



The 100 mile relay race on passage to Ascension.

*Lieutenant K.P. White RN.*



The Press embarked at Spithead prior to arrival in Portsmouth. The PR Officer getting some of his own.

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Our families and friends on the jetty to give us a heroes' welcome.

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## HMS ANTRIM — OPERATION CORPORATE DIARY

- 17 March Sailed from Portsmouth for Exercise SPRINGTRAIN flying the flag of Rear Admiral J `Sandy' WOODWARD Flag Officer First Flotilla.
- 22 March Argentinian scrap metal merchants landed at Leith, South Georgia.
- 24 March Arrived Gibraltar
- 29 March Sailed from Gibraltar for the High Seas Firing Phase of Exercise SPRINGTRAIN
- 2 April Argentinian Forces invaded Falkland Islands. Commencement of Operation CORPORATE. Stores and ammunition RAS from H.M.S. ARIADNE. Task Force headed south.
- 3 April Argentinian Forces invaded South Georgia.
- 5 April Carrier Group sailed from U.K.
- 7 April Maritime Exclusion Zone declared around the Falkland Islands. H.M.S. ANTRIM, H.M.S. PLYMOUTH and R.F.A. TIDESPRING detached from the Task Force and proceeded at best speed for Ascension Island.
- 10 April Anchored Ascension Island. Embarked stores and Special Forces. Commencement of Operation PARAQUAT.
- 12 April Sailed Ascension.
- 13 April R/V with R.F.A. FORT AUSTIN. Embarked additional Special Forces.
- 14 April R/V with H.M.S. ENDURANCE.
- 21 April First reconnaissance parties landed on South Georgia.
- 22 April Fortuna Glacier rescue mission by `Humphrey'. 2 Wessex 5's crashed on glacier.
- 23 April Second reconnaissance party insertion by Gemini craft at Stromness. First overflight by Argentinian C-130 aircraft.
- 24 April Joined by H.M.S. BRILLIANT. Presence of Argentinian submarine suspected. Escorted R.F.A. TIDESPRING out of the Exclusion Zone and fuelled.
- 25 April Approached South Georgia in ASW role. 0855z `Humphrey' detected and attacked with depth charges the Argentinian Submarine SANTA FE which was on the surface preparing to dive at the entrance to Cumberland Sound. Severely damaged, SANTA FE turned and made for Grytviken and was attacked by helicopters from H.M.S. BRILLIANT, H.M.S. PLYMOUTH and H.M.S. ENDURANCE. 1410z commenced bombardment of Tussock Flats prior to troop landings. 1600z Troops commenced landing by helicopters. 1705z White Flag hoisted at King Edward Point. 1715z The Union Flag and White Ensign hoisted ashore. Argentinian garrison at Grytviken surrendered.
- 26 April Formal surrender documents signed. Approximately 200 Argentinians taken prisoner. No British casualties, only one Argentinian sailor wounded.
- 27 April POW's embarked in R.F.A. TIDESPRING. R/V with H.M.S/M. CONQUEROR. SANTA FE moved to old whaling station jetty. CPO Felix ARTUSO shot in an accident.
- 28 April H.M.S. BRILLIANT and H.M.S. PLYMOUTH departed to join Main Task Force.
- 29 April British Antarctic Survey personnel embarked.
- 1 May Funeral of CPO ARTUSO in Grytviken. First air attacks on Port Stanley airfield.
- 2 May Departed South Georgia for Ascension in company with R.F.A. TIDESPRING. End of Operation PARAQUAT. First Argentinian air attacks on the Task Force. Argentinian cruiser GENERAL BELGRANO torpedoed by H.M.S/M. CONQUEROR.
- 3 May R/V with H.M.S. PLYMOUTH. Received first mail for 3 weeks. BBC World News announced Argentinian claim to have sunk H.M.S. ANTRIM.

- 4 May HMS SHEFFIELD hit by Exocet missile.
- 7 May R/V with HMS ANTELOPE and transferred BAS personnel.
- 8 May R/V with LSL Group and headed south.
- 11 May `Humphrey' attacked an unknown underwater contact with a torpedo.
- 12 May HMS GLASGOW damaged by bomb which failed to explode.
- 14 May Pebble Island raid by Special Forces.
- 15 May Active Service declared. NAAFI Staff enlisted.
- 16 May R/V with Main Amphibious Group.
- 18 May R/V with Carrier Group.
- 19 May Extensive crossdeck transfers between ships.
- 20 May 1305z went to Action Stations for high speed passage through Total Exclusion Zone to Falkland Sound. 2315z `Humphrey' and a Wessex 5 landed a group of Special Forces on Fanning Head.
- 21 May 0050z `Humphrey' landed a second group of Special Forces on Fanning Head. 0246z `Humphrey' returned safely after landing a third group of Special Forces behind enemy lines. 0320 entered Falkland Sound. 0452z commenced bombardment of Argentinian positions on Fanning Head. 1245z first Argentinian aircraft sighted. Pucaras attacked HMS ARGONAUT. 1247z overflown by A4 Skyhawks. 1325z came under heavy air attack from A4s and Mirages. 1331z struck by 1.000 lb bomb which failed to explode. Several casualties and damage reported port side aft. `Humphrey' damaged by splinters and covered in a foam blanket after fuel tanks ruptured. 1500z damage temporarily repaired and Bomb Disposal Team arrived. 1555z HMS ARDENT severely damaged. 1820z HMS ARGONAUT severely damaged and at anchor close to Fanning Head. 1830z HMS ARDENT again severely damaged and abandoned. 2014z final air raid. 2258z commenced lifting the unexploded bomb to the Flight Deck. 2350z bomb dropped gently into the sea on leaving Falkland Sound.
- 22 May 0015z secured from Action Stations. Joined up with Main Task Force. RAS ammunition from RFA REGENT.
- 23 May Further air raids on San Carlos Water. Sea Harriers attacked Fox Bay. Air raid warning proved to be false alarm after a full pattern of chaff fired.
- 24 May HMS ANTELOPE blew up during bomb disposal operation. Further air raids on Task Group.
- 25 May R/V with MSV STENA SEASPREAD for repairs at sea. After earlier successful Seadart engagements, HMS COVENTRY sunk by bombs. HMS BROADSWORD damaged. Auxiliary carrier ATLANTIC CONVEYOR hit by two Exocet missiles.
- 25 May ANTRIM detached to R/V with RMS QUEEN ELIZABETH II near South Georgia.
- 26 May `Humphrey' repaired and airworthy. Passage to South Georgia.
- 27 May R/V with QE2. Embarked Major-General Sir J MOORE RM and Staff of 5 Infantry Brigade. 2 Para commenced attack on Goose Green.
- 28 May Goose Green captured and 45 Cdo yomped to Douglas Settlement.
- 29 May R/V with HMS FEARLESS and transferred General MOORE and Staff. Air raid warning `RED' but proved to be a false alarm. Embarked two Argentinian POWs from HMS FEARLESS.
- 30 May News received that HMS ARGONAUT had at last removed the unexploded bombs and was preparing to sail from `Bomb Alley' for repairs with MSV STENA SEASPREAD. Recovered air drop and distributed vital stores to the Task Force and the POWs to MV NORLAND.
- 31 May Departed Exclusion Zone for South Georgia to become an Air Defence Ship. Final air raid on the Task Force.

- 1 June Heavy weather encountered en-route to South Georgia. Argentinian Boeing 707 detected 70 miles to the north.
- 2 June Arrived South Georgia and anchored in Husvick Bay together with HMS ENDURANCE RFA RESOURCE and several STUFT merchant ships.
- 4 June RFA PEARLEAF arrived from the Main Task Force bringing long-awaited mail. Two Sisters captured but little other news of the Falklands.
- 9 June Argentinian air raids over the Falklands damaged RFA SIR GALAHAD, RFA SIR TRISTRAM and HMS PLYMOUTH. News of an attack on a merchant tanker by a bomb carrying C - 130 Hercules aircraft.
- 10 June Continued off-shore patrols off South Georgia. News of the heavy death toll at Bluff Cove beginning to filter through.
- 12 June HMS GLAMORGAN hit by land based Exocet missile. Troops converging on Stanley. Gun barrel change of 'A' turret commenced whilst ship underway in Cumberland Sound.
- 13 June Gun barrel change complete .
- 14 June 'A' turret test fired against an iceberg. Flash signal received of the surrender of Argentinian Forces.
- 15 June Peace talks in Stanley. News of the large number of prisoners surprises the world.
- 16 June HMS ENDURANCE departed for South Sandwich Islands
- 17 June World News reported President Galtieri deposed
- 18 June HM Ships ARROW, GLAMORGAN and PLYMOUTH released from Task Group and headed homeward. MV SCOTTISH EAGLE arrived in South Georgia as the resident tanker. HMS YARMOUTH and RFA OLMEDA passed through South Georgia en-route Thule in the South Sandwich Islands.
- 19 June HMS SOUTHAMPTON Group departed UK. ANTRIM at anchor in Cumberland Bay.
- 20 June At anchor in Cumberland Bay. Small R & R party ashore in Grytviken.
- 21 June Argentinian surrender at Thule, South Sandwich Islands. RMS CANBERRA arrived at Puerto Madryn to discharge 5,000 Argentinian POWs.
- 22 June HMS BRILLIANT sailed for UK. ANTRIM was now the sole remaining warship from the original SPRINGTRAIN Group.
- 23 June HMS DUMBARTON CASTLE arrived from Ascension and HMS YARMOUTH and RFA OLMEDA returned from Thule.
- 24 June 100 days since leaving Portsmouth and the 88th day at sea.
- 26 June Departed South Georgia for the last time on passage to the Falklands.
- 28 June R/V with the Task Force and received going home instructions.
- 29 June Called at Port Howard to embark the Captain's Godson, Mr Miles GRIFFITH. Commenced passage to Ascension. Weather very poor but spirits high.
- 6 July 100th day at sea.
- 7 July Brief call at Ascension to land Advanced Leave Party and to collect fresh provisions and mail. First fresh tomatoes seen onboard for 12 weeks.
- 16 July C-IN-C FLEET embarked off Portland for passage up Channel. Anchored at Spithead.
- 17 July Arrived alongside in Portsmouth having been away for 121 days of which 110 were spent at sea. Tumultuous reception under blue skies.

# Captain's Message to the Ship's Company

From: Captain B.G. Young, Royal Navy



HMS ANTRIM  
BFPO Ships

16<sup>th</sup> July 1982

Thank you all for your  
splendid efforts and support over  
these last few months. I am very  
proud of this ship and her ship's  
company.

Have a good well-earned leave.

Roran Young