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OPERATION CORPORATE - ANALYSIS OF EXOCET FIRING 30 MAY 82

- 1. SEQUENCE OF EVENTS (ALL TIMES ZULU)
  - A. 1730 SPANISH VOICES 12333KHZ (DET CARDIFF FH5 NOT NECESSARILY ASSOCIATED)
  - 1731 AGAVE DETECTIONS AS FOLLOWS
    - A EXETER BRG 165 - 9339-9348-500-0.5-NIL
    - B AMBUSCADE BRG 200 - 9418-9288-504-1.0-0.6
    - C GLAMORGAN BRG 190-NIL-NIL-503-NIL-NIL
  - 1732 EXETER 3 CONTACTS BRG 169-28NM (992 INVINCIBLE 2 CONTACTS BRG 205 - 28NM)

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AMBUSCADE CHANGE IN AGAVE PRF 9388-9280-1000-0.2-1.9

(1733) AVENGER AGAVE DETECTION 160 9388-9343-937-0.2-STDY  
AVENGER DETECTED 2 ECHOES 992-160-22

(1733) 1/2 AVENGER CHANGE-PRF 9388-9343-500-1.1-STDY

EXETER AGAVE SCAN CHANGED TO STDY. DETECTED MISSILE RELEASE 165-22

(1734) EXETER DETECTED EXOCET HD BRG 166 9435-5051/5048-U/K-LOCK ON  
EXETER 2ND SEADART ASSESSED HIT

AVENGER DETECTED MISSILE RELEASE 160 - 15 NM

CARDIFF DETECTED AGAVE PRF 502 CONTINUOUS SWEEP

EXETER FIRED SEADART NO3

(1734) 1/2 CARDIFF PRF CHANGE TO 1006. DETECT CONTACT 170-17

AVENGER DETECTED EXOCET HD 9100-4998/5050-U/K-STDY BRG 157

EXETER SEADART NO 3 ASSESSED HIT

STARTED TO DRAW LEFT LOST 5050 PRF 4998 LOST BRG 051

(1736) EXETER 2 CONTACTS OPENING 190-20NM

(1737) 1/2 AVENGER ATTACKED BY 3 X A4 ONE SPLASHED CLOSE BY EITHER  
GUNFIRE OR OWN BOMBS

2 X FAST CONTACTS LEAVING AVENGER REPORTED BY INVINCIBLE

SMOKE TRAIL SEEN BY AMBUSCADE CPA7NM WEST. SPLASHED INTO WATER

B. ZIPPO 4 CALLED ON INITIAL DETECTION OF AGAVE CHAFF DEPLOYED BY

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- C. ZIPPO 1 CALLED ON MISSILE RELEASE MOST UNITS RESOWED CHAFF
- D. MAINBODY AND MOST ESCORTS TURNED TO PRESENT STBD QUARTER TO THREAT

2. SUMMARY

ATTACK WAS CARRIED OUT BY COMBINATION OF SUPER ETENDARDS AND A4 NUMBERS OF EACH SUBJECT TO CONJECTURE BUT

- A. 2 SHIPS SAW 1 A/C TURN AWAY AFTER MISSILE LAUNCH. ONLY 1 SAW 2 CONTACTS B. MISSILE RELEASE COINCIDED WITH APPEARANCE OF SKYHAWKS AND SPEED OF INCOMING TRACKS AFTER APPARENT MISSILE LAUNCH WAS SHOWN ON INVINCIBLES VIDEO TAPE TO BE 527 KTS.
- C. TWO DIFFERENT MISSILE HEAD PARAMETERS WERE DETECTED BY AVENGER AND EXETER. THIS SUGGESTS EITHER THERE WERE TWO MISSILES OR AN ELEMENT OF PRF JITTER. THE TIME BETWEEN LOSS OF PRF 5050 AT INCIDENCE OF AVENGER FIRING AT INCOMING TARGET BUT CONTINUENCE OF 4998 TO BRG OF 051 WAS VERY SHORT (10 SECS).
- D. EXETER FIRED 3 SEADART MISSILES THE FIRST MISSED BUT THE SECOND AND THIRD HIT. THE INCIDENCE OF 2ND MISSILE AND TARGET IS CLEARLY VISIBLE ON INVINCIBLES VIDEO TAPE AND COINCIDES WITH 570 KT TRACK. DEBRIS CLOUD WAS QUITE LARGE AND REMAINED FOR THREE PAINTS.
- E. VISUAL OBSERVER IN AMBUSCADE (912 LOCKED ON) SAW A SMOKE

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TRAIL PRESUMABLY TO WEST AND SPLASH AS MISSILE APPARENTLY HIT  
WATER. CPA 7.8NM.

3. FORCE DISPOSITION. USING INVINCIBLE AS DATUM PLOT AS FOLLOWS  
A. CARDIFF 281-23NM. EXETER 250-21NM. AVENGER 232-21NM. GLAMORGAN  
212-3NM. GUIDE(REGENT) 250-5NM. ALL MAIN BODY WITHIN 5NM OF GUIDE.  
AMBUSCADE 285-10NM. BRISTOL 030-37NM.

B. A/C TRACK 3 X CONTACTS 201-203 AT 38-39NM. MISSILE LAUNCH  
207-32NM. 2 OTHER CONTACTS 210-32NM. 2ND MISSILE HIT DEBRIS 217-24.5  
NM. 3RD MISSILE HIT 227-22NM.

C. MISSILE TRACK 207-32NM TO 288-17NM (NEAREST ESTIMATE OF AMBUSCADE  
VISUAL DITCH POINT)

4. SUMMARY. ATTACK CONSISTED OF 1 OR 2 X S ETENDARD AND 3 OR 4 X A4.  
MOST LIKELY IS 2 X S ETENDARD AND 4 X A4 (WHICH ALSO FITS ARG NEWS  
BROADCAST). IT IS CONSIDERED UNLIKELY THAT EXETER HIT AN EXOCET  
MISSILE BUT IN FACT SPLASHED 2 X A4. ONE MISSILE FOLLOWED TRACK AT  
PARA 3 AND THE SECOND EITHER HUNG UP, FAILED TO FLY OR FOLLOWED IN  
TANDEM WITH THE FIRST.

5. LESSONS .A. EARLY DEPLOYMENT OF CHAFF AND FINE INCLINATION TO THE  
MISSILE APPEARS TO BE THE ANSWER. THE DIFFERENCE ON THIS OCCASION IS  
THAT IT LEFT AVENGER TO PORT AND NO ONE IN AVENGER SAW THE MISSILE

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POSSIBLY BECAUSE THEY WERE WATCHING THE APPROACHING A4'S.

B. IN BOTH THIS ATTACK AND THE LAST THE MISSILE APPEARS TO HAVE  
LOCKED ONTO CHAFF DEPLOYED AT ZIPPO 4 AND ZIPPO 1 MAYBE TOO LATE.  
THIS IS HARD TO SUBSTANTIATE ON PRESENT EVIDENCE ESPECIALLY IN VIEW  
OF INACCURACIES IN REPORTS HOWEVER EARLIER RATHER THAN LATER MUST  
BE THE RULE FOR CHAFF D. ZIPPO 4 CALLED ON AGATE RADAR SHOULD ALWAYS  
RESULT IN CHAFF D BEING FIRED IMMEDIATELY

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*2 x A4 Exeter dart*  
*1 x A4 Avenger*