

The Times vs. The Sun May 4th, 1982

1. The General Belgrano is a 13,644-ton cruiser carrying helicopters and Seacat missiles.
2. The Belgrano, which survived the Pearl Harbour attack when it belonged to the US Navy, had been asking for trouble all day.
3. The Argentine cruiser General Belgrano was hit last night by torpedoes fired from a British submarine, the Ministry of Defence said earlier today.
4. The Navy had the Argies on their knees last night after a devastating double punch.
5. The cruiser was believed to be severely damaged; the submarine was undamaged and had resumed patrol.
6. WALLOP: They torpedoed the 14,000-ton Argentine cruiser General Belgrano and left it a useless wreck.
7. The cruiser had posed a significant threat to the British task force the ministry said.
8. With its 15 six-inch guns our Navy high command were certain that it would have played a major part in any battle to retain the Falklands.
9. But the Belgrano and its 1,000 crew needn't worry about the war for some time now.
10. The action, at about 8pm British time, was said to be fully in accordance with the instructions given to the task force commander based upon the right of self defence under Article 51 of the United Nations charter.
11. The cruiser, second largest in the Argy fleet, had been skirting the 200-mile war zone that Britain has set up around the Falkland Islands.
12. For the nuclear submarine Conqueror, captained by Commander Richard Wraith, let fly with two torpedoes.
13. WALLOP: Task Force helicopters sank one Argentine patrol boat and severely damaged another.