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SITREP NO 32 OP CORPORATE AS AT 042200Z MAY 82

1. EN FORCES
 A. ARGENTINE SEARCH FOR SURVIVORS FROM THE CRUISER GENERAL BELGRANO CONTINUES. SO FAR 400 SURVIVORS ARE THOUGHT TO HAVE BEEN FOUND FROM THE SHIP'S COMPANY OF OVER 1000.

AS A RESULT OF THE ATTACK ON THE BELGRANO ARGENTINIAN NAVAL COMMANDERS MAY STAY WELL CLEAR OF THE TEZ REMAINING IN INSHORE WATERS.

B. ANALYSIS OF ARGENTINE OPERATIONS TO DATE SUGGESTS THAT COORDINATION BETWEEN NAVAL AND AIR FORCES IS A WEAKNESS WHICH WILL CONTINUE TO CAUSE THEM PROBLEMS.

2. LIMITED MARITIME RECONNAISSANCE SORTIES HAVE BEEN UNDERTAKEN.
 C. OWN FORCES

A. HMS SHEFFIELD WAS HIT AMIDSHIPS THIS AFTERNOON BY AIR-LAUNCHED EXOCET MISSILE, AND CAUGHT FIRE WHICH SPREAD OUT OF CONTROL. SHIP WAS ABANDONED AND ALL WHO ABANDONED WERE PICKED UP. NO DETAILS OF LIMITED CASUALTIES AVAILABLE YET.

B. A 2-STAR HQ IS BEING ESTABLISHED TO COMMAND BOTH BRIGADES ON FALKLAND ISLANDS, OPERATING INITIALLY FROM FEARLESS. MAJ GEN MOORE WILL BE COMMANDER LAND FORCES FALKLAND ISLANDS (CLFF1).

C. FURTHER SUCCESSFUL RAIDS WERE CARRIED OUT ON PORT STANLEY AND GOOSE GREEN AIRFIELDS TODAY. ONE SEA HARRIER WAS SHOT DOWN BY ANTI-AIRCRAFT FIRE AND THE PILOT KILLED.

D. HMS PLYMOUTH ARRIVES SOUTH GEORGIA TONIGHT AS GUARDSHIP.

E. 3 GR3 HARRIERS DEPLOYED ASCENSION ISLAND TODAY BUT ONE FAILED TO RECEIVE AIR TO AIR FUEL AND DIVERTED TO MADEIRAS.

F. 2 NIMROD SURVEILLANCE AND 1 SEARCH AND RESCUE SORTIES CARRIED OUT TODAY. 5

G. HERCULES AIR TO AIR REFUELLING TRIALS AND NIMROD AAR TRAINING CONTINUE

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