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MARINES SANK ARGENTINIAN CRAFT; CLAIM

RIO DE JANEIRO, SATURDAY—BRITISH MARINES SANK A LANDING CRAFT CARRYING ABOUT 200 ARGENTINE TROOPS DURING THE ARGENTINE SEIZURE OF THE FALKLAND ISLANDS THREE WEEKS AGO, THE BRITISH OWNER-EDITOR OF THE FALKLAND ISLANDS TIMES SAID TODAY.

EDITOR DAVID COLVILLE SAID THE BODIES OF DROWNED SOLDIERS FROM THE CRAFT, SUNK IN THE NARROW ENTRANCE TO PORT STANLEY, HAD BEGUN TO BE WASHED UP IN THE HARBOUR.

COLVILLE WAS FLOWN OUT OF THE ISLAND CAPITAL AT 20 MINUTES NOTICE ABOARD AN ARGENTINE AIRFORCE PLANE ON THURSDAY.

HE TOLD REUTERS ON A FLIGHT FROM RIO DE JANEIRO TO LONDON THAT TWO OF HIS FRIENDS IN THE FALKLAND ISLANDS DEFENCE FORCE, A LOCAL 90-STRONG VOLUNTEER GROUP, HAD SEEN THE TROOP CARRIER SINK AFTER BEING HIT BY BRITISH LAND-BASED ROCKET FIRE.

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