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A number of Argentine military positions close to Port Stanley have been and continue to be bombarded. British troops are patrolling forward territory and consolidating their positions. Equipment is being moved up. In addition, some troops - and in particular the Gurkhas - are on patrol looking for Argentine pockets of resistance to the rear of British positions.

Over the last day or so there has been little direct operational contact with Argentine forces. Argentine planes - probably Canberras - have on two occasions bombed British forward positions but there have been no British casualties from these bombings.

In Darwin and Goose Green work has proceeded with the clearance of mine fields. Most of the mines were not marked. Some trip-wire mines and booby traps have now been found. This indiscriminate mining of course puts the civil population at

FALKLAND ISLANDS - SEA EAGLE

BACKGROUND

The Daily Mail and the Daily Express carry paragraphs concerning Sea Eagle. They suggest that the programme for this new missile, being developed by British Aerospace, is being accelerated and is likely to be rushed to the Falklands.

PR LINE

"This is a speculative story on which we are unable to comment. Even if it were true we would not comment on an operational matter such as this."

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