

4. Where did they get to

- a. Surface force arrived at a predetermined waiting position ^{covertly} ~~at~~ approx 1000 hrs North East of Port Stanley and remained there
- b. HMS DRAGONHAWK ^{covertly} ~~paraded~~ off Port Stanley.

5. Why were they withdrawn

Political solution?

6. When were they withdrawn

The force was withdrawn towards the end of Dec 77

7. Impact on Settlement

No impact on settlement as the deployment of the force remained covert throughout.

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1. Naval forces were deployed to the vicinity of the Falkland Islands between 24 November 1977 and early January 1978.
2. This was against a background of the continuing dispute over Falkland Islands sovereignty and an aggressive and independent military stance by the then Commander of the Navy who was also a member of the Wing Junta. Sources suggested the development of a plan for a joint Navy/Air Force operation to occupy the Falkland Islands. ^{The deployment reflected concern that} It is thought that ^{foreseen} lack of progress on Anglo-Argentinian sovereignty talks would very quickly provoke an Argentinian military response.

Particularly of the Governor of the Falkland Islands

3. The force consisted of a Leander class frigate (HMS PHOENIX), a Type 21 frigate (HMS BLACKBURN), deployed from the UK, and a SSN (HMS ARGONAUT) which joined up with the group off the Canaries on 29 November. A tanker (RFA OWEN) and a supply ship (RFA RESURGENT) accompanied the group.

At the time HMS ENDURANCE was on station in the South Atlantic and RFA CHERRYLEAF was in the Falklands area freighting

fuel.

4. The surface force arrived at a predetermined position approximately ^{1000 miles} North East of Port Stanley and remained there. HMS BREANNOUGH came out a patrol off Port Stanley. The deployment, lasting some two-three weeks, remained covert throughout and the group was withdrawn towards the end of December. because the anticipated situation failed to materialise
5. Because ~~the~~ the deployment remained covert throughout there was no impact on the political situation.