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Head of DS11*CDS has asked CWS to look into  
removing the surveillance round from  
COVENTRY.*Immediately SWDEPLOYMENT OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS WITHIN THE FALKLANDS TASK GROUP

You asked for details of current deployments of nuclear weapons in the Task Group. The following information has been given to me by the Naval Staff.

2. Taking first HMS SHEFFIELD, she removed the surveillance round she had been carrying into RFA FORT AUSTIN on 16 April. The surveillance rounds carried in the Task Group are type S5. These rounds are in all respects mechanically similar to a live round except that the warhead is totally inert, that is, there is no fissile material in the round.

3. The dispositions of the live weapons are as follows:

HMS HERMES	16
HMS INVINCIBLE	11
RFA RESOURCE	2
RFA FORT AUSTIN	2 (+ the surveillance round from SHEFFIELD)

4. In addition, HMS COVENTRY (Type 42) has a surveillance round on board. HMS GLAMORGAN carries a training round, which is similar to a live round only in its external characteristics.

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