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FALKLANDS WAR CASE STUDY
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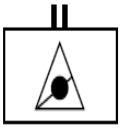
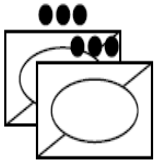
STUDENT HANDOUT

3 Commando Brigade Units

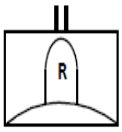
Brigade Headquarters. Command Element comprised of various staff sections assisting in the planning process.



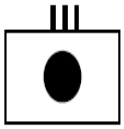
148 Forward Observer (FO) Battery. Personnel are trained to coordinate Naval gunfire Support (NGFS). 148 FO Battery personnel work alongside ground troops and on ship with naval personnel to execute their mission.

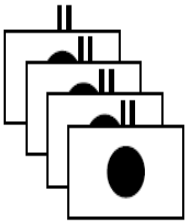


2 troops (platoon) of B Squadron, Royal Household Guards/Dragoons, Blue Royals. Operates British armored/tracked tanks. Vehicles per platoon: 4. Also, (1) tank recovery vehicle will be embarked.

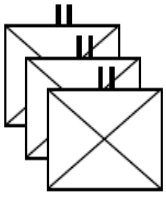


T Air Defense Battery. This unit provides the ground based anti-air capability for 3 Commando with 12 Rapier Surface to Air missile launchers.



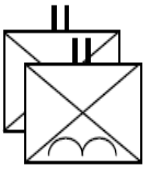


29 Commando Regiment units: 7,8 and 79 Commando Batteries, 41 Field Battery. Batteries each have 6x105mm howitzers.

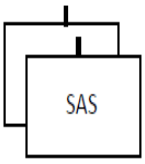


40, 42, and 45 Commandos, Royal Marines. The RM Commando is roughly equivalent in the structure to the USMC infantry battalion with 3x120 man rifle companies, a support company, and a HQ company. Weaponry includes the 7.62mm General Purpose Machine Gun (GPMG), 84mm rocket system, 66mm LAW rocket system, 6x81mm mortars per Commando's mortar platoon, and an anti-tank guided missile section in the support company.

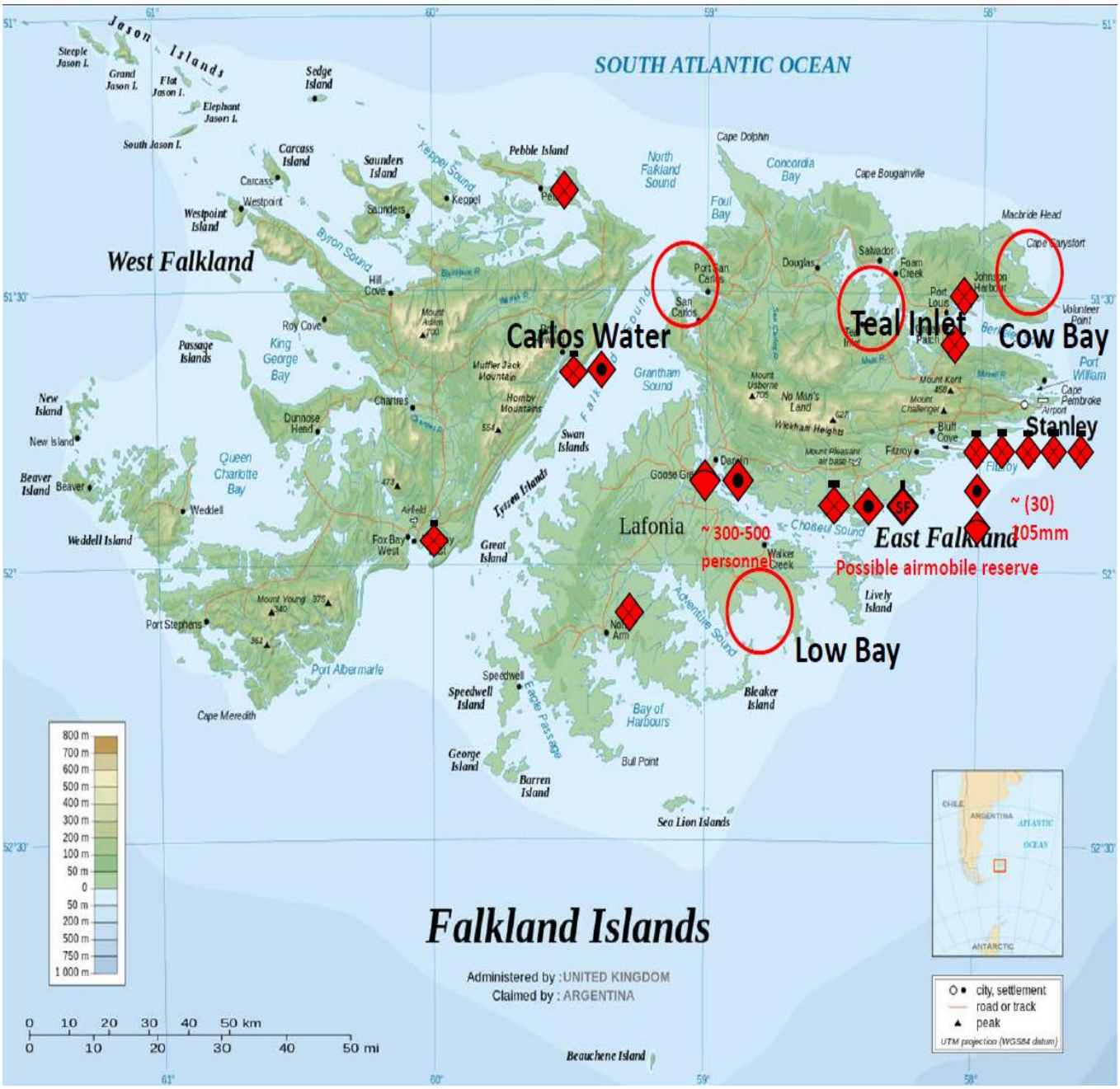
Special Boat Squadron (SBS). Special Forces unit comprised of Army personnel and trained to carry out specialized amphibious reconnaissance, direct action, surveillance, and other SF type missions. Common insertion method is via small boat.



2 Parachute (Para) Battalion and 3 Para Battalion. Elite airborne troops-like the RM Commandos, products of demanding selection process. Structure roughly equivalent to American infantry BN.



Special Air Service (SAS). Special Forces unit comprised of Army personnel and trained to execute direct action, reconnaissance, and surveillance missions. Focus is typically more inland and insertion methods differ from SBS.


SOUTH ATLANTIC OCEAN
West Falkland
Carlos Water
Teal Inlet
Cow Bay
Stanley
Lafonia
~ 300-500 personnel
~ (30) 105mm
Possible airmobile reserve
East Falkland
Low Bay
Falkland Islands
Administered by : UNITED KINGDOM
Claimed by : ARGENTINA
city, settlement
road or track
peak
UTM projection (WGS84 datum)