

MESSAGE FORM

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

1. MUFAX update of SITREP attached.

2. Amplifying information:

Para 4.: ANTRIM with collect CLFFI and
CANSBELL, NORLAND and STROMNESS with
collect troops and stores.

Para 7. Nimrod surveillance of FI area
now on track.

3. Further signal expected shortly from CTGs.

SATCOM problems with FEALLESS probably caused by
proximity to high land.

4. It is believed that ALLON did not enter AOA
last night. Fuel and repairs by STENA SEASIDEAD
team may not have been completed in time.

5. Casualties. ATLANTIC CONVEYOR small numbers

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COSSEC

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AUS(DS), Resident Clerk)

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

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FM DUTY CAPTAIN CTF 317
TO INOT

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

PARA HEADINGS AS FOR SITREPS

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3 AAC 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 SHIP'S SIDE. SHIP STILL FULLY
OPERATIONALLY CAPABLE APART FROM SERIOUS DAMAGE TO LYNX.

HERMES GROUP ATTACKED BY 2 SUPER ETENDARD AT 251940Z.
2 EXOCET HIT ATLANTIC CONVEYOR AFT. ATLANTIC CONVEYOR
ON FIRE AND ABANDON SHIP.

4 ANTRIM, CANBERRA AND NORLAND DETACHED AND ARE
PROCEEDING TO RV WITH QE 2.

7. NIMROD SURVEILLANCE WITHIN 400 NM AST LOCATED PRIMORYE
AND UNREGISTERED VESSEL IDEAL.

NOTE:-

CTF 317.8 SITREP/INTENTIONS NOT YET RECEIVED HOWEVER DSLS
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
WHETHER COVENTRY LYNX SAVED.