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Elements of 5 Brigade are now firmly established at Fitzroy Settlement and Bluff Cove. Over the last few days, initial deployments to that area have been reinforced, and the troops and their support are now ready to move forward.

2. In the course of this evening Argentine aircraft attacked ships from the Task Force. During these attacks at least two Argentine aircraft were shot down, a further one was possibly shot down and at least four others were damaged, two of these were seen trailing smoke.

3. The frigate HMS PLYMOUTH suffered some damage. Initial reports are that 5 casualties from HMS PLYMOUTH have been removed to another ship and are receiving treatment. The logistic landing ships SIR TRISTRAM and SIR GALAHAD while unloading stores were also attacked and suffered some damage. We have no reports on casualties. No additional information is yet available in Whitehall or in the Service Information Centres. Please do not ring them. As soon as we have any information a further announcement will be made.