

CDS SPEAKING NOTES

OD(SA) MONDAY 24 MAY 1982

SOVIET

1. Satellite Surveillance continues.

ARGENTINIAN ARMS PURCHASES

Diplomatic measures.

2. - High level of Argentinian activity:
 - Possible Israeli/Argentinian discussions in Switzerland.
Smart bombs for use against Carriers and QE2.

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ARGENTINIAN FORCES

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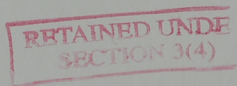
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(date) 15 - 09 - 09

(Signed) F. Bayle

2 Sea Dart

1 Sea Wolf

7 DD/FF. 4 Escort.

7. OWN FORCES

a. Bristol Group ETA FI 25 May (when 1300 NM NE of TEZ 22 May) detected Argentine 707 230 NM SW. Cardiff detached and engaged with 2 x Sea Dart when 707 closed to 31 NM. both missiles passed astern.

b. QEP. ETA RV 27 May. Could land 5 Inf Bde at say 30 May (earliest).

c. ~~WCMG~~. At holding position.

d. Exeter. Plus AMBUSCADE, ANTELOPE now with CVBG. ANTELOPE on her second day hit by bombs starboard side pm Sunday 23 May. UXB later exploded. A number of fires were caused and attempts being made to bring them under control. 1 dead and 5 wounded. Ship abandoned at anchor in San Carlos Water.

e. 221430L 2 x low fliers escorted 6 x Mirage probably landed W Falklands on re-supply. Return escort appeared 10 mins later.

f. 221415Z 2 x A4 entered anchorages. Attack not pressed home. 1 x A4 ditched load; not intercepted.

g. Antelope escorted Norland, Stromness into AOA overnight 22/23 May. Canberra continued cross-decking to Resource/Elk who went in last night.

h. Early on 23 May Argentinian MV Monsunen driven aground in Eagle Passage. Full details not yet known. (Ships/Starbatt)

i. 231158Z. Argonaut Lynx attempted Sea Skua attack on Argentine stores ship. Both missiles failed to lock, not fired.

j. 230448L. Dunnose ~~air~~ airstrip attacked with 4 x CBU and 6 x 1000 Retard. Both strips damaged. No aircraft, stores or activity in area.

k. 230902Z. 2 x SHAR returning HERMES bounced 2 x Puma 1 x Bell Shag Cove. 1 Puma crashed evading, others landed and engaged with canon; SHAR from INVINCIBLE attacked latter, all seen to be smoking.

1. 3 main waves attacked Escorts:

(1) 1245Z. 4 x A4. 1 splashed by ANTELOPE Seacat, 1 FWS, 1 probable by Rapier. 4th believed to have hit ANTELOPE mast and may have ditched. At: ejected, killed.

(2) 1312Z. 4 x Mirage. 1 splashed by Broadsword Seawolf, 1 by Antelope/Plymouth 20 mm FWS, 1 possible (weapon not known). Simultaneous raid from South (total numbers not known) engaged by SHAR; 2 x Mirage splashed.

(3) 1416Z. 2 x Mirage. 1 splashed by SHAR. 1 jettisoned load. Neither came within 20 nm

Arg:
1 Boiler
1 Engine

Sat a.m.
PC x SHAR
2 Amys, please.

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Ant
Hit

H. landed 4 Skua to attack P.S. runway

m. 242100Z. 1 x Sea Harrier lost 1 minute after launch from HERMES. Large fireball observed; pilot missing. 1 jet down, 2 attack. Result not known

n. Total assessed Argentine losses:

A4	2 (+ 1 probable + 1 possible)
Mirage	5 (+ 1 possible)
Puma	2
Bell UH1H	1

14 - at least
- poss 10.

(o. Argonaut still at anchor making good progress on repairs (1 boiler and 1 engine serviceable with limitations).

b. Submarines.

- (1) Spartan. No contacts other than 1 M/V heading North.
- (2) Splendid. No contacts. Looking for Bouchard off Rio Grande.
- (3) Conqueror. No contacts.
- (4) Valiant. Radar detection to South - possibly Seaspray radar.
- (5) Onyx. Should have RVL with Bristol Gp 231030Z.
- (6) Courageous. ETA 35° S 280900Z

c. Air.

- (1) Harrier GR3. Recce Weddell Island (West of W FI) 22 May saw unprepared airstrip 2000 ft long N of settlement. No aircraft and area deserted.
- (2) LR Nimrod. Refuelling probe broke during first transfer; re-tasked 400 NM Ascension. Located Primorje AGI and Argentine container ship Atilto Malvagni.

d. Land.

- (1) Bde HQ (NE of San Carlos settlement) and BMA

Wigwag

*Full Airship
Siting.*

established ashore. / Number of days stocks ashore NYK.
Ops established and patrol programme initiated; details NYK.

- (2) Site for Harrier FOB chosen at Port San Carlos.
Engineer and Construction stores moved ashore.
- (3) 42 Cdo located Port San Carlos settlement as reserve.
- (4) RA Rapier battery ashore; 9/12 fire units
serviceable.

1 criticism over reaction - 1 prob success

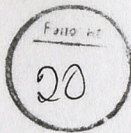
8. Special Forces Operations.

- a. Recce patrols remain on West Falkland and in area of
Goose Green and West of Stanley.
- b. D Sqn 22 SAS intend setting up a squadron base West of
Stanley within next 48 hours.
- c. B Sqn 22 SAS are in Ascension and will be brought to
1 hour's notice to move from 241440 for re-tasking.
- d. SAS destroyed 1 Pucara using Stinger in the Goose Green
raid on 21 May.

9. CTF's Intentions.

- a. Broadsword, Yarmouth, Fort Austin, Sir Tristram to sail
last light 23 May to RV Resource/Tidepool and return to AOA
before first light (except Sir Tristram).
- b. Elk to AOA night 24/25 May.
- c. Ships to be convoyed out when offloaded.
- d. Airfield denial operations planned on West Falkland.
Intention to recce airfields at Dunnose Head, Chartres and
Fox Bay with view to Rifle Coy raids.
- e. Continue consolidate beachhead, incl selected logistic
offload. Patrol vigorously. Continue planning for Cdo/Bn
raid on Darwin/Goose Green.
- f. Nimrod surface surveillance 400 NM Ascension. LR Nimrod
overnight 24/25 May.
- g. 2 x AD Phantoms + Victor AAR depart UK 240700Z direct
to Ascension.
- h. Roulement plan for DD/FF and SSN to UK plus CVS
outside TEZ for rest.

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OD(SA) MEETING AT
1030 MONDAY 24 MAY 1982

RELEVANT PAPERS

1. I enclose:

Agenda

AcwDA 174/12
FLAG A

Your speaking notes covering past two days

FLAG B - *2038/1 dtg 24/5/82*

Minutes of Saturday's OD(SA) Meeting *Not available*

FLAG C

Note on RAPIER

FLAG D ~~2038/1/2~~

MILITARY ISSUES

2. Your speaking notes are at FLAG B.

OTHER POINTS

3. You have raised RAPIER performance (FLAG D) with the PM but you may wish to mention we believe it scored a success on 23 May.

4. You need to raise Israeli/Argentinian Arms Sales.

5. You also need to raise the use of Special Forces.

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