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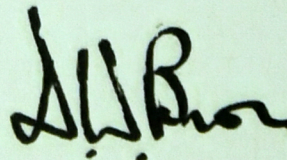
LOSS OF HELICOPTERS ON MV ATLANTIC CONVEYOR

Reference:

A. VCDS(P&amp;L) 127/3/2 of 26 May 82.

1. The number of helicopters lost in the MV ATLANTIC CONVEYOR was 6 Wessex 5 and 3 Chinook. Against the total numbers of troop lift helicopters already in theatre (19 Sea King 2/4; 38 Wessex 5; 1 Chinook) this loss will probably have little significant impact on land force operations with regard to either troop or logistic movement. The loss of the Chinooks and their spares may cause problems with lifting some of the heavier stores but none should be insuperable.

2. A further 3 Chinooks plus support and 4 Wessex 5 are in transit to the Falkland Is onboard MV CONTENDER BEZANT and RFA ENGADINE respectively. Three more Chinooks and 6 Wessex 5 are due to leave UK onboard MV ASTRONOMER on 11 June.



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