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① Selection of the names of the company commander and the PSts should be <sup>be well known</sup> *be well known*  
② The words "almost foolish" *is the belief* but it would be necessary to use these words in describing the action of a very brave man and could cause criticism to his family.

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THIS IS A POOL DESPATCH BY ROBERT FOX OF BBC. 6AN CARLOS  
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ON A WINTRY SUNNY EVENING THE MEN WHO DIED FREEING PT DARWIN AND GOOSE GREEN WERE BURIED TOGETHER IN A MASS GRAVE ON A BARE HILLSIDE ABOVE THE ANCHORAGE AT SAN CARLOS WATER. THE FUNERAL LASTED A FEW MINUTES. AS THE DEAD WERE CARRIED TO THE GRAVE BY COMPANY COMMANDERS AND SOLDIERS OF THE 2ND BN PARACHUTE REGIMENT. THERE WAS NO ORATION OR FLOWERY PARTY OVER THE GRAVE. THE BATTALION PADRE, THE REV DAVID COOPER, READ THE ROLL OF THE DEAD FROM 2 PARA THE ARMY AIR CORPS AND 59 FIELD SQUADRON ROYAL ENGINEERS. FIRST WAS THE NAME OF THE CO. LT COL H. JONES WHO DIED ASSAULTING A MACHINE GUN POST WHICH WAS PUNTING DOWN A COMPANY OF PARAS OUTSIDE PORT DARWIN, THEN THERE WAS THE ADJUTANT CAPT DAVID WOOD WHO DIED WITH THE COLONEL, THEN THEIR FELLOW OFFICERS AND MEN A HELICOPTER PILOT AND A SAPPER.

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AT THE END THE RSM THREW A HANDFUL OF EARTH INTO THE GRAVE AND MARINES AND PARAS SALUTED IN SILENCE. INT THE BAY A FIGATE QUIETLY TRAINED HER GUNS SKY WARD AGAINST A POSSIBLE AIR RAID. THE PARAS ARE ANXIOUS THAT THEIR DEAD COMRADES SHOULD NOT REMAIN IN THE ANONYMOUS MASS GRAVE HERE AT AJAX BAY. "THEY MUST BE TAKEN BACK TO ENGLAND!" ONE COMPANY COMMANDER, DAIR FARRAR-HOCKLEY SAID. RSM STEVENSON TOLD ME "THE LADS WANT THE DEAD TO GO HOME. IT'S TRADITION. PEOPLE WILL WANT TO VISIT THE GRAVES. THIS GOES FOR THE MARINES AS WELL AS THE PARAS. THE NATION WAS QUICK ENOUGH GETTING US OUT HERE IT HAS A DUTY TO GET THE DEAD HOME. THE BURIAL TOOK PLACE BEHIND A MUTTON PACKING SHED NOW SERVING AS A FIELD HOSPITAL. THE AREA HAS BEEN HIT TWICE BY 400 KG BOMBS SO FAR THE HOSPITAL MANNED BY PARAS MARINES AND A NAVAL MEDICAL SQN HAS BEEN RESPONSIBLE FOR 70 MAJOR OPERATIONS. "EVERY CASUALTY BROUGHT HERE IS STILL ALIVE!" SAID THE COMMANDER RICK JOLLY RN, WHO RUNS THE HOSPITAL. 23 ARGENTINIANS HAVE BEEN OPERATED ON AND THEY WILL GO TO THE HOSPITAL SHIP UGANDA, THE ARGENTINIANS HAVE SAID THIS SHIP IS BEING USED FOR MILITARY SUPPLIES. "I THINK THEY OUGHT TO REALISE THAT THERE ARE ABOUT 25 ARGENTINIANS ABOARD BEING TREATED EXACTLY THE SAME AS THE BRITISH WOUNDED

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... THE HOSPITAL HAS WORKED DAY AND NIGHT SINCE  
... IN WHICH PARA TROOPS LANDING IN GOOSE GREEN. ONE OF  
... OPERATIONS TO AN AMBUSH WITH A BULLET WOUND  
... IN HIS CHEST. IN GOOSE GREEN ITSELF LIFE IS RETURNING TO NORMAL  
... NEARLY 30 DAY 116 MEN AND WOMEN WERE SHUT UP IN THE COMMUNITY  
... WHILE THE ARGENTINIANS WATCHED THE HOUSES AND LOOTED THE  
... IN ONE HOUSE THEY LEFT EXPLOSION OVER THE FLOOR, IN THE  
... AND IN THE BATH THEY BROKE RADIOS AND LOCKED UP ANYONE  
... SUSPECTED OF LISTENING TO THE BBC. BRIAN HEWITT WAS GIVEN PERMISSION  
... TO ROUND UP HIS SHEEP BY ONE MILITARY COMMANDER. AS HE WENT  
... TO THE PASTURE WITH HIS DOGS HE WAS SHOT AT BY A HELICOPTER.  
... THE PILOT THEN MADE HIM CLIMB ABOARD AT SUNPOINT "THEY WANTED  
... TO PUT ME IN SOLITARY CONFINEMENT FOR THAT" BRIAN TOLD ME,  
... "FORTUNATELY THE AIR FORCE SAID THEY HAD GIVEN ME PERMISSION"  
... THE SETTLEMENT FARM MANAGER, ERIC GOSS DESCRIBED THEM AS USING  
... "NAZI TACTICS". "THEY TIGHTENED THE SCREW LITTLE BY LITTLE.  
... THINGS GOT VERY BAD AFTER THE HARRIER ATTACKS. THEY USED TO KEEP  
... US FROM GETTING FOOD THEN. THEY THOUGHT WE WERE ALWAYS SIGNALLING  
... TO THE FLEET" ERIC GOSS SAYS THE YOUNG SOLDIERS GOT REALLY  
... DRAMICKY IN THE NIGHT OF SHELLING BEFORE THE PARAS ATTACK "THEY

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KICKED DOORS DOWN, AND SHOT OFF LEGS JUST TO FIND PLACES TO SHELTER"  
DISCIPLINE FREQUENTLY SEEMED TO BREAK DOWN THERE WAS A HEAVY  
POLICE ELEMENT AMONG THE OFFICERS TIGHTLY CONTROLLED, SAY THE  
SETTLERS, FROM PT STANLEY, AND BY THE WARD MAN OF THE OCCUPYING  
FORCE THERE, GOVERNOR MENENDEZ HIMSELF. DOWN IN PORT DARWIN THERE  
ARE NOW ONLY THREE SETTLERS "WHEN THE ARTILLERY BARRAGE STARTED  
IT WAS ONE OF THE MOST FRIGHTENING MOMENTS OF MY LIFE "SAID  
ERIC HARDCASTLE. HIS HOUSE STANDS CLOSE TO THE SPOT WHERE COL  
JONES AND HIS ADJUDANT LED THE ATTACK AGAINST THE MACHINE GUN  
POSITIONS TO LET THE BATTALION THROUGH IT WAS AN ACT OF EXTRA-  
ORDINARY IN MOST PEOPLE'S OPINION "SAID MAJOR TONY RICE THE GUN  
BATTERY COMMANDER WHO WAS WITH THE COLONEL AT THE TIME "HE WENT  
FORWARD TO GET THE ENEMY POSITIONS, BUT WAS HIT BY MACHINE GUN  
FIRE" COLONEL "H" AS HE WAS KNOWN LED HIS BATTALION IN WAS  
AS IN PEACE IN A WARM FRIENDLY AND IMPETUOUS STYLE BEFORE THE  
BATTLE HE CONFIDED TO ME THAT HE WONDERED WHETHER HIS PLAN WOULD  
WORK "IT IS A FULL BATTALION ATTACK BY NIGHT AND DAY AGAINST  
WELL DUG ENEMY POSITIONS I GUESS I'VE GOT ABOUT 75% CHANCE OF  
SUCCESS BUT I TRUST MY BOYS COMPLETELY "HE SAID HIS SUCCESS  
NOW SEEMS ASTONISHING IT WAS THE FIRST TIME A BRITISH BATTALION

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