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**COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF FLEET**

**LOSS OF HMS SHEFFIELD  
BOARD OF INQUIRY**

**Report of Captain Salt  
Enclosure 3, 4 and 5**



Enclosure 3 to  
Captain SALT's letter  
JGS1 of 26th May 1982

HMS YARMOUTH  
HFPO Ships  
London

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CTG 317.8  
HMS HERMES

10 May 82

BRIEF NARRATIVE REPORT OF HMS SHEFFIELD ATTEMPTED SALVAGE  
OPERATION 8 - 10 MAY 1982

081710 Completed RAS(L). Detached from TG. Ce 220 Sp 26. Silent on all emitters.

081850 Air threat warning RED. Altered Ce 160 Sp 15 for deception/evasion.

081917 Air threat warning YELLOW. Resumed Ce 222 Sp 26.

082200 Estimated 15 nm from SHEFFIELD reported position. Occasional selective 1006 sweeps to locate. Nothing seen.

082210-2250 Wasp visual silent search with NVA. Nothing seen.

082250 One sweep 994 revealed contact 18 nm North. Altered Ce 000 Sp 26.

082317-2335 Wasp launched and identified contact as SHEFFIELD. Confirmed no one on board.

090040 Secured alongside SHEFFIELD port side. Towing party and gear transferred. Messenger passed.

090115-0153 Slipped from alongside. Transferred towing hawser to SHEFFIELD. Started towing (2 shackles of SHEFFIELD cable paid out).

090135 Capt SALT visited by SK. Warned of unidentified contact to North.

090155-0230 Altered Ce 250 to 090. Increased Sp to 5 knts.

090208-0238 Surface ship HE detected bearing 275. Wasp launched to investigate. Nothing found.

090238-0315 Towing party returned from SHEFFIELD by wasp.

090545 INVINCIBLE Form RED. C130 in area.

090700 Surface search SK reported sinker 30 nm South.

091029 Air threat warning RED quickly reverted YELLOW.

091130-1225 4 man party transferred to SHEFFIELD to pay out extra 2 shackles of cable. Carried out cursery upper deck recoe and collected some gear from fec's'l.

091308-1912 4 air threat warnings RED. Action Stations. No evasion.

092005 Wind increasing 050/29. Altered Co 065 Sp 5 to reduce SHEFFIELD heel.

092130 Wind and sea state still increasing 015/35. Altered Co 035 Sp 3.

100001-0500 Courses adjusted to keep wind fine on SHEFFIELD port bow to reduce heel and flooding through hole in starboard side.

100245 Capt SALT + 2 arrived by SK.

100545 SHEFFIELD noticed to have developed a list 5° starboard. Waves washing hole in side. Altered Co 010 Sp 2.

100630 SHEFFIELD list increased 8 - 10° and difficult to control on tow.

100645-0655 SHEFFIELD list increased rapidly to 25° with hole partially submerged.

100700 Tow slipped when SHEFFIELD rolled quickly onto side.

100702 SHEFFIELD disappeared from view (NVA). Breaking up heard on sonar.

100705-1100 Remained in vicinity SHEFFIELD last position. Nothing seen on radar or sonar.

101105-1310 Launched wasp. Conducted radar, sonar, visual and hole search of vicinity. (Sunrise 1106, visibility 50-100 yards in fog).

101315 Recovered wasp. Completed search. Much debris and oil sighted but SHEFFIELD believed to have sunk in position 52° 11' S, 53° 50' W.

#### COMMENTS

1. Initial RV delayed by 1½ hours due to SHEFFIELD not being in last reported position.
2. My attempts to remain silent and covert were frustrated by helicopters announcing their intentions to overfly and repeatedly calling me.
3. Superficial damage to fittings on our starboard side caused by securing alongside SHEFFIELD to transfer towing party and gear. Justified by time saved.
4. SHEFFIELD had slight (1 - 2°) list to starboard at start of tow. EXOCET hole was approx 3 feet clear of water. No significant flooding until late PM 9 May when sea state increased above 2.
5. Very little gear recovered from SHEFFIELD on 9 May because of reluctance to have boarding party on board during possible air attacks. Recce restricted to upper deck due to heat and fumes still present below decks.

6. Debris sighted included:

- 8 liferafts (only one correctly inflated, correct way up and with light working).
- insulation/cladding
- lifebuoys
- gangway
- 909 dome
- jerry cans
- pieces of pannelling
- large amount of diese.

7. Tracing of search available if required.

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Commanding Officer

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