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AUS (D Staff)CIVILIANS REMAINING ON THE FALKLAND ISLANDS

1. As a result of evacuee debriefing and thanks to an intermittent Falkland Islands Company teleprinter link, albeit controlled by the Argentinian authorities, we have some knowledge of the location and conditions of the civilians remaining.
2. Before the crisis, according to the 1981 Census, there were 1800 Falkland Islanders, 1050 in Port Stanley, 441 in the rest of East Falkland and 322 in West Falkland. A high proportion of the 90 evacuees to UK have been UK based citizens not included in the Census.
3. Port Stanley. Our best guess is that approximately 180 are still in Port Stanley. From evacuee questioning we have compiled an overprinted map of Port Stanley showing which houses are occupied by Islanders, which by Argentinian troops and which areas have been fortified. This map has already been issued to CINC Fleet and other interested branches. We assume that the balance of 870 residents of Port Stanley have withdrawn to the homesteads of East Falkland; it is possible that some have left for the Argentine mainland but we have no evidence of this.
4. 'The Camp'. In 1981 some 763 Islanders lived outside Port Stanley. We can account for 690 of them located as shown at Annex A. We have little evidence of which homesteads gave shelter to those leaving Stanley but we know that the largest group, some 150 including many children, went to Darwin/Goose Green.
5. Morale. According to the evacuees there has been a significant lowering of morale in the past seven days notably in Port Stanley. Argentine attitudes towards them are said to be sterner. Military hygiene standards are low and there are clear signs of dysentery spreading among the soldiers. Those remaining in Stanley have moved for safety into stone houses in the centre of town. Road sides are mined, some bridges prepared for demolition, and areas to the East of town and around the airport have been declared closed military

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zones. All this compounds their anxiety and sense of insecurity.

6. We assess that more would now leave the Island if they could; Mr SELWOOD, the Islander aircraft pilot who left Stanley on 23 April has said that he believes the next exodus might be on 27 April and could be large. According to the Falkland Island Company their employees are still determined to stay put.

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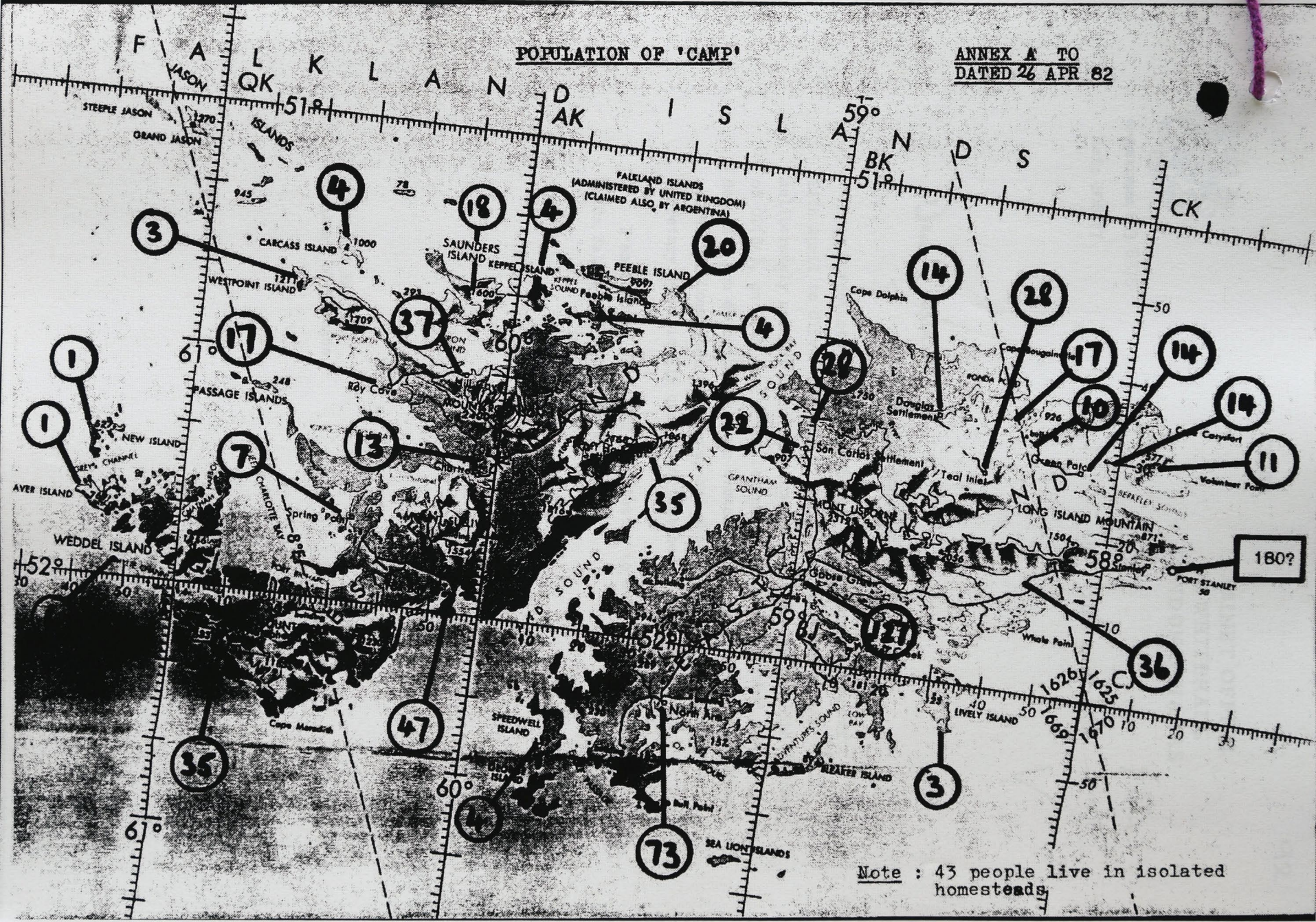
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POPULATION OF 'CAMP'

ANNEX A TO  
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Note: 43 people live in isolated homesteads