

OPERATION CORPORATE

Taken from the PWO's Diary at the time on HMS GLAMORGAN
(transcribed by Danny Wort ex RS)

1982

- 2 April Argentine troops invade Falkland Islands. Garrison of about 80 marines put up a good fight killing and wounding Argies in a fierce gun battle. Marines run out of ammo and told to put down arms by Commander. 1500 Argentine troops against 80 but what a fight.
RAS(L) with BLUE ROVER – 158 tons
- 4 April South Georgia invaded marines from ENDURANCE put ashore, put up a good fight, fired anti-tank rockets at CORVETTE, seriously damaged it and brought down helicopter.
We are on our way to the Ascension Islands. Big Task Force underway.
RAS(L) TIDESPING – 200 tons
- 5 April Britain mustering task force, Hermes and Invincible made ready, Cmdo Brigade and 1st parachute battalion embarked and with others.
"Tally Ho! Here we come Argies"
- 6 April Fearless sails from U.K. We are moving South.
RAS(L) TIDESPING – 228 tons
- 10 April Arrive Ascension Islands much activity with Hercules bringing stores out from U.K.
RAS(L) APPLELEAF – 200 tons
- 12 April Vertrep stores all day, food, ammo and Beer
- 13 April More work bringing on stores
RAS(L) APPLELEAF – 212 tons
- 14 April Depart Ascension to R/V with Hermes. The Harriers look very impressive, hope they are good combat aircraft, though they are usually ground attack.
- 15 April Admiral Woodward to Hermes, flag in Command.
Steam back to Ascension.
- 16 April Prep for war, much activity, stores accounting, black out ship
- 17 April Heading South with SHEFFIELD, ALACRITY, ARROW, BRILLIANT, GLASGOW and COVENTRY.
RAS(L) OLMEDA – 324 tons
- 19 April Commence Phase 1 approach Falklands. We continue preps for war
- 21 April RAS(L) OLMEDA – 285 tons

- 22 April** Start defence watches 0200 port watch on
"Here we go"
- 23 April** Commence Phase 2 Falkland islands.
- 24 April** RAS(L) OLMEDA – 220 tons
- 25 April** 'D' day on South Georgia
PLYMOUTH, ANTRIM, BRILLIANT and ENDURANCE N.G.S on South Georgia.
4.5 inch HE, Many salvos. Sent in SAS and also the Marines land, Argies hoist white flag. Sub on surface, Brilliant Lynx engages with HSQ Missile and Cannons. Submarine burning and heavily damaged and is beached.
Argies surrender and are taken POW.
Now we are in it. "Don't mess about with us blues".
- 27 April** RAS(L) APPLELEAF – 122 tons
A visit from the "Burglar" Argie intelligence plane – Boeing 707. Intercepted by Harrier, I bet that Argie pilot panicked.
- 28 April** RAS(L) OLMEDA – 90 tons
Its getting hotter now, any day I reckon, the adrenalin is flowing, I realise that we are going to war, I wish I was back at home now, but I could not leave my comrades.
- 30 April** RAS(L) APPLELEAF – 100 tons
We all know that something will happen soon, tension is growing.
- 1 May** Yes here we go! A Vulcan from the RAF bombs Stanley airport. An hour or so later harriers leave the decks of HERMES and INVINCIBLE to bomb Argie positions, harriers return victory rolls over bows.
Hell! Here we go "HANDS TO ACTION STATIONS – On anti-flash, trousers tucked in socks, aircraft attack imminent, we move like lightening close down to 1Z, harriers intercept, but Argies turn away, thank god. This cat and mouse tactic goes on for most of the morning.
We detach from the force, GLAMORGAN, ALACRITY and ARROW.
Christ, the Admiral is sending us in to the Falklands for N.G.S during daylight. Here we go again "HANDS TO ACTION STATIONS". We creep past the minefield, Jesus we must be mad, manoeuvre into position the 4.5 bark their wrath over the targets, and we pump shell after shell into the airfield and gun emplacements. 54 rounds of HE we send in, it must be murder, all that HE men must be dieing everywhere.
We turn and make speed to leave the area, Hell here come the Argies Mirage fighters coming from in land, up our blind arcs, we cannot bring Cat or Slug to bear. This is it, Dagger, Dagger, Dagger, we hear the sound of cannon fire, whoosh missiles the lot, two loud bangs underneath the water. The mirage fighter dropped its load but missed, ARROW was not so lucky, she took cannon fir on the superstructure, one man was wounded. On go the G6 turbines and away we go like bats out of hell.
Meanwhile fierce dog fights between Argies and our harriers, the harriers are downing the mirage fighters, our lookouts see them flaming into the water, no parachutes.

We were bloody lucky, I hope we don't do this N.G.S during the day again.

RAS(L) OLMEDA – 78 tons

2 May 0015. NGS again this time at night, not so bad this time, no Argies aircraft, 72 rounds 4.5 HE go inland, we turn and leave the area to rejoin the Fleet. ARROW detached to chase fast patrol boat.

Re-embark ammo from RESOURCE.

RAS(L) OLMEDA – 139 tons

3 May The action hots up over night, CONQUERER torpedoes the Argie cruiser BELGRANO. Lynx helicopters engage 2 Argie ships with sea skua missiles. 1 ship sunk, 1 badly damaged, the main force retires to a holding position. The Argies have lost more aircraft than we thought, some of the damaged ones did not make it back home, more shot down in combat by harrier. Our pilots had a field day, we were lucky, we believe the Argies lost about 8 aircraft.

Argie Losses to date: -

1 Cruiser 8 mirage fighters
1 Corvette 1 Canberra bomber
1 Submarine
2 Ships

This Galtieri person must realise for the good of his people we must come to a compromise.

2100 "HANDS TO ACTION STATIONS" Contact made, combat air patrol launched to investigate, Neptune aircraft sighting 100 miles closed to 80 miles. No action taken.

4 May Vulcan air strike carried out on Port Stanley area 0600 hrs approx. Argies must be losing heart on the island conditions are bad, bad weather over the last 36 hrs. Many casualties reported on the ground, airport reduced to ashes. Harriers are due in next to bomb Pucca aircraft on other small fields. We expect to vertrep stores to-day.

The events that are to follow I have had to leave for 12 hours to allow myself time to think.

1415 "HANDS TO ACTION STATIONS"

The general quarters alarm is like a clock ticking away in my head, with my action man kit, I rush down to my action stations donning my anti-flash.

The situation is not very clear, panicked reports are hitting us from every angle. SHEFFIELD has been torpedoed; no we are not sure, now they say she has been hit by "Exocet". GLASGOW reports that she is being fired at by submarine, now YARMOUTH is giving the same report. "What the hell is going on?"

We are all closed down now, frightened faces everywhere, a total fear you learn to live with. It amazes me that people are not on the verge of "total panic". I believe the reason is that we don't know what the hell is happening, or what the implications are, we just do our job.

The force launch combat aircraft patrols, it seems like ages since we have heard of their launch from the carrier group.

Clearer reports are coming in now. SHEFFIELD was hit by exocet carrying aircraft, "Super Entandard", there is a cold feeling now we wonder who is next, what the hell happened, how can they allow that to escalate.

Poor SHEFFIELD, they didn't know what hit them, what the hell is wrong with our radar, its useless, we need air cover, early warning radar is what we need, the Gannet used to supply this but alas that was when we were a Navy, with Fleet attack carrier forces.

Reports are coming in now, the SHEFFIELD is burning like hell, ARROW has detached to help her, fire raging everywhere now. The morale in the vicinity of me has dropped a mile, no more jubilant faces. "This is for real", we have lost comrades on the SHEFFIELD though we don't know how many.

Fire engulfing the SHEFFIELD now they abandon ship, she is finished, a burning wreck done by that thing Exocet. The very word brings fear to us.

Further news we lost a harrier today. Somewhere over the Falklands during an air strike, shot down by anti-aircraft batteries. No news of the pilot ejecting.

GOD IT WAS HELL TODAY, HOW MUCH MORE CAN WE TAKE.

5 May After a somewhat subdued night I arise, Breakfast, around me are many saddened faces, much talk of yesterdays incident. Commander is on the broadcast, we lost 25 on the SHEFFIELD, but they are still sorting out the mess. Survivors transferred to HERMES.

I have gone on the upperdeck to rig for embarking avcat "Willies" a thirsty bird, really, that helicopter should control its drinking.

We had a quiet day today, visibility was bad, the Argies could not see us they would have to use radar and that gives us a chance to pick them up on Electronic

warfare.

Much of today's talk has been about the SHEFFIELD, which is still afloat with most of the fires still burning, there is talk of salvage. I hope so as the Argies cannot claim then to have sunk it.

We still do not know the death toll, they will not release the list, which is onboard, or tell us how many survived, some of the lads have friends on there and are anxious to know details. The thoughts onboard are who is next, how many more can we afford to lose.

RAS(L) OLMEDA 248 tons Diesel, 20 tons Avcat.

6 May We had a quiet watch during the night, still a great deal of talk about the SHEFFIELD, she didn't even fire a shot in anger, we shall learn a lot about this incident in time.

We have heard on the news about a possible ceasefire and UN moves toward a settlement, we can only hope.

There is a detailed report on the main notice board all about SHEFFIELD.

Exocet hit amidships 6 foot above the water line, it took out the machinery spaces and other compartments, the missile went upwards then exploded, the ship was filled with black acrid smoke mainly from the rocket fuel.

Casualties had terrible burns, there seems to have been many of them, men were in a state of shock.

The Captain said they did him proud, they fought the fires gallantly but they became white hot with the decks boiling, no fire main, eventually fires were uncontrollable and spreading towards magazines no alternative but to abandon ship.

1800 "HANDS TO ACTION STATIONS" here we go again, on battle gear and down to my action station. I have got this nearly to perfection now, anti-flash hood is now on before I reach the senior rates heads, most important this, if a fire ball appears the head and face are very much exposed.

Red alert, hostile aircraft closing the force, we fire chaff delta, it becomes very tense. The NGS spotters have rigged themselves machine guns on the bridge wings, they want to have a go at the Argies. The alert passes over yet again those anxious moments pass by and we relax to 2Y Defence.

2200 "HANDS TO ACTION STATIONS". I thought they had no night flying capability. This time it is a reconnaissance plane, but still it plays on your nerves. Yahoo! Yahoo! We got mail today, it was nice to hear from our loved ones at home, they are constantly on our thoughts.

We have acquired a new nickname. "THE THREE MUSKETEERS", GLAMORGAN, ARROW and ALACRITY. We seem to be the only cabbages who do anything on this task force. Finally we lost a harrier today, it would seem that they collided together in bad visibility, as there were no Argies in the area.

7 May "All quiet on the Western front"

I was awakened at 0745, had breakfast and we are now doing our stint at defence watch, the Commander has informed us that we shall be taking on stores and mail this morning.

1100 "HANDS TO ACTION STATIONS". Aircraft warning red, Bandits to the west 120 miles and closing. Its on anti-flash, grab battle gear and away to action stations. Combat air patrol harriers are out to engage the enemy. Chaff Delta is fired, the anxious moments, the waiting period, yet again the Argies break away and head for home.

- 1800 "HANDS TO ACTION STATIONS". Aircraft warning red, Argies are at it again, harriers are up, but they turn away.
- 1900 "HANDS TO ACTION STATIONS. Aircraft warning red, buzzer goes again, same old routine, but we must be vigilant, we cannot afford to be sloppy. During the day we were detached for a surface action group, along with our other gallant musketeers, ARROW and ALACRITY, we found nothing and rejoined the group.
Relax to 2Y and a quiet night.
- 8 May Awoke this morning after a few hours sleep, the day starts with a RAS(L) APPLELEAF – 200 tons. The weather not too bad, visibility about 12 miles but its cold when you hang around.
The 992 radar is broken, hanging limply with its legs in the air. The maintainers are waiting for the parts to come from FORT AUSTIN by helicopter. We proved the rover gas turbine sump this afternoon and all was well.
At 1100 we went to action stations, much the same routine the Argies are trying our air defence system.
- 1530 "HANDS TO ACTION STATIONS". Yes here we go again, aircraft warning red, we close down to 1Z. No further action so we revert to 2Y and stand down.
- 1900 "HANDS TO ACTION STATIONS". This time there is a lot of air activity, EW detect a neptune and mirage fighters. They seem to be over by Port Stanley. No threat against us and we stand down to 2Y and go to supper.
The 992 maintainer has repaired his set and we are now back to weapons radar link. Thank God.
I find the professionalism on this ship is second to none, the Commander is a tower of strength, he always looks so calm and collected a fantastic person in a crisis, morale seems to be increasing again after the SHEFFIELD incident. We are learning to live with it. This is a hard working ship, we are the backbone of the task force, better trained and worked up than any, it is a privilege to be amongst such a smashing bunch of lads.
"GLAMORGAN No 1 MUSKATEER"
Not only that we received our second batch of mail today thanks to the "Fleet Air Arm".
- 9 May A peaceful night for GLAMORGAN we gave screening cover for the carrier group.
YARMOUTH was detached to take SHEFFIELD in tow. She has been drifting, a burnt out hulk but salvageable.
ARROW and ALACRITY went inshore to punch in 90 rounds of H.E. a piece to let the Argies know we are still here, as we have let them have it a little quiet for a day or two.
BRILLIANT has gone ship hunting, COVENTRY will join her later and they will both try and knock down some Argie aircraft, we are after the C130 Hercules that creeps in now and again. Not to forget that the harriers also went in last night for a quick bomb in and out.
Harriers intercepted an Argentine fishing vessel, it was boarded by SAS and SBS, it turned out to be an intelligence gatherer, onboard were a naval officer and 2 ratings, during the attack 1 of the crewmen was killed and some wounded, crafty beggars had been watching us and intercepting signals.
COVENTRY and BROADSWORD were at the other side of the islands keeping the Argies at bay they sent the C130 Hercules packing after COVENTRY fired Seadart at max range, pity its missed, they should have waited until they saw the

whites of their eyes. She was later rewarded when they shot down a Puma Troop carrying helicopter.

You won't believe this but no action stations to-day

- 10 May ARROW and ALACRITY steamed in during the night hours and kept the Argies awake with NGS. We gave screening cover to the carrier task group. Some Chinese are leaving the ship and wish to return home to their families. They did well to stay up to now, Johnny Chan has opted to stay for now so has Nol and his oppo, good for them they have gained a lot of respect, after all they are civvies. I must also give praise to Ray Kite and his two assistants in the NAAFI who remain with us, it's the GLAMORGAN spirit.
I don't believe it, no action stations again
RAS(L) APPLELEAF – 173 tons.

- 11 May The weather has continued much the same, poor visibility. ARROW and ALACRITY carried out their blockade on the islands. ALACRITY gained a contact and opened fire at 4½ miles with her 4.5" and blew up an Argie tanker bringing in fuel oil. We have been detached to escort the tankers and BRITISH ESK into the task force.
BROADSWORD and COVENTRY have gone inland to tighten the grip, stopping the Argies airlifting supplies.
BBC World service, we understand that the UN are negotiating for a cease fire. I hope they succeed. Willie has been kaput for the last couple of days, but she is now working again after receiving some new parts. She will be carrying out a "double bubble" late afternoon providing a screen.

YARMOUTH has completed her tow of SHEFFIELD out of the 200 mile zone. SHEFFIELD began to list and finally sunk east of the Falklands.

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Argie losses: 1 Puma helicopter
 1 Tanker

SHEFFIELD sank

- 12 May A quiet night, weather very lumpy, visibility still poor. We had an unsuccessful attempt to RAS(L), though we did manage some very much needed 3" rockets. BRITISH ESK was due to pump over some fuel to APPLELEAF earlier on

- today but she has been hampered by the lousy weather.
 Later on the cloud cover broke and the sun managed to poke itself through, a bad sign on us as this means the Argies would be on their way again.
- 1710 Ah! Here we go "HANDS TO ACTION STATIONS" aircraft warning red. Four A4 Skyhawks attacked the GLASGOW and BRILLIANT. BRILLIANT shot down 2 with sea wolf, at last a missile system that's been used, another one ditched trying to avoid a missile. One did manage to get through and dropped a bomb which went in GLASGOWS super structure and out the other side, damage only slight they were very lucky.
- 1850 "HANDS TO ACTION STATIONS" its grab battle gear and close up to 1Z. Carriers launch combat air patrol to intercept, but the Argies turn and go for home.
- 1930 Darkness is falling, revert to 2Y, stand down. Meanwhile in shore the SAS are being naughty boys, they are causing mayhem.
- 13 May A quiet night with little or no activity. This gave the FLEET the chance to store ship and RAS(L).
 RAS(L) APPLELEAF – 202 tons.
 Since the 2 April we have taken on 3183 tons of fuel. Ah! No action stations today.
- 14 May We were due to go into Pebble Island tonight and take out an Argie radar station, but the weather was against us – visibility sometimes down to 50 yards, now and then a mile.
 Relatively quiet all day, no action stations at all.
 Press and TV men embarked.
- 15 May During last night we were detached with HERMES and BROADSWORD to conduct an insertion on Pebble Island, objective to take the airfield and various support. The programme went on later than expected, the SAS were put ashore by Sea-king off the HERMES. They took longer than intended, we gave NGS after they had been put under fire by the Argies, firstly we illuminated the target with star shell and then commenced a rapid bombardment of HE.
 Approximately 90 rounds were fired in all. 10 aircraft destroyed, ammunition dump blown up. Later a harrier strike took out the radar installation. We then made our withdrawal at high speed to catch up with HERMES and then to join up with the main task group. We expected a counter attack from the Argies due to the fact that we were still in the Falkland area during daylight. We consumed 120 tons of fuel making our getaway. Fell out from action stations at 0815 and went to breakfast.
- 16 May A pointer from yesterday, we have spent 60 days flashed now and the boilers are doing well. A few holes are beginning to appear now, aft fresh water tank lid is leaking, a welded seam has gone. Stanchion support in 3D mess weld has broken and various clasps and joins have started to split, this is mainly due to the bad weather and also the age of the ship (18 years).
 The press and TV crews have left the ship, this was their first taste of action in the front line. Not much opportunity of this on the HERMES and INVINCIBLE, maybe now they will report the truth instead of them carriers hogging all the limelight.
 During the latter part of the morning we completed a RAS(L) with OLMEDA – 297 tons of Diesel. A good all round RAS, not so cold and dry for a change.

BRILLIANT was detached to go and look at a surface contact, we believe that an Argie hospital ship is trying to smuggle supplies into the island – she will be sunk if found guilty.

16 May We have been ordered to leave the task force, go inland and bombard Argie positions later tonight.

17 May

0100 Well here we go again, No1 Musketeer. We steam at about 22 knots, we close up to Action Stations closing the coastline, "Willie" is airborne, she will be illuminating the Argie positions whilst we engage our 4.5 guns.

0120 The 4.5" opens fire, Thump, Thump, Thump, they bark their wrath as 56lb of HE whisks down on the Argies. We fire at several targets, in all 142 rounds of HE, 12 Star shell, "Willie" comes under fire so returns back on deck.

0310 We finish our naval bombardment and are now leaving the coast line to rejoin the Fleet. We expect to re-supply our ammunition sometime during the forenoon from RESOURCE.

1030 We commence to ammunition 240 rounds to embark.

1110 "HANDS TO ACTION STATIONS" aircraft warning red, bandits approaching the force, combat air patrol are in the area so they are off to have a look. No sign of the enemy so we revert back to defence watch.

The sea slug system is now back operational and 992 radar is back on line. Thank goodness for that.

During the night the harriers attacked two supply ships, one was hit by bombs and rockets and sunk, the other was strafed by cannon fire and badly damaged. A relatively quiet day after the initial scare. We brought on the ammo from RESOURCE and commenced to fuse the shells, during the latter part of the day even I fused one as we had to supply four lads to help with this task, they enjoyed it, makes a change from patrol and cleaning flats.

18 May By standards a quiet night for GLAMORGAN. The force has split into 3 groups, HERMES has detached to the East to R/V with the FEARLESS group. INVINCIBLE has detached to the West to go on a skirmish. We are now I/C of the supply group, OLMEDA, APPLELEAF, REGENT and RESOURCE with COVENTRY and GLASGOW riding point on picket. RAS(L) OLMEDA – 160 tons.

1710 We detached to go inshore for more shore bombardment this seems to be the likely role we shall play each day now, there is another buzz going round that we might invade the islands within the next couple of days. Talks are still going on we always remain hopeful that a settlement will be reached in the future. We received some mail today that's a rare sight these days. Its taking a month for our mail to reach home and about 12 days for our coming mail to reach us, this is because the Task force grows bigger each week, they bring more troops and equipment down. Some days it becomes quiet boring and others we are on a knife-edge. We read papers that are several days old and the conflicting reports. I have been truthful with my writings in this diary, not only my accounts but others as well. The press at times have not given the proper accounts. In a way I am glad that we have not been mentioned to much, as this would only make our loved ones at home worry more.

19 May We are now only a few miles off shore, "HANDS TO ACTION STATIONS" I am rudely awakened, stow my bed, get dressed, don my anti flash hood and gloves, grab my action man kit and close up. Minutes later the guns open fire

over the Falklands, I wonder if the shell I fused has been fired, Thump, Thump, Thump, salvo after salvo is pumped inshore, the devastation must be terrible.

0530 Bombardment is now complete and we are opening out to sea at high speed, we engaged 10 targets.

0550 Revert back to 2Y. We hope to be rejoining the main group at about 1400 hours. Having joined the main group we carried out a RAS(L) – OLMEDA – 178 tons. We shall be staying with the main body until 1800 when we detach again to do our nightly NGS at least somebody is earning their pay. No 1 Musketeer off again.

20 May We slowly approach the West Falkland island, tonights area of bombardment will be Port Stanley and other positions.

0220 “HANDS TO ACTION STATIONS”, we very quickly close up and assume state 1 condition Z in only a matter of minutes, we have got this off to a fine art now. Five minutes later the salvos are raining down on the Argie positions, a nightly softening up designed to keep them awake. We fired a total of 92 salvos, one particular target we have been aiming for tonight was a radar station, but without our spotting friends from 148 BTY, we didn’t have much luck tonight, still there is always tomorrow.

0350 No 1 Musketeer is now opening out to sea at high speed, we expect to revert to 2Y in about 20 minutes. We rejoined the main body at about 1100 Hrs, the weather is now getting worse and the wind stronger. We attempted a RAS(A) but RESOURCE has broken down.

1400 RAS(L) TIDEPOOL – 173 tons, finally completed RAS(A) 240 rounds of HE.

21 May Musketeer No 1 has now left the main group and we are slowly advancing on the shoreline, only 12 miles to go.

0130 “HANDS TO ACTION STATIONS”, we have closed the shoreline and are about to engage the seven targets we have been allocated. The 4.5” barks its wrath and salvo after salvo screams down on the enemy positions, the buzz going round is that we shall invade the islands early in the morning.

0320 We have just finished our final run and loosed off another 52 salvos, making 100 in all, we are now leaving the coast, making our way at good speed, back to the main group.

0346 Fall out from action stations. We have now joined the task force and have been told that we have made a landing on the East island, the amphibious group led by FEARLESS, have put ashore its main body of 45 Commando and 2 and 3 parachute Battalions.

0630 “D-Day has come” Hoisting Battle ensign! During the forenoon we consolidated our position ashore, pouring more troops, armour and supplies ashore. During the afternoon things begin to hot up ashore, the ships are coming under heavy air attack. Combat air patrol are engaging enemy bandits in heavy dog-fights over the islands, we are downing many Argie planes but some are getting through. ANTRIM has been hit, she has an un-exploded bomb in the aft section, ARDENT had received several hits, is on fire and believed to be sinking, BRILLIANT and BROADSWORD have been strafed by cannon fire, there have been some reports of some casualties. ARGONAUT has also been attacked and has bombs onboard that have failed to explode.

The Argies have had many losses, we hear of A4 Skyhawks and Mirage fighters flaming into the seas, one harrier pilot has downed three himself.

1715 "HANDS TO ACTION STATIONS", air raid warning red, bandits closing the force. Now it looks like our turn, we launch combat air patrol. More heavy dog fights over the islands, harriers are downing more Argie planes, our brave exhausted pilots are doing a hell of a job, but there are many aircraft and we are too few. Its getting later and darkness is at last starting to fall, the Argies return to their airfields on the mainland and the threat returns to yellow. Todays Argie losses amount to 17 aircraft shot down and 2 helicopters.

Our glorious troops ashore have secured a beach head and the Argie garrison has surrendered, we have liberated some of the islanders, 33 in all, but we still hear of much heavy fighting going on.

1850 Fall out from action stations.

We use the darkness to ammunition from RESOURCE and RAS(L) OLMEDA – 129 tons.

22 May A relatively quiet night so far with the BBC world service confirming much of what I have written, so far the Argie claims are a little on the optimistic side. During the day our damaged ships have been carrying out repairs, ANTRIM has dealt with her UXB, the seaslug and 1 seacat are out of action. BROADSWORD is now back fully operational, though BRILLIANT still has defects on exocet and seawolf systems. ARGONAUT is trying to raise steam, she is not too good at the moment but is progressing well. ARDENT has sunk losing about 20 men. No air activity as yet from the Argies, ashore the troops have dug in and set up anti-aircraft missiles, namely Rapier and some guns. They have continued all day transporting supplies by helicopter and all seems to be going well. A harrier engaged a patrol boat and strafed it with cannon fire, it has been abandoned and left smoking and has gone aground.

More Skyhawks and Mirage fighter aircraft have been brought down today. Rapier batteries and artillery are now positioned ashore for better defence.