



AFTERMATH & DOCUMENTS

After the Action

We fell out from Action Stations after 35 hours and steamed northeast eventually to join the Task Force's repair ship, *Stena Seaspread*, an oil rig support ship taken up from trade. She had workshops, over 100 naval and civilian engineers and lots of spare gear onboard. The tension soaked away, we were safe and could rely on 2-3 days rest while we were fixed.

NOT TO BE!

That afternoon, 25 May, a signal from the Admiral:

'Your weekend leave has been cancelled! Proceed with despatch to South Georgia, rendezvous with QEZ, embark Major General **Jeremy Moore RM** and staff [he commanded 5 Brigade and would be the Land Force Commander] and deliver them to HMS *Fearless*'

— which we did on 29 May.

From then our war quietened down. We acted as guardship in South Georgia from 31 May to 26 June. We caught up on much-needed maintenance, fixed broken equipment, changed the barrels of our 4.5" gun, an unusual experience at sea and away from dockyard support, and exercised drills and procedures..

On 14 June Argentina surrendered the Falklands.

On 26 June we were ordered home, the last of the original Springtrain ships to be released.



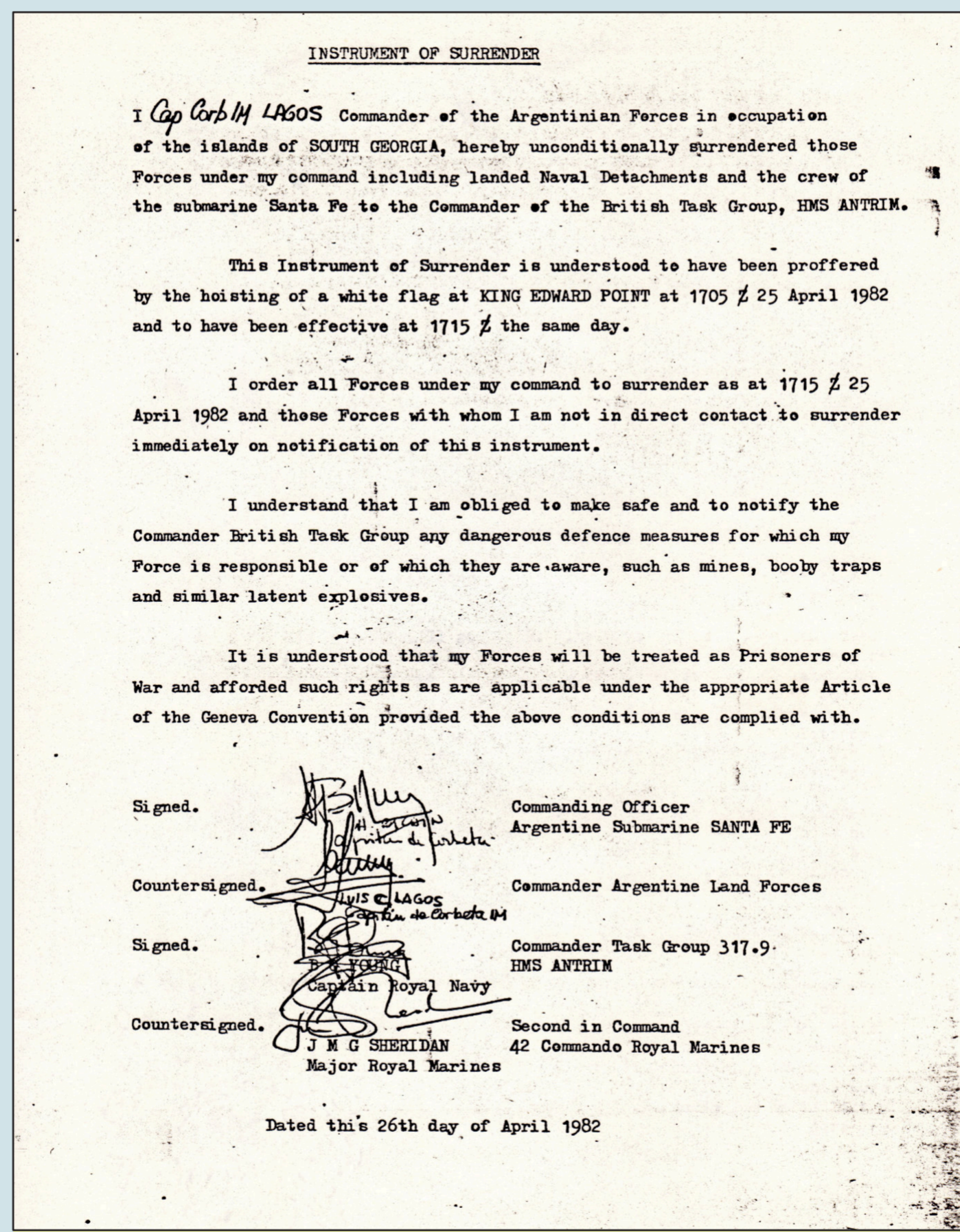
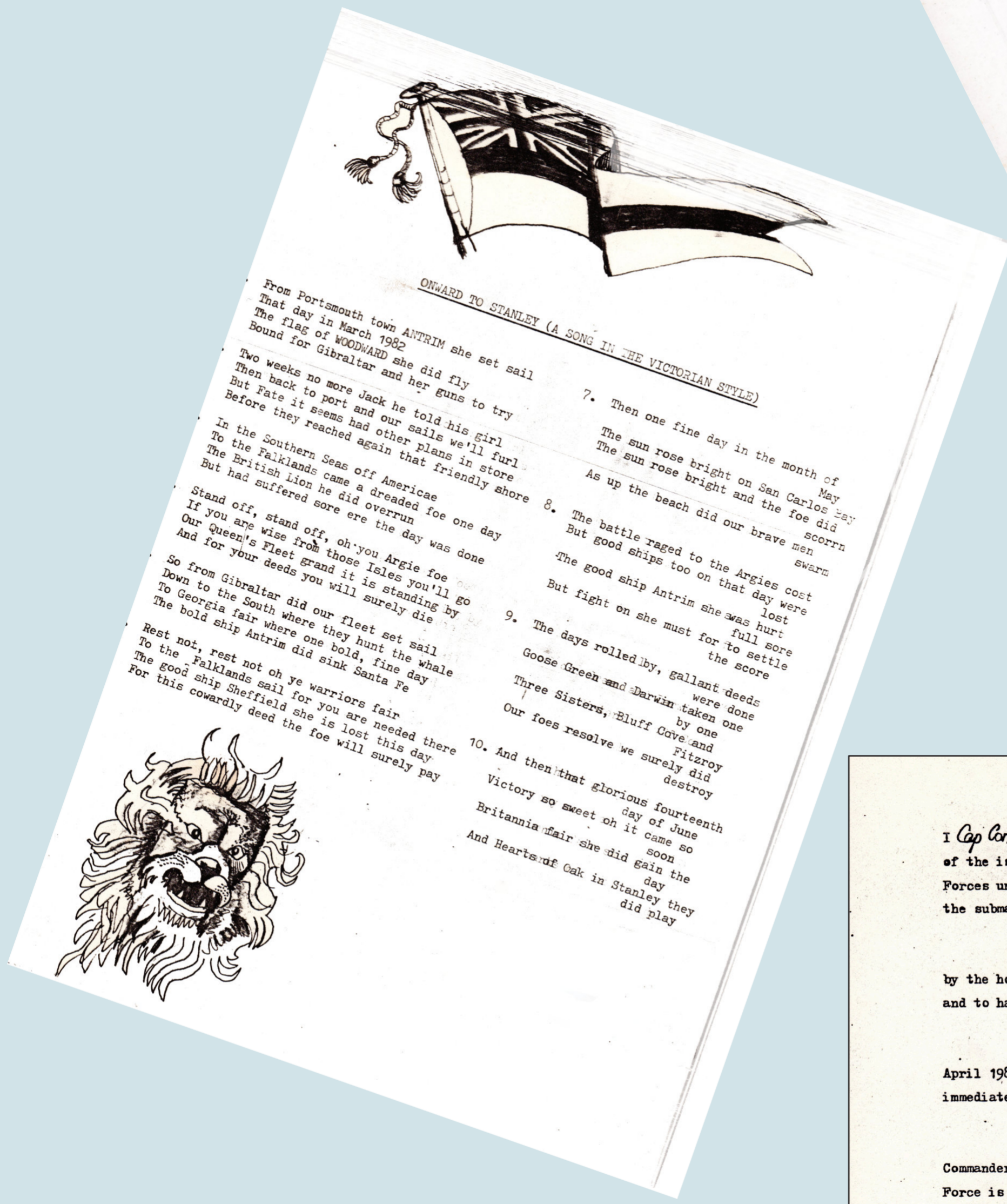
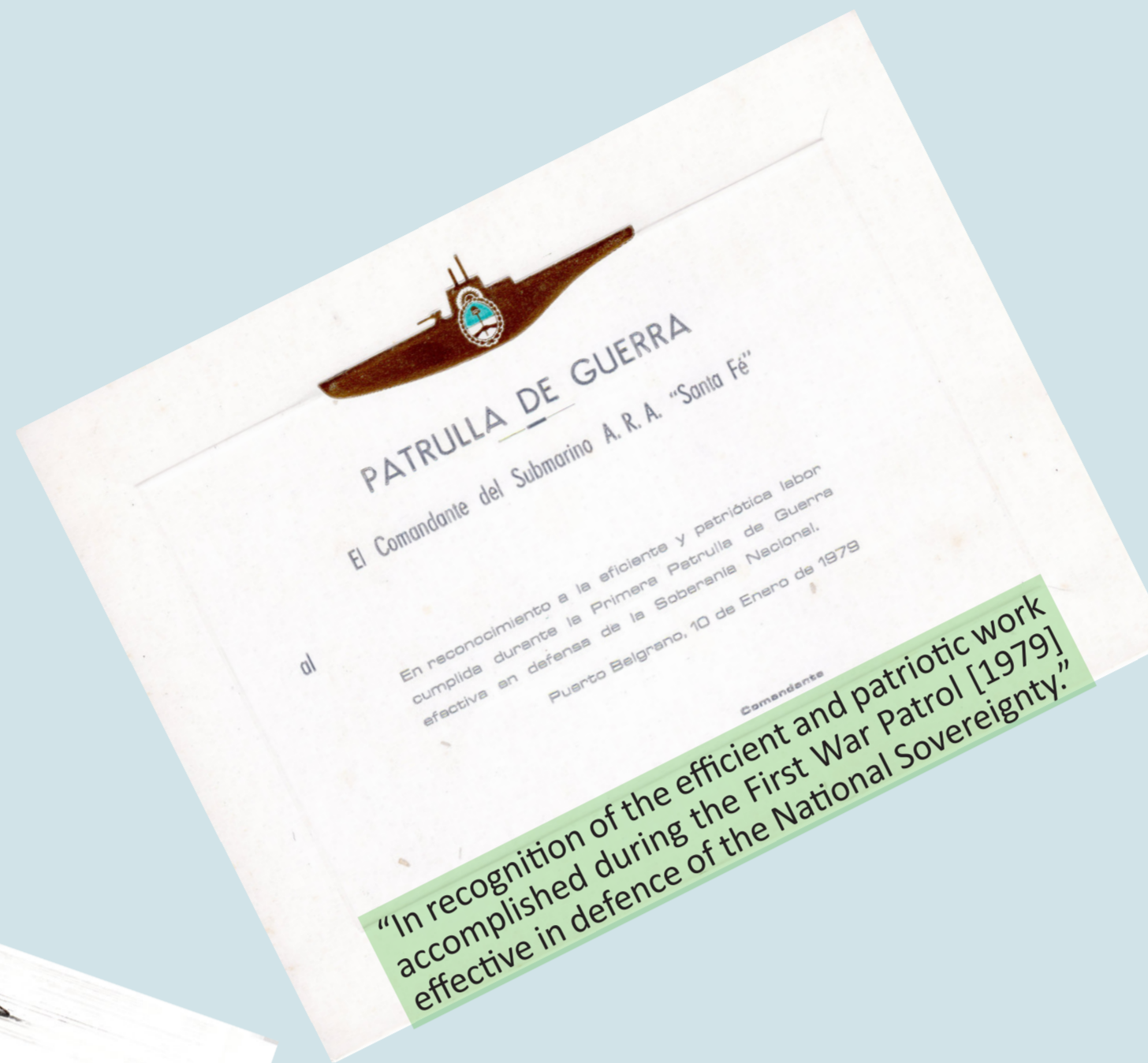
Joining *Stena Seaspread*



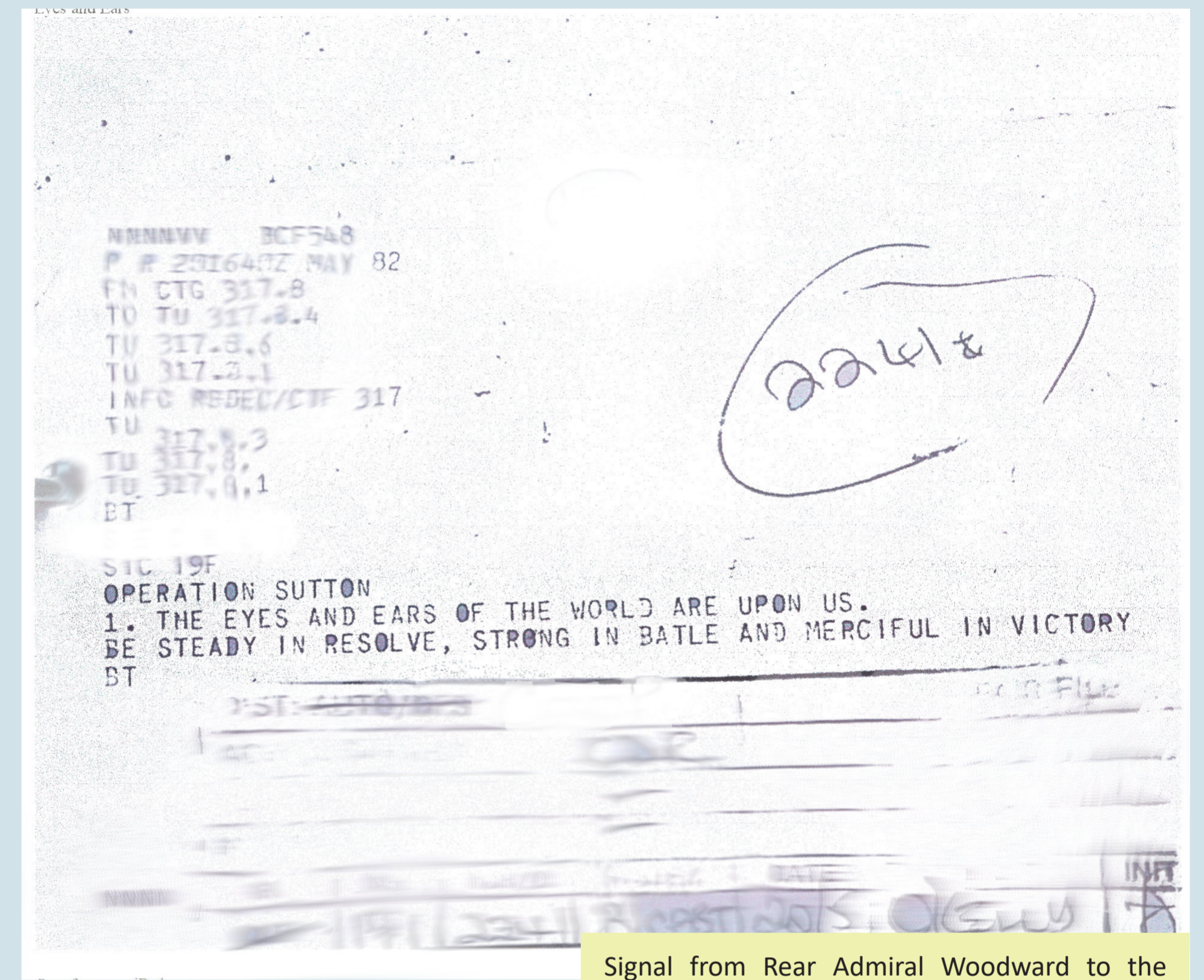
Changing gun barrels



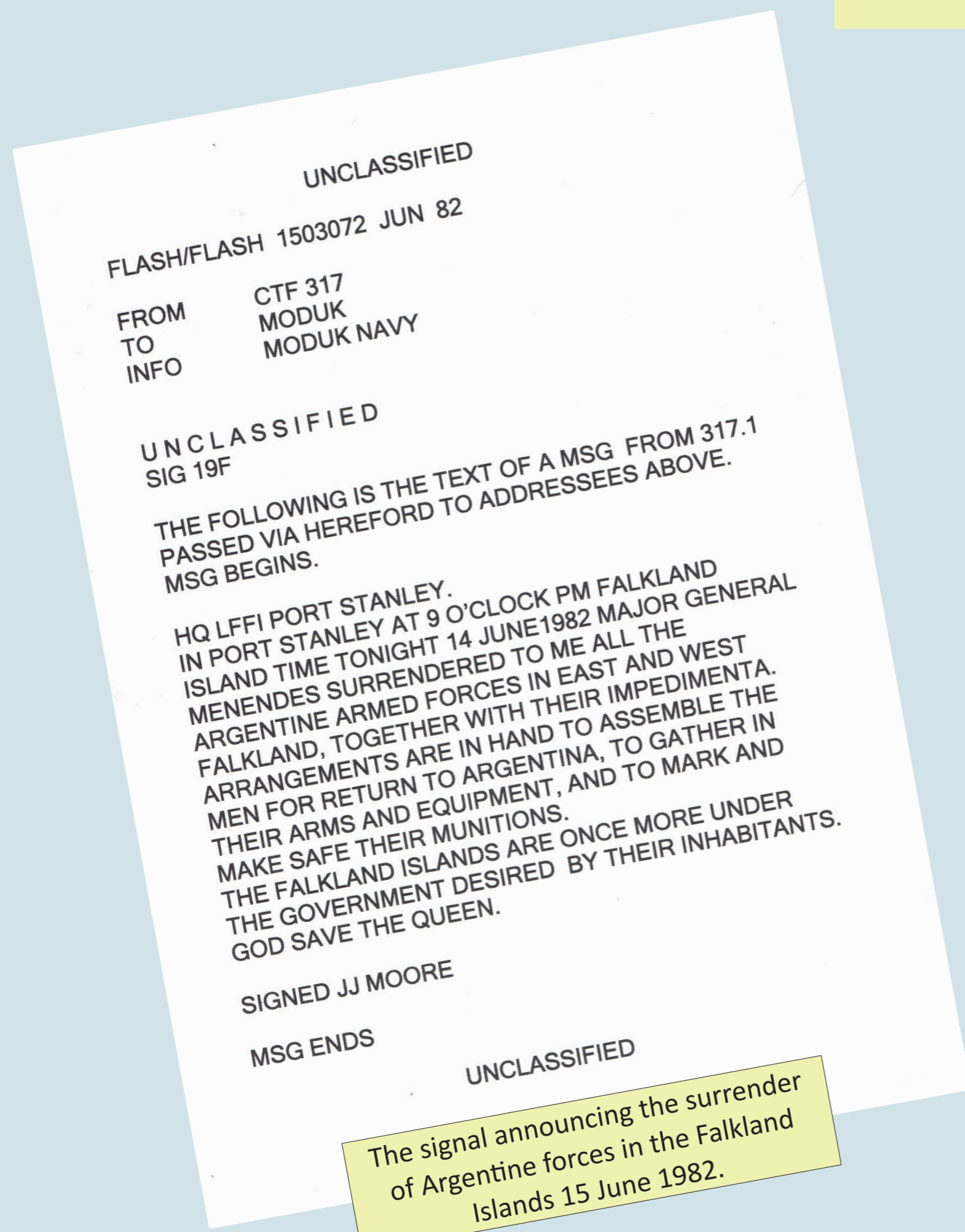
Rendezvous with RMS *Queen Elizabeth 2* (QE2)



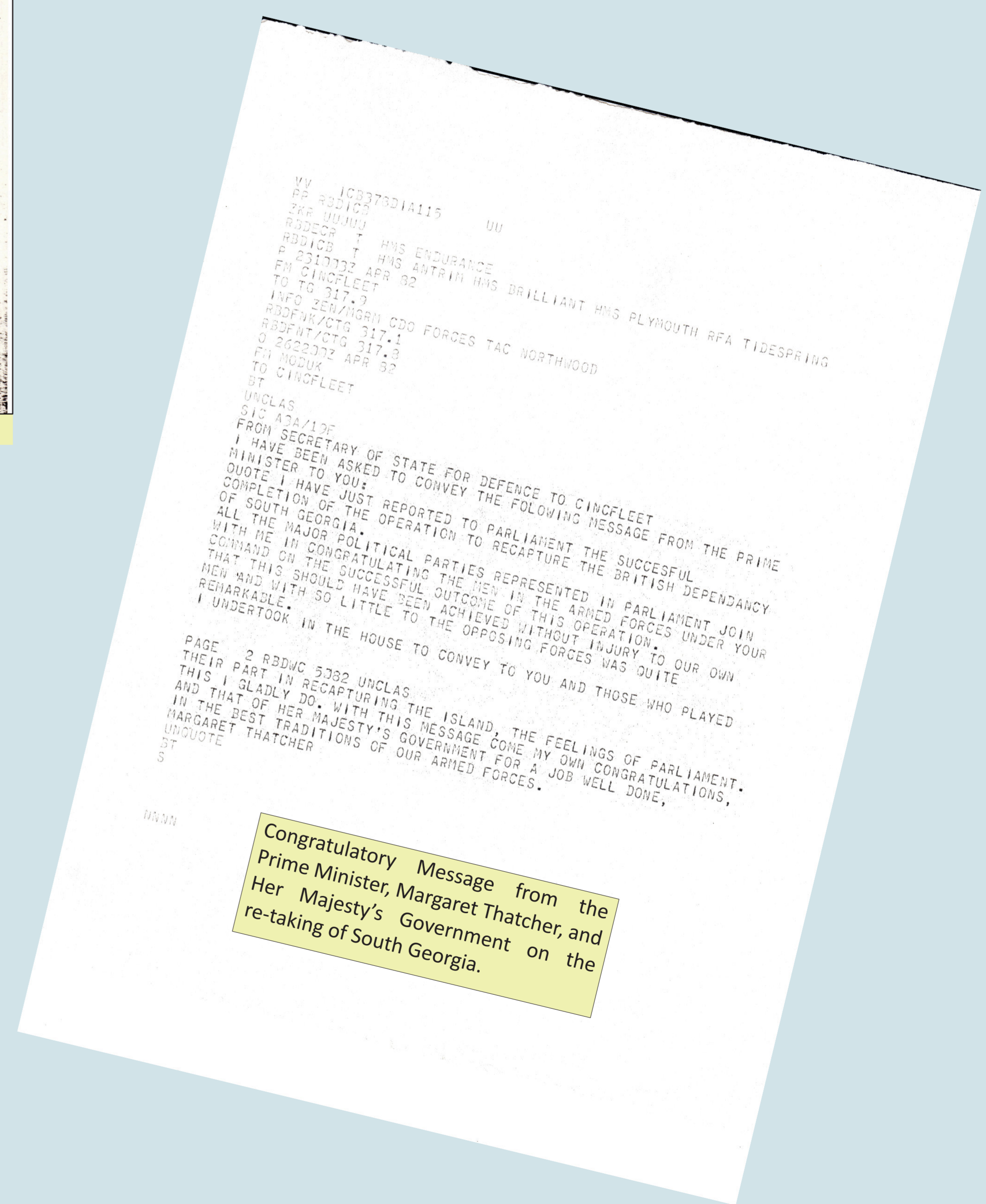
Instrument of Surrender - South Georgia



Signal from Rear Admiral Woodward to the Landing Force the night preceding **OPERATION SUTTON**, the landings on the shores of San Carlos Water.



The signal announcing the surrender of Argentine forces in the Falkland Islands 15 June 1982.



Congratulatory Message from the Prime Minister, Margaret Thatcher, and Her Majesty's Government on the re-taking of South Georgia.