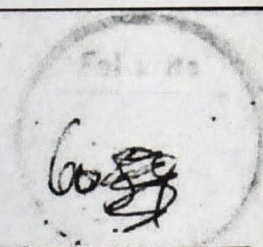


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MESSAGE FORM

1. Time Message Received 1825Z 4 May
2. Message received from ACOS(O) CINCFLANT
3. Message received by INOT
4. Text of Message

A. 041649Z from CTG 317.8

1. Harrier lost to AAA while attacking Grock Green at 041610Z May (NOTE: already reported by ACOS(O))

B. 041629Z from CTG 317.8

1. Damage caused by an air launched Exocet not traced. Initial analysis reveals following facts:

facts:

CHIEF OF DEFENCE STAFF		DATE	COPIES	DESCRIPTION
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	CDS	4/5/82	041412Z	Sheffield reported internal explosion
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	SCDS A II			Sheffield reports OOW saw 2 Exocet / 1 hit / 1 in
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	SCDS A II			Exocet hit ship starboard side in vicinity MCO
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	SCDS A II			2 aircraft detected after missile release
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	SCDS A II		041439Z	Yarmouth reported possible
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	SCDS A II			missile overhead going towards main body
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	SCDS A II		041441Z	Alcanta reported splash around
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	SCDS A II			2 Consider 2 possibly 3 Exocet fired by low flying Super Standards. No warning achieved despite airborne CAP on threat bearing

3. Sheffield underway on even keel. Fire fighting assistance being provided. Total casualties unknown.
5. Distribution:

- PSO/CDS
- COSSEC
- DS11 (responsible for further distribution to S of S, PUS, AUS(DS), Resident Clerk)
- SCPL (responsible for VCDS(P&L) and/or ACDS(P&L))
- DIC
- Navy Ops
- Army Ops
- AF Ops
- SOG (as appropriate)

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