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Summary of Programme No 7 - 25 May 82

NEWS

1. Since there were few new developments around the Falklands at the time of broadcasting, the news bulletins covered world events in rather more detail than usual. The confirmation of the Pope's visit was mentioned and an update given on Argentine air losses.

2. Reports of latest fighting which were received as the broadcast went on the air were too fragmentary to be used and will become the leading items for Broadcast No 8.

SPECIAL FEATURES

3. These included:

- a. Replay of a defence correspondents on-the-spot description of the days' air battle backed by suitable sound effects.
- b. A review of the military situation with special emphasis on the Harrier, its weaponry, Rapier and other SAM systems (No classified material used).
- c. A political report which covered the latest proposals in the UN and European positions on the Falkland crisis.
- d. International Press report giving a review of what US, French, German, Dutch and Italian papers are saying on this issue.

e. A special feature on the UK reinforcements now arriving in the area. This included a description of the Gurkha ~~battalion~~ highlighting the characteristics of these troops.

I can just imagine how they did this!

POPULAR FEATURES

4. These followed the customary pattern. Dedications were made to several members of the Argentine occupying forces in the Port Stanley area.

RECEPTION

5. No jamming was reported, and reception in the area was free of atmospheric interference.

BRIEFING FOR CORRESPONDENTS

You might like to be aware of the unattributable briefings we are planning to give over the next week or so. These are on:

- a. Flammability of warships and firefighting techniques.
- b. Air Defence of forces ashore (particularly covering Rapier, Blowpipe, airspace management and possibly including forward air control).
- c. Mobility of ground forces (covering Royal Engineer capability, cross country vehicles and helicopters).

2. A copy goes to those who attend Mr Parkinson's weekly meeting.

*Very sincerely
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