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6. There was no Argentine air activity yesterday. The final picture of the air battle on 8 June had not emerged. It seemed that a total of 19 aircraft were launched from the mainland. Of these, 6 were turned back by Harrier interception but without an engagement. The remaining 13 carried out attacks. Of these, 6 Mirage and one A4 Sky Hawk were certainly shot down. DCDSI will produce for the Chiefs



of Staff tomorrow an update on the Argentine overall air order of battle which will include the Mirages from Peru, on which DCDSI said there was now firm information that they had been delivered.

Own Forces

7. ACDS (Ops) had little to add to the note which we saw this morning. CDS had however recently spoken to C in C Fleet and provided the following. Active patrolling had gone on throughout the last 24 hours. 42 Commando had 'bumped' an Argentine position. 5 Argentines had been killed. The casualties on Sir Galahad, as the press were now reporting, had been serious. One member of the field ambulance unit had been killed. 46 men were missing, of which 42 were from the Welsh Guards. The figure for wounded was somewhere in the region of 140, of which between 40 and 60 were sufficiently serious for evacuation to the Uganda. As regards the LCU, there had been 6 naval or marine casualties and a considerable quantity of communications equipment had been lost. The consequence was that the two companies of the Welsh Guards would not be effective until re-equipped, although this could be done from local stores. The Commander Task Force plan to reinforce the Welsh Guards with two companies from 40 Commando, currently stationed at San Carlos.

Prisoners

8. The CDS referred to a paper which had not been circulated previously on the handling of the remaining 300 prisoners following the recapture of Darwin and Goose Green. As you know, 1,400 men are being repatriated to Montevideo. The CDS said that among the 300 there were 50 men it would not be in our interest to repatriate. They included, pilots, special forces and others with tactical knowledge of our own dispositions which we would not wish to be transmitted to the Argentine authorities. His recommendation was that these 50 should be removed from the Island in the first available ship and returned for internment in the UK. The remaining 250 could be returned to Argentine when this became practically possible. It was agreed that the Army Department would set in hand planning for the reception of these prisoners.

9. CAS raised the case of Flt Lt Glover. It was agreed that we should avoid as long as possible any public statement of the fact that we were keeping 50 prisoners while we continued to press for the release by the Argentines of Flt Lt Glover. I pointed out that the case we had put to the Argentines through the ICRC was that Glover was wounded and therefore should be treated in exactly the same way as we had treated wounded Argentine POWs, ie repatriation. I would be grateful if Mr Hulse could consider whether we need to press again on this. I think we still await a response from the Argentines.

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10. There was no discussion of the question of prisoners following the recapture of Port Stanley although DCDS (P & L) said that we would need at some stage to begin planning for a number of contingencies so that we could cope with Ministerial decisions in the context of the longer term solutions.

A handwritten signature in dark ink, which appears to read "D H Gillmore", is written above a horizontal line.

D H Gillmore

10 June 1982

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