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OPERATION SUTTON - SITREP AT 1645A 21 MAY 82

1. This sitrep is based partly on signals from 317.0 and partly on a telephoned assessment from COS to CinCFleet. Some items are not confirmed by signal but the Force Commander believes it is fairly accurate.
2. FANNING HEAD is now occupied by SBS units, surviving Argentine troops have surrendered.
3. All major infantry units are in position around SAN CARLOS Harbour and heavy equipment and artillery started to move ashore at 1620A.
4. 1 Chinook and 1 Puma destroyed by GR3 attack near PORT STANLEY and 1 Pucara was shot down by Stinger during raid on GOOSE GREEN. Two UK Gazelles have been shot down by Argentine Infantry weapons (casualties not known).
5. Air attacks have been made on ships in Falkland Sound and off SAN CARLOS harbour since 211330Z. 2 A4s, 1 Mirage and 1 Pucara have been shot down. 1 A4 possibly crashed. BROADSWORD (4 Casualties), ARGONAUT (3 casualties) and ANTRIM have suffered minor damage and ANTRIM has an unexploded bomb aft. An EOD team is being sent.

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6. The Lynx from ARDENT attacked a tanker with Sea Skua at 1325A. Position given was 24 miles SE of SWAN ISLAND but as this put her on top of HORN HILL position is suspect.
7. Earlier reports of Exocet attacks have not been confirmed.
8. The air attacks on the Amphibious Force indicate that the Argentines have realised a major landing is in progress. The NORLAND and CANBERRA must have been located by some of the attacking aircraft. Therefore it seems that no further military concealment of our intentions is likely to succeed.

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