

Sunday 9.15p. 25th April 1982

BRITISH TROOPS LANDED ON SOUTH GEORGIA THIS AFTERNOON SHORTLY AFTER 4pm LONDON TIME.

THEY HAVE NOW SUCCESSFULLY TAKE^N CONTROL OF GRYTVIKEN.

AT ABOUT 6pm LONDON TIME THE WHITE FLAG WAS HOISTED IN GRYTVIKEN BESIDE THE ARGENTINE FLAG AND SHORTLY AFTERWARDS THE ARGENTINIAN FORCES THERE SURRENDERED TO BRITISH FORCES.

THE ARGENTINIAN FORCES OFFERED ONLY LIMITED RESISTANCE TO THE BRITISH TROOPS.

OUR FORCES WERE LANDED BY HELICOPTER AND WERE SUPPORTED BY A NUMBER OF WARSHIPS TOGETHER WITH A ROYAL FLEET AUXILIARY.

DURING THE FIRST PHASE OF THIS OPERATION OUR OWN HELICOPTERS ENGAGED THE ARGENTINE SUBMARINE SANTA FE OFF SOUTH GEORGIA. THIS SUBMARINE WAS DETECTED AT FIRST LIGHT AND WAS ENGAGED BECAUSE IT POSED A THREAT TO ~~THE DEPLOYMENT~~ OF THE BRITISH WARSHIPS LAUNCHING THE LANDING OF GROUND FORCES. OUR MEN

SO FAR NO BRITISH CASUALTIES HAVE BEEN REPORTED. AT PRESENT WE HAVE NO INFORMATION ON THE ARGENTINE CASUALTY POSITION.

THE COMMANDER OF THE OPERATION HAS SENT THE FOLLOWING MESSAGE:

BE PLEASED TO INFORM HER MAJESTY THAT THE WHITE ENSIGN FLIES ALONGSIDE THE UNION JACK IN GRYTVIKEN, SOUTH GEORGIA. GOD SAVE THE QUEEN.

Action under Article 57 of the United Nations Charter

Monday morning 8. am.

Leith taken, no casualties,

Abjures from both operations,

200 Argentinian prisoners