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1. Time Message Received 0745 9 June
2. Message received from CTF Duty Staff
3. Message received by DSC Controller
4. Text of Message \_\_\_\_\_

1. MUFAX update attached.

2. Urgent efforts are being made by CTF to clarify the overall casualty situation.

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DATE	9.6.80	COMES	2
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SFL		ACDS (P&L)	
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- Army Ops
- AF Ops
- SOG (as appropriate)

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CTF 317 - UPDATE OTISA 9 JUNE 82

1. TQ 317.8/317.0.

8th WAS DAY OF MIXED FORTUNES IN GOOD FLYING CONDITIONS WHICH BROUGHT HEAVY ARG. AIR ATTACKS.

HMS PLYMOUTH

- HAD BEEN CARRYING OUT URGENT NGs AGAINST EN. OP ON MOUNT ROSALIE WHEN AIR RAID WARNING RECEIVED. DURING HER RETURN TOWARDS SAN CARLOS, <sup>FOR SANCTUARY</sup> AT ABOUT 1715Z, SHE WAS BOUNCED BY FIVE MIRAGE V WITH CANNON, ROCKETS AND BOMBS. TWO MIRAGE WERE SHOT DOWN AND ONE DAMAGED.

DAMAGE TO "PLYMOUTH". -

TWO BOMBS PASSED THROUGH MORTAR HANDLING ROOM AND SHIP'S SIDE WITHOUT EXPLODING. MORTAR BEYOND LOCAL REPAIR.

HOLE IN FLIGHT DECK DUE OWN DEPTH CHARGE DETONATED BY CANNON SHELL. AFT PO'S MESS DESTROYED AND DINING WALLE GUTTED BY RESULTING FIRE.

FUNNEL HOLED BY ROCKET <sup>CANNON</sup> SHELL HOLES PORT SIDE ABOVE WATERLINE. BROKE HF AERIAL CABLES.

4.5 GUN U/S AFTER CANNON SHELL ENTERED GUN HOUSE.

MAJOR ELECTRICAL WIRING DAMAGE DUE FIRE ON 2 DECK LIMA SECTION.

SPLINTER DAMAGE TO WING HELO TAIL.

FIVE CASUALTIES BEING TREATED IN FEARLESS. SEALAT STILL OPERATIONAL.

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2. SURTRISTRAM/GALAHAD - NOTHING TO ADD.

ENEMY AIR LOSSES - TOTAL 7 CERTS (POSSIBLY 8, AS PLYMOUTH ONLY CREDITED WITH ONE IN SOURCE SITREP, BUT TWO IN HER OWN INCIDENT REPORT)

4 POSSIBLES.

LOSS OF GR3 - WQ CDR SQUIRES (OC-1(F) SQUAD) WAS UNHURT WHEN ENGINE LOST POWER AND HIT FOB LANDING STRIP, BUT AIRCRAFT IS INITIALLY ASSESSED AS A WRITE OFF. FURTHER INSPECTION TODAY.

ATTACK ON LIBERIAN MERCHANT SHIP "HERCULES".  
- HMS HYDRA IS PROCEEDING TO ASSIST SHIP WHICH WAS BOMBED BY A FOUR ENGINE AIRCRAFT AT ~~60~~ POSN 46.50°S 49.30°W. SHIP LISTING 6° TO STARBOARD - USHUAIA RADIO (CALLSIGN 3 LOV) WAS HEARD BY HELLA AND UGANDA <sup>AND HYDRA</sup> AT 1730Z FOR 30 MINUTES REPEATING MESSAGE "STEER COURSE 270 TO MAKE ARGENTINE PORT. IF CANNOT MAKE ARGENTINE PORT YOU WILL BE ATTACKED IN 15 MINUTES."