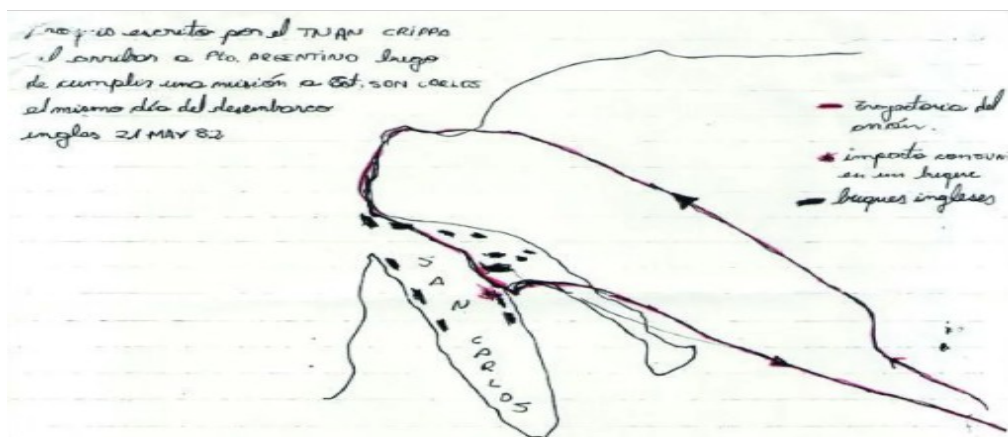


MISSION 3 - DEBRIEFING

Read after completing the mission!

On the 21st of May 1982, a single MB-339, 4-A-115 piloted by Owen Guillermo Crippa, took off from Puerto Argentino in what, without a doubt, is the most famous action of the MB-339. Shortly after take off he passed by some burning and damaged helicopters on the ground; they were argentinian hueys that got attacked by harriers the same morning, and still tense from the fight, they took some rifle shots at Crippa not realizing it was a friendly jet. After reaching Tercero Corral, realizing the shining fog would blind him having the sun on his back, Crippa deviated north towards Leil cape and then folloed the coast south towards San Carlo. After passing by two ships that didn't notice him he spotted a Linx helicopter orbiting at roughly 1.000ft. As he was about to pull the trigger he saw on his left HMS Argonaut, a much juicier target. Being armed only with guns and rockets he knew he had no chance of sinking the ship; regardless he aimed for the radio masts and the command bridge, severely damaging the ship. After evading the fleet's AAA fire and one BlowPipe missile he orbited Cerro Montevideo to get a better look at the fleet.



He took this drawing which is now on display in the Museum of Naval Aviation. During his flight back to Puerto Argentino he contacted the radar operator to inform him of the fleet position and asked for permission to rearm and attack the fleet. His request was denied as the MB339 was too vulnerable to enemy AAA and could not carry a big enough payload.