

STATEMENT AT 23RD MAY

During the early afternoon in the Falkland Islands the Argentine Airforce launched a number of raids on ships of the Task Force in San Carlos water. The aircraft were engaged by missiles from surface vessels, shore based Rapier and by Sea Harriers. 5 Mirage and 1 Skyhawk are known to have been shot down; a further 1 Mirage and 2 Skyhawks were probably shot down.

During these attacks one of our frigates sustained some damage. No reports on the extent of the damage have been received; nor have any indication of casualties. We have had no reports of other damage to British ships or aircraft.

In a separate incident earlier Sea Harriers from the Task Force on routine patrol saw 2 Argentine PUMA and 1 BELL helicopters in the Falkland Sound just off the coast of West Falkland. The Harriers attacked and one PUMA exploded; the BELL helicopter landed but was seen to be on fire and the second PUMA may have been damaged.

We have no reports of further action at present.

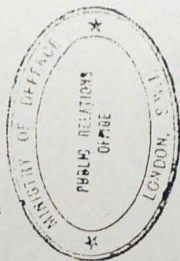
The following is the official Ministry of Defence list of casualties which resulted from the loss of two Gazelle helicopters during the operations to establish the San Carlos beachhead in the Falkland Islands, issued on 24 May 1982.



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Serial No	Rate/Rank	Christian Name	Surname	Age	Home Town
1	LIEUTENANT	KENNETH D	FRANCIS	29	LYNDHURST, HAMPSHIRE
2	SERGEANT	ANDREW P	EVANS	33	LANDRAKE, CORNWALL
3	LANCE CORPORAL	BRETT P	GIFFEN	24	PLYMPTON, PLYMOUTH



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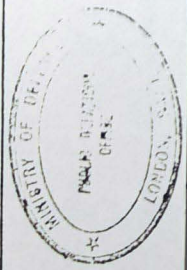
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1	ABLE SEAMAN (SONAR)	DEREK D	ARMSTRONG	22	PRUDHOE NORTHUMBRIA
2	LIEUTENANT COMMANDER	RICHARD W	BANFIELD	30	LISKEARD CORNWALL
3	ABLE SEAMAN (SONAR)	ANDREW R	BARR	20	BRIDGWATER SOMERSET
4	PETTY OFFICER AIR ENGINEERING (MECHANICAL)	PETER	BROUARD	31	CREWKERNE SOMERSET
5	COOK	RICHARD J S	DUNKERLEY	23	WINDSOR BERKS
6	ACTING LEADING COOK	MICHAEL P	FOOTE	24	WARREN PARK, HAVANT HANTS
7	MARINE ENGINEERING MECHANIC (MECHANICAL)	STEPHEN H	FORD	18	POOLE DORSET
8	ACTING STEWARD	SHAUN	HANSON	20	ECCLESFIELD SHEFFIELD
9	ABLE SEAMAN (SONAR)	SEAN K	HAYWARD	18	BARROW IN FURNESS CUMBRIA



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10	ABLE SEAMAN (ELECTRONIC WARFARE)	STEPHEN	HEYES	22	ST BUDEAUX DEVONPORT DEVON
11	WEAPONS ENGINEERING MECHANIC (RADIO) 1	SIMON J	LAWSON	21	WHITLEY BAY NORTHUMERIA
12	MARINE ENGINEERING MECHANIC (MECHANICAL) 2	ALISTAIR R	LEIGHTON	19	MARGATE KENT
13	AIR ENGINEERING MECHANICIAN (MECHANICAL)	ALLAN	McAULEY	36	YEOVIL SOMERSET
14	ACTING LEADING SEAMAN (RADAR)	MICHAEL S	MULLEN	24	ROBY LIVERPOOL
15	LIEUTENANT	BRIAN	MURPHY	30	YEOVIL SOMERSET
16	LEADING PHYSICAL TRAINING INSTRUCTOR	GARY T	NELSON	25	SALTASH CORNWALL
17	COOK	JOHN R	ROBERTS	26	GWYNEDD N WALES
18	LIEUTENANT COMMANDER	JOHN M	SEPHTON	35	PRESTON DORSET





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19	ACTING LEADING MARINE ENGINEERING MECHANIC (MECHANICAL)	STEPHEN J	WHITE	21	WASHINGTON TYNE & WEAR
20	ACTING PETTY OFFICER WEAPONS ENGINEERING MECHANIC (RADIO)	ANDREW K	PALMER	26	TRURO CORNWALL
21	ACTING LEADING MARINE ENGINEERING MECHANIC (ELECTRICAL)	GARRY	WHITFORD	23	BLACKBURN LANCs
22	MARINE ENGINEERING MECHANIC (MECHANICAL) <sup>1</sup>	GILBERT S	WILLIAMS	21	KIDLINGTON OXFORDSHIRE
23	ABLE SEAMAN (RADAR)	IAN M	BOLDY	20	DERBY DERBYSHIRE
24	SEAMAN (MISSILE)	MATTHEW J	STUART	18	TEWKESEBURY GLOS

