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SITREP THIRD WORK PERIOD 22 FEB TO 19 MAR 82
22 FEB SAILED MAR DEL PLATA AFTER SUCCESSFUL SMP. DPR(N) FILM
CREW EMBARKED

25 FEB STANLEY FUEL. REEMBARK DETACHED SURVEY PARTY LOAD JSE
BRABANT JS STORES. EMBARK LORD AND LADY BUXTON
1 MAR ARRIVE ROTHERA. ESTABLISH BOAT CAMP
2 MAR CALL FARADAY. DELIVER MAIL AND STORES
3 MAR ATTEMPT TO LAND JSE STORES ON BRABANT ISLAND ABANDONED DUE
TO EXCESSIVE CRAVASSING OF TERRAIN AND BAD VISIBILITY.
VISIT ADMIRANTE BROWN ARGENTINIAN BASE IN ATROCIOUS WEATHER
4/5 MAR VISIT PALMER US BASE. LAND JSE STORES. ASSIST LOADING
STORES INTO USCGS GLAVUZR
6 MAR PASSAGE TO ROTHERA VIA DARLASS CHANNEL BLOCKED BY HEAVY
PACK ICE. REROUTED WEST OF ADELAIDE ISLAND TO ARRIVE ROTHERA PM.
SUNNY DAY FOR A CHANGE. GOOD FILMING.
7 TO 10 MAR SHIP AND BOAT SURVEYING IN ROTHERA APPROACHES ON
COMPLETION RECOVERED BOAT CAMP
12 MAR VISIT CAPT ARTURO PRATT AND TIENTE MARCH CHILEAN BASES
15/16 MAR AT SOUTH GEORGIA RECOVER JSE AND STORES. VISIT
CRYTVIKEN BASE. DELIVER MAIL AND STORES
19 MAR RETURN STANLEY

2. SUMMARY.

THIS WORK PERIOD WAS MARRED BY ALMOST CONTINUAL POOR WEATHER
BUT ALL MAJOR OBJECTIVES WERE MET. THE MAIN SURVEY AIM OF
ESTABLISHING A FULLY SURVEYED CHANNEL INTO ROTHERA WEST OF JENNY
ISLAND WAS ACHIEVED AND THE COVERAGE OF THE NORTHERN PART
OF MARGUERITE BAY EXTENDED. THERE WERE SOME HOLD UPS DUE TO
DEFECTS IN THE BOATS TRISPOUNDER SYSTEM WHICH REDUCED THE AREA
PLANNED FOR THE BOAT SURVEY. THE LANDING OF DUMPS ON BRABANT
ISLAND FOR THE 1983 JOINT SERVICES EXPEDITION WOULD HAVE BEEN
FOOLHARDY IN EXISTING CONDITIONS AND THE BEST FALL BACK WAS THE
ESTABLISHMENT OF A BASE DUMP AT PALMER BASE ON ANVERS ISLAND.
THIS SOLUTION HAS BEEN GRATEFULLY ACCEPTED BY THE EXPEDITION
LEADER. THE DPR(N) FILM CREW ARE WELL SATISFIED WITH THE MATERIAL
THEY HAVE MANAGED TO SHOOT BUT WOULD HAVE PREFERRED BETTER
WEATHER. SOME MOST USEFUL FOREIGN BASE VISITS WERE MADE

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UNDERLINING THE CONTINUATION OF BRITISH INTEREST IN THE
FIRST DAY MAIL WAS DELIVERED TO THE MAJORITY OF THE BRITISH
BASES AND THE PHILATELIC SUPERVISOR FROM STANLEY WAS TAKEN
TO THE BASES FOR THE DELIVERY AND ISSUE OF FIRST DAY COVERS
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