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Classification SECRETDSC TELEPHONED OPERATIONALMESSAGE FORM2  
SEG

1. Time Message Received 050145A
2. Message received from G HAMMOND PRO HERMES
3. Message received by CAR PENNINGTON DAPR(H)
4. Text of Message

TWO EXOCETS fired at HERMES [at 2130A]

One hit ATLANTIC CONVEYOR : no damage

to HERMES. HMS CONVEYOR lost but

claimed 4 x A4 and 1 PUCARA shot

down. ATLANTIC CONVEYOR "in danger

of exploding", survivors being taken off.

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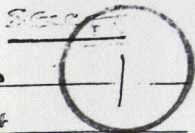
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FE 1753  
(P 1734)

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MESSAGE FORM



1. TIME MESSAGE RECEIVED 0745A 26 May
2. MESSAGE RECEIVED FROM CTF Duty Staff
3. MESSAGE RECEIVED BY DSC Controller
4. TEXT OF MESSAGE

1. MOFAX update of SITREP attached.

2. Amplifying information:

Para 4.: ANTRIM will collect CLFFI and  
CANSHELLS, NORLAND and STROMNESS will  
collect troops and stores.

Para 7. Naval surveillance of FI area  
now on task.

3. Further signal expected shortly from CTGs.  
SATCOM problems with FEALLESS probably caused by  
proximity to high land.

4. It is believed that ALLOW did not enter 40A  
last night. First aid repairs by STENA SEASLEDGE  
team may not have been completed in time.

5. Casualties ATLANTIC CONVOY

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3. MESSAGE RECEIVED BY \_\_\_\_\_
4. TEXT OF MESSAGE \_\_\_\_\_

*only and details may be available a.m. after signals  
 have been compared with logs held at CENTURION.  
 No indications at this stage of extent/number of  
 casualties in COVENTRY - CTF attempting to resolve  
 urgently.*

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(R 1753)  
FM DUTY CAPTAIN CTF 317

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UPDATE TO CTF 317 SITREP 24 (251830Z MAY)  
AS AT 260600Z

PARA HEADINGS AS FOR SITREPS

1 A

3 AA: ATTACKED COVENTRY AND BROADSWORD

12 NM NORTH OF PEBBLE ISLAND 251834Z. COVENTRY ABANDONED SHIP AFTER APPARENT HIT BY BOMB. COVENTRY CAPSIZED AND HULL AWASH AT LAST LIGHT. BROADSWORD HIT BY BOMB WHICH PASSED THROUGH FLIGHT DECK AND OUT THROUGH SHIPS SIDE. SHIP STILL FULLY OPERATIONALLY CAPABLE APART FROM SERIOUS DAMAGE TO LYNX.

HERNES GROUP ATTACKED BY 2 SUPER ETENDARD AT 251940Z.

2 EXOCET HIT ATLANTIC CONVEYOR AFT OF ATLANTIC CONVEYOR ON FIRE AND ABANDON SHIP.

4 ANTRIM, CANBERRA AND NORLAND DETACHED AND ARE PROCEEDING TO RV WITH QEZ.

7. NINEED SURVEILLANCE WITHIN 400 NM AFT LOCATED PRIMORYE AND UNREGISTERED VESSEL IDEAL.

NOTE:-

CTC 317.8 SITREP/INTENTIONS NOT YET RECEIVED HOWEVER DSES CALL AT 260600Z INTENTIONS ARE TO CONTINUE OPS AS BEFORE AND TRANSFER COVENTRY AND ATLANTIC CONVEYOR SURVIVORS TO HAVE BOUND SHIPS PROBABLY MAINLY BRITISH TON. ATLANTIC CONVEYOR STILL BURNING. ESTIMATE 3 CHINOOK 6 WESSEX 1 LYNX DESTROYED. NOT KNOWN.