's attack by Argentine aircraft.

But ^{OUR} latest information is that there was one death and five were wounded. Further details will be given when full information has been received and next of kin have been informed.

We can also confirm that one additional Argentine MIRAGE was shot down yesterday. This brings the total number of Argentine aircraft shot down during yesterday's attack to six MIRAGE and one SKYHAWK with a further one MIRAGE and two SKYHAWK probably shot down.

There have been no further reports of damage to British ships or aircraft and good progress is being made to repair the damage caused in last Friday's Argentine attacks.

British forces continue to consolidate ~~x~~ their positions on the Falkland Islands. The bridgehead is now firmly established ashore; defensive positions around San Carlos have been secured; and the surrounding area is being patrolled. There have been no further reports of contact with Argentine forces ashore.