

DEFENCE CORRESPONDENTS

- Q. In the Colonel Jones incident, you did not say if any of his men were wounded or killed in that particular incident?
- A. I am afraid I cannot make any comment other than those already made about casualties.
- Q. Can you say anything about whether he was killed by machine gun. Another suggestion - attacked by Pucara?
- A. He was leading a small party to try and dislodge machine gun with very little or no cover.
- Q. Can you give actual number of Argentine prisoners and wounded?
- A. It is not possible to be too specific. The only figures we now have - number of prisoners assumed at 1400. We know that there are 120 wounded.
- Q. Do you happen to know what units the Argentinians were. Whether infantrymen, or a particular regiment, hardened troops or conscripts?
- A. Probably all arms groups - impossible to say.
- Q. Is it militarily unusual for a battalion commander to actually lead a platoon into action?
- A. That is an absolutely impossible question to answer. Not unusual for battalion commander to be where fighting
- Q. Referring to what you said about Argentines agreeing to release 112 civilians being kept prisoner for 30 days - were they present in recreation centre throughout the whole battle?
- A. Inside during the night.
- Q. During the battle were there attempts by British side to get Argentinians to free civilians?

A. Exactly how and what time this happened don't know. Suspicion that when battle waging in afternoon, did not actually have a great deal of time to think of civilians - during the night when lull it emerged that there were civilians bottled up in recreation centre.

Q. There seems to be some suggestion that Argentinians using civilians as hostages?

A. I have had no indication at all of that.

Q. Some suggestions or rumours on several occasions that they used a white flag and then opened fire on British forces?

A. No indication of this. In confusion it may be that one small party could show white flag to surrender but others in another area may be fighting hard.

Q. What form of transport did Paras use to get down to Goose Green?

A. On their feet. They helicoptered forward the mortars and the artillery but believe the rest probably on their feet, but not certain.

Q. Was there any marine involvement in this. Were they in Scout?

A. Don't know. It would not be surprising if marines involved.

Q. You said 2 aircraft captured?

A. Information I received later - 2 were found on the ground in addition to 4 that were shot down.

Q. Would the people who made the attack be wearing berets or tin helmets - would they use bayonets or not?

A. I don't know. Would not have been fixed bayonets - incumbrance in this operation.

- Q. What number of casualties on our side?
- A. Remarkably light in these sort of conditions. It was a remarkable operation and you must recognise it as such.
- Q. Was there supporting fire from the Navy?
- A. There were artillery and mortars.
- Q. Had Col Jones every done tour with SAS?
- A. To the best of my knowledge no.
- Q. Would field hospital be marked or camouflaged?
- A. Usually marked with red cross but pilot flying at 500 mph might not recognise it as field hospital.
- Q. Can we assume that the capture of 1400 was mainly from Goose Green and not Darwin?
- A. That is right.