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40 Year Anniversary of Op CORPORATE A Short History of The Falklands Conflict

The Falklands Conflict was a short undeclared war between Argentina and Britain over the sovereignty of the Falkland Islands (known as *Islas Malvinas* in Argentina), South Georgia and the South Sandwich Islands. The conflict lasted 74 days and cost over 900 lives.

The islands are British overseas territories located in the South Atlantic, 8,000 miles from Britain. Sovereignty over the islands has been contested by Argentina since 1833.

Most Falkland Islanders were of British descent and opposed the Argentinian claim. In 1982, President Leopoldo Galtieri of Argentina decided to take control of the islands by force.



© IWM FKD 2931 Argentine photograph showing a line of Argentine soldiers marching past a senior officer

Argentina had already established an unauthorised but unopposed presence in the South Sandwich Islands in 1976. Now, Argentinian forces occupied the Falkland Islands (2 April) and South Georgia (3 April), a move condemned by the United Nations.

The British Governor, Sir Rex Hunt was deported and repatriated to Britain along with Naval Party 8901, a small contingent of Royal Marines who defended the islands before being forced to surrender.

President Galtieri appointed General Mario Menéndez as Governor of the islands and commander of the Argentinian force deployed to defend them.

In the weeks that followed, many restrictions were imposed on the islanders. Some were forcibly deported. Others were incarcerated for weeks.



© IWM FKD 2591 The Cunard liner QUEEN ELIZABETH II leaves Southampton with troops of 5 Infantry Brigade on board.

British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher authorised a military operation, codenamed *CORPORATE*, to retake the islands.

It was the first since the Second World War in which all branches of the British armed forces deployed simultaneously.

Within days, a British task force comprising 127 warships, submarines and requisitioned merchant ships carrying troops, aircraft and equipment, set sail for the South Atlantic.

Operation *Paraquet* returned South Georgia to British control on April 25.

The Task Force then turned its attention to the retaking of the Falklands.



© IWM FKD 64 The Type 42 destroyer HMS SHEFFIELD on fire after being struck by an AM.39 Exocet missile fired from an Argentine aircraft from a distance of 6 miles.

On 30 April, the Task Force imposed a 200-mile Total Exclusion Zone around the Falklands, prohibiting all aircraft and ships from any country from entering. British special forces, the Royal Air Force and Fleet Air Arm attacked Argentinian ships and defences.

Two days later, Royal Navy submarine HMS *Conqueror* sank Argentinian cruiser ARA General Belgrano with the loss of over 300 of her crew.

Argentina responded quickly. On 4 May, Royal Navy destroyer HMS *Sheffield* was hit by an AM39 Exocet cruise missile fired from an Argentinian Super Étendard strike fighter aircraft. Twenty were killed in the explosion and resulting fire, which destroyed the ship.

The Argentinian Air Force continued to attack British ships with Exocet missiles and bombs, causing many casualties. In total, seven ships were lost and others were seriously damaged during the conflict. Attacks on landing logistic ships RFA *Sir Galahad* and RFA *Sir Tristram* (24 May) and merchant container ship SS *Atlantic Conveyor* (25 May) were particularly devastating.



© IWM FGD 2119 Landing craft from HMS INTREPID approach the beach at San Carlos in the Falkland Islands to land British troops, 21 May 1982

Nevertheless, the Task Force landed 4,000 troops unopposed at San Carlos and Ajax Bay in East Falkland (21 May onwards). They faced a numerically superior but largely conscripted Argentinian army. Lack of cover and air superiority forced the British to attack Argentinian positions by night.

Goose Green was the first settlement to be taken by British forces (28-29 May). 2nd Battalion, Parachute Regiment fought a fierce battle, during which its commander, Lieutenant-Colonel Herbert 'H' Jones was killed.

Colonel Jones was one of two soldiers to receive a posthumous award of the Victoria Cross for gallantry during the conflict. The other, Sergeant Ian McKay, was killed during the Battle of Mount Longdon on 11-12 June.

British troops faced an advance of 56 miles across East Falkland through difficult terrain, enemy minefields and hostile weather conditions to the islands' capital, Port Stanley. Half of the troops completed the march on foot after the helicopters that were supposed to transport them were lost onboard the SS *Atlantic Conveyor*, which had sunk on 28 May.



Program Overview

- 0900** Registration

- 0930** Welcome – Colonel David Hinsley

- 0940** Session 1 – Basic Science – Lt Col A Ramasamy, Wing Commander E Spurrier

- 1100** Coffee & Trade

- 1140** Session 2 – Military – Col T Rowlands, Lt Col H Guthrie

- 1300** Lunch & Trade

- 1400** AGM (Full Members only)

- 1430** Session 3 – General Orthopaedics – Lt Col Carl Meyer, Wing Commander P Hindle

- 1540** Guest Speaker - Mr Matthew Hubble

- 1610** Prize adjudication – Coffee and Trade

- 1640** Prize Giving and President’s address – Mr Simon Hodkinson

- 1700** State of the Nation – Colonel Alistair Mountain

- 1845** Formal Officers Mess dinner, RM Stonehouse

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Session 1: Basic Science

Moderators: Lt Col A Ramasamy & Wing Commander E Spurrier

0942-0952 Abstract 1: A NEW ANIMAL MODEL FOR INFECTED FRACTURE NON-UNION AFTER EXTERNAL FIXATION OF TIBIA WITH REAL-TIME IN-VIVO MONITORING OF INFECTION

L. Robiati (Presenting), P. Hindle, S. Stapley, H. Simpson

0954-1004 Abstract 2: PRELIMINARY EFFECT OF PROJECTILE YAW ON EXTREMITY GUNSHOT WOUNDING IN A CADAVERIC ANIMAL MODEL: A SERENDIPITOUS STUDY

Stevenson T (Presenting), Carr DJ, Gibb IE, Stapley SA

1006-1018 Abstract 3: Effectiveness of Tier 1 Pelvic Protection Against Sand Blast

Iain A. Rankin¹, Thuy-Tien Nguyen¹, **Louise McMenemy**^{1,2}, John Breeze^{1,2}, Arul Ramasamy^{1,2}, Jonathan C. Clasper¹, Spyros D. Masouros¹.

1018-1028 Abstract 4: Strength development and muscle quality in military traumatic lower limb below knee amputations.

Jose Manuel Frias Bocanegra, Natalie Egginton, Daniel Rothwell, Daniel Fong, Patrick Wheeler, Tom Blankenstein, Mark Lewis, Alex Bennett, David Williams and Sarah Stapley.

1029-1039 Abstract 5: Blasting BMAC: A Novel Therapy To Heal the Fractures of Combat

Authors: **Sarah K Stewart**, Alastair Darwood, Claire Higgins, Spyros Masouros, Arul Ramasamy

1040-1050 Abstract 6: Limb salvage surgery: Progress since the Lower Extremity Assessment Project (LEAP) – a systematic review of the literature

L McMenemy (Presenting), I Rankin, S Masouros, A Ramasamy

Session 2: Military

Moderators: Col T Rowlands & Lt Col H Guthrie

1140-1150 Abstract 7: Abdominal Aortic Junctional Tourniquet - Stabilized (AAJTS) can be applied both successfully and rapidly by Combat Medical Technicians (CMTs)

Thomas Nicholas Smith, **A Beaven**, C Handford, E Sellon, P J Parker

1152-1202 Abstract 8: A comparison of pelvic binders. Can they close the book?

T Howe*, H Claireaux, H Fox, G Morgan, L McMenemy, S Masouros, A Ramasamy. *Corresponding Author.

1214-1224 Abstract 9: Validating a clinical decision tool used to predict outcome with the Bespoke Offloading Brace in complex foot and ankle injuries

Louise McMenemy^{1,2}, Harry Claireaux^{1,2}, Benjamin W Hoyt³, Sarah Y Nelson³, Caitlin Mahon⁴, Benjamin K Potter³, Bradford D Hendershot⁴, Spyros Masouros¹, Arul Ramasamy^{1,2}

1226-1236 Abstract 10: Association between combat-related traumatic injury and skeletal health: bone mineral density loss is localised and correlates with altered loading in amputees - The ADVANCE Study

McMenemy L, Behan FP, Kaufmann J, Cain D, Bennett AN, Boos C, Fear NT, Cullinan P, Bull AMJ, Phillips ATM, McGregor AH

1238-1248 Abstract 11: Cost-effectiveness following osseointegration for transfemoral amputation and the relationship between pre and post-operative EQ5D Health Utility Value **Handford, C***. McMenemy, L. Kendrew, J. Mistlin, A. Akhtar, A. Parry, M. Hindle, P.

1250-1300 Abstract 12: The Role of the Deployed Clinical Director in the Ground Manoeuvre Surgical Long Range Reconnaissance Group Environment – A New Role in a New Era.

Lt.Col. D S Edwards FRCS(Tr&Orth) MD^{1,3}; Lt.Col. P Davies FRCA^{2,3}

Session 3: General Orthopaedics

Moderators: Lt Col C Meyer & Wing Commander P Hindle

1430-1440 Abstract 13: Unsatisfactory post-operative trauma imaging is predictive of revision surgery

B Atkin, M Choudri, R Nandra, P Fenton, P Hindle

1442-1452 Abstract 14: Intramedullary Nails for extra-capsular hip fractures: Are we doing it right?

J East, S Donoghue, SR Gowda, M Panteli, JF Charity, AM Kassam

1454-1504 Abstract 15: Management of Chronic Regional Pain Syndrome in Trauma and Orthopaedic Surgery - a Systematic Review

Abdel Saed¹, **Greg Neal-Smith**², Scott Fernquest³, Jonathan Bourget-Murray¹, Alexander Wood^{1,4}

1506-1516 Abstract 16: Virtual fracture clinic triage and selective use of MRI: A hybrid model for managing suspected scaphoid fractures.

KH Moon, J Heylen, N Macdonald, E Larsson, A Vaughan, R Owens

1528-1538 Abstract 17: Research priorities for the management of complex fractures: a UK priority setting partnership with the James Lind Alliance.

C Bretherton, **H Claireaux***, J Gower, S Martin, A Thornhill, L Johnson, L Silvester, R Kearney, M Baxter, P Dixon, V Giblin, X Griffin, W Eardley.

1535-1545 Abstract 18: Effects of COVID on Military T&O Trainees

Maj T Packer, Lt Col Guthrie

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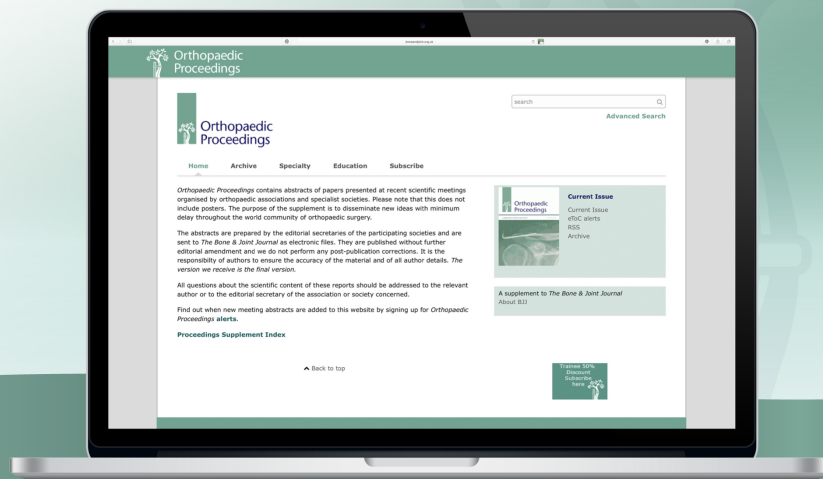
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