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NOTE

Translations from Argentine material are by Virginia Gamba-Stonehouse. Except where the contents dictate otherwise we have used the English designations for place names. The Argentine names for some of the key locations are:

The Falkland Islands	Las Malvinas
East Falkland	Isla Soledad
West Falkland	Isla Gran Malvina
South Georgia	Georgias del Sur
South Sandwich Islands	Sandwich del Sur
Stanley	Puerto Argentino
Pebble Island	Isla Borbon
Fitzroy	Bahia Agradable

Time differences are a considerable problem in this analysis. The table below should help:

Greenwich Mean Time:	0
British Summer Time:	+1
Buenos Aires/Falklands:	-3
Washington DC	-4
Lima	-5

A further hour's time difference was added between Buenos Aires/Falklands and Greenwich during June because of summer time.

British forces were operating on Greenwich Mean Time throughout. There were time variations during the course of the conflict in the Rio Grande and Stanley areas but these do not affect the narrative.

DRAMATIS PERSONAE

Argentina

Allara, Rear Admiral Gualter: Commander of the Surface Fleet. From April 1982, Commander, Naval Forces, South Atlantic Theatre of Operations.

Anaya, Admiral Jorge: Commander-in-Chief of the Navy and member of the Junta.

Astiz, Alfredo: Marine Lieutenant in charge of landing party on South Georgia.

Bicain, Horacio: Captain of the *Santa Fé*.

Blanco, Ambassador Carlos Lucas: Director of the Malvinas and Antarctica Department at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

Büsser, Rear Admiral Carlos: Commander of the Marine Infantry.

Camilión, Dr Oscar: Foreign Minister in 1981.

Costa Mendez, Dr Nicanor: Foreign Minister.

Daher, General Américo: Commander 9th Infantry Brigade and Chief of Staff, Malvinas Joint Command.

Davidoff, Constantino: scrap-metal merchant.

Dramatis Personae

Gaffoglio, Captain Adolfo: Naval representative in the Falkland Islands.

Galtieri, General Leopoldo: Commander-in-Chief of the Army and President.

García, General Osvaldo: Commander, Malvinas Theatre of Operations.

García Boll, Rear Admiral Carlos: Commander of Naval Aviation.

Girling, Rear Admiral Eduardo Morris: Chief of Naval Intelligence.

Hussey, Captain Barry Melbourne: naval officer, senior administrator in Stanley.

Iglesias, General Hector: Secretary-General of the Presidency and member of the Malvinas Working Group.

Jofre, General Oscar: Commander 10th Infantry Brigade, and of Puerto Argentino Group of Forces.

Lami Dozo, General Basilio: Commander-in-Chief of the Air Force and member of the Junta.

Lombardo, Vice-Admiral Juan José: Commander of Naval Operations. From April 1982, Commander South Atlantic Theatre of Operations.

Marchessi, Adrian: Argentine Bank employee.

Menendez, Brigadier General Mario Benjamín: Chief of Operations in the General Staff (to April 1982), Governor of the Malvinas (April–June 1982).

Miret, Brigadier: Head of the Planning Commission and member of the Malvinas Working Group.

Molteni, Atilio: Minister at Argentine Embassy in London.

Moya, Rear Admiral Roberto: Head of the Military Household and member of Malvinas Working Group.

Otero, Rear Admiral Edgardo: Chief of Naval Transport.

Dramatis Personae

Padilla, Rear Admiral Alberto: Chief of Staff, South Atlantic Theatre of Operations.

Parada, General Omar: Commander 3rd Infantry Brigade, and of the Malvinas Group of Forces.

Piaggi, Lt-Col. I. A.: Army Commander, Darwin and Goose Green.

Pedrozo, Air Vice-Commodore Wilson, senior officer at Goose Green.

Pena, Oscar: Under Secretary, Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

Plessl, Brigadier General Sigfrido: Working Party on Intervention.

Rodriguez, Rear Admiral Angel: Lombardo's Chief of Staff.

Rouco, Jesús Iglesias : journalist on Argentine paper, *La Prensa*.

Roca, Eduardo: Ambassador to the United Nations.

Ros, Enrique: Deputy Minister, Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

Rozas, Ortiz de: Ambassador to Britain.

Ruiz, General Julio: Commander, Land Forces, South Atlantic Theatre of Operations.

Suarez del Cerro, Vice-Admiral Carlos: Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff.

Trombetta, César: Captain of the *Almirante Irizar*.

Vigo, Vice-Admiral Alberto: Chief of Naval Staff.

Weber, Brigadier A.C.: Commander, Air Forces, South Atlantic Theatre of Operations.

Falkland Islands

Blake, Anthony: Member of the Falkland Islands' Legislative Council.

Cheek, Gerald: Member of the Falkland Islands' Legislative Council.

Dramatis Personae

Hunt, Sir Rex: Governor of the Falkland Islands.

France

Cheysson, Claude: Foreign Minister.

Hernu, Charles: Defence Minister.

Mitterrand, François: President.

South Georgia

Martin, Steve: Base Commander and Magistrate.

Peru

Belaunde Terry, Fernando: President.

Stella, Dr Arias: Foreign Minister.

Ulloa, Manuel: Prime Minister.

United Kingdom

Acland, Sir Antony: Permanent Under Secretary at the Foreign and Commonwealth Office (from April 1982).

Archer, Geoffrey: ITN's Defence Correspondent.

Armstrong, Sir Robert: Secretary to the Cabinet.

Atkins, Sir Humphrey: Lord Privy Seal (to April 1982).

Barker, Nicholas: Captain of HMS *Endurance*.

Bell, Robert: Captain, Royal Marines.

Dramatis Personae

Biffen, John: Secretary of State for Trade.

Bramall, General Sir Edwin: Chief of the General Staff.

Brittan, Leon: Chief Secretary to the Treasury.

Buxton, Lord: Peer.

Carrington, Lord (Peter): Foreign Secretary (until April 1982).

Clapp, Commodore Michael: Commander, Amphibious Warfare.

Cooper, Sir Frank: Permanent Under Secretary, Ministry of Defence.

Curtiss, Air Marshal Sir John: Air Deputy to Commander-in-Chief.

Fearn, Robin: Head of the South American Department in the Foreign Office.

Fieldhouse, Admiral Sir John: Commander-in-Chief, Fleet; Commander-in-Chief, Operation Corporate.

Foot, Michael: Leader of the Opposition.

Gurdon, Brigadier Adam: Chairman, Current Intelligence Group on Latin America in Joint Intelligence Organization.

Havers, Sir Michael: Attorney General.

Healey, Denis: Shadow Foreign Secretary.

Heath, Edward: Former Prime Minister.

Heathcote, Mark: Official, British Embassy in Buenos Aires.

Henderson, Sir Nicholas: Ambassador in Washington.

Herbert, Admiral Peter: Deputy to the Commander-in-Chief for Submarine Operations.

Ingham, Bernard: Prime Minister's Press Secretary.

Jones, Colonel 'H': Commander, 2 PARA.

Keeble, Major Chris: Second in Command, 2 PARA.

Dramatis Personae

Leach, Admiral Sir Henry: First Sea Lord.

Lewin, Admiral Sir Terence: Chief of Defence Staff.

Luce, Richard: Junior Foreign Office Minister (until April 1982).

Mills, Lt Keith: Commander of South Georgia garrison (April 1982).

Moore, General Jeremy: Land Deputy to Commander-in-Chief.

Norman, Major Mike: Commander, Falkland Islands garrison (April 1982).

Nott, John: Secretary of State for Defence.

O'Neill, Robin: Head of the Joint Intelligence Organization's Assessment Staff.

Palliser, Sir Michael: Permanent Under Secretary at the Foreign and Commonwealth Office (to April 1982); Adviser to War Cabinet (after April 1982).

Parkinson, Cecil: Paymaster-General and Chairman of the Conservative Party.

Parsons, Sir Anthony: Ambassador to the United Nations.

Pym, Francis: Secretary of State for the Foreign and Commonwealth Office (from April 1982).

Ridley, Nicholas: Junior Foreign Office Minister (until 1981).

Rose, Lt Colonel Michael: SAS.

Southby-Tailyour, Major Ewen: 3 Brigade.

Thatcher, Margaret: Prime Minister.

Thompson, Brigadier Julian: Commander, 3 Brigade.

Thomson, Sir John, Ambassador to the United Nations.

Ure, John: Under Secretary of State for the South American Department, Foreign Office.

Dramatis Personae

Wallace, Charles: Ambassador to Lima.

Whitelaw, William: Deputy Prime Minister and Lord President of the Council.

Williams, Sir Anthony: Ambassador to Buenos Aires.

Wilson, Brigadier Anthony: Commander, 5 Brigade.

Woodward, Admiral Sir John: Flag Officer First Flotilla.

Wreford Brown, Christopher: Captain of HMS *Conqueror*.

Wright, Patrick: Deputy Under Secretary of State in the Foreign and Commonwealth Office.

Young, Brian: Captain of HMS *Antrim*.

United Nations

Ahmed, Rafee: Under Secretary-General (Pakistan).

Cordovez, Diego: Under Secretary-General (Ecuador).

Perez de Cuellar, Xavier: Secretary-General (Peru).

Urquhart, Brian: Under Secretary-General (Britain).

United States

Biden, Joseph: Senator.

Bush, George: Vice-President.

Clark, William: President's National Security Adviser.

Eagleburger, Lawrence: Under Secretary of State for European Affairs.

Enders, Thomas: Under Secretary of State for Latin American Affairs.

Dramatis Personae

Helms, Jesse: Senator.

Haig, General Alexander: Secretary of State.

Inman, Robert: Deputy Director, Central Intelligence Agency.

Kirkpatrick, Jeane: Ambassador to the United Nations.

Kissinger, Dr Henry: Former Secretary of State.

Lichenstein, Charles: second in command at the UN delegation.

Moynihan, Daniel: Senator.

Reagan, Ronald: President.

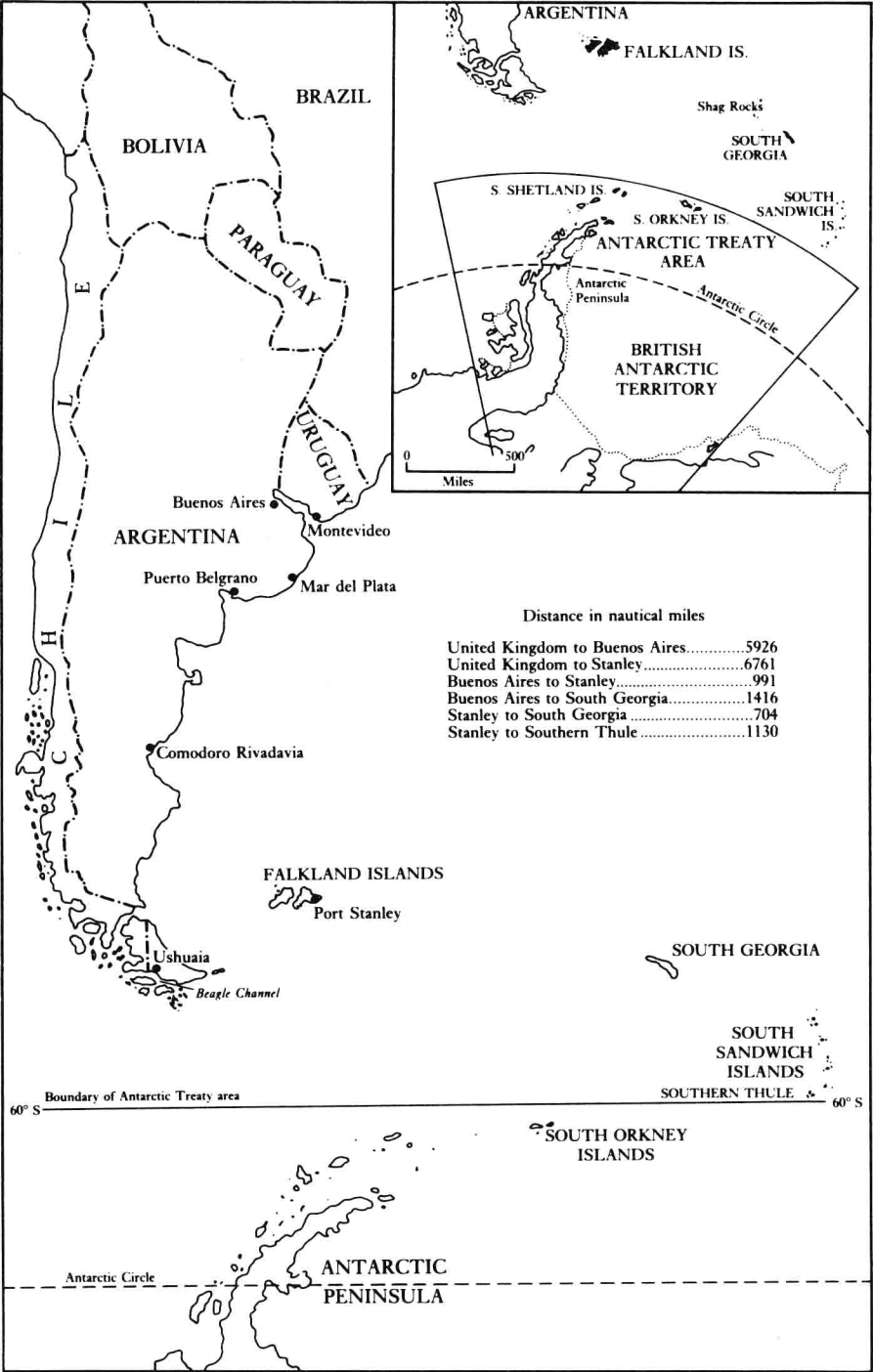
Schlaudeman, Harold: Ambassador to Buenos Aires.

Stoessel, Walter: Deputy Secretary of State.

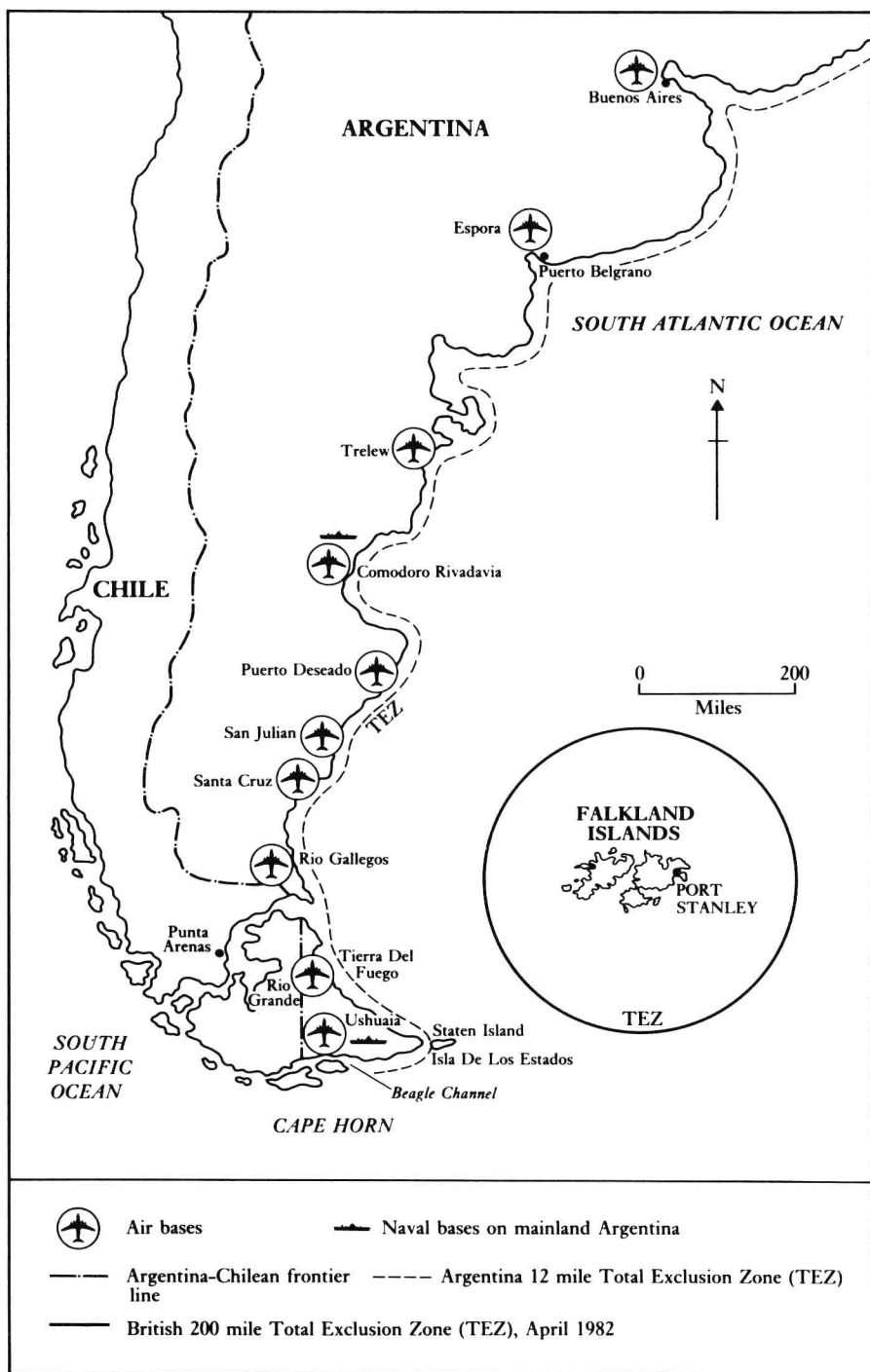
Streator, Edward: Minister at London Embassy.

Walters, General Vernon: special envoy.

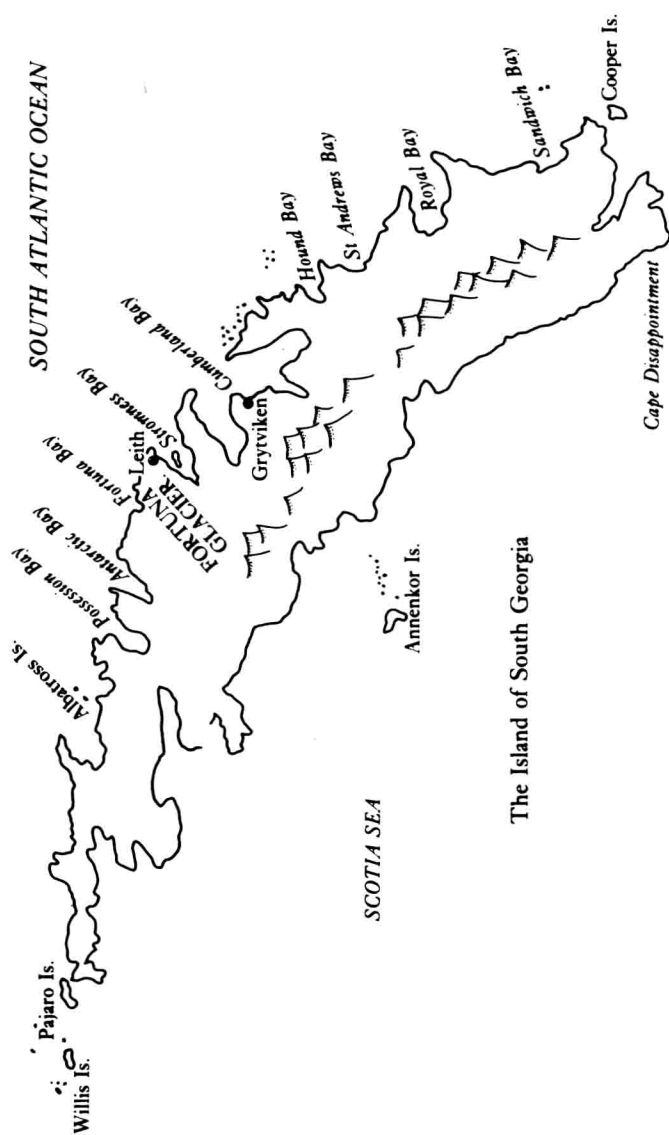
Weinberger, Caspar: Secretary of Defence.



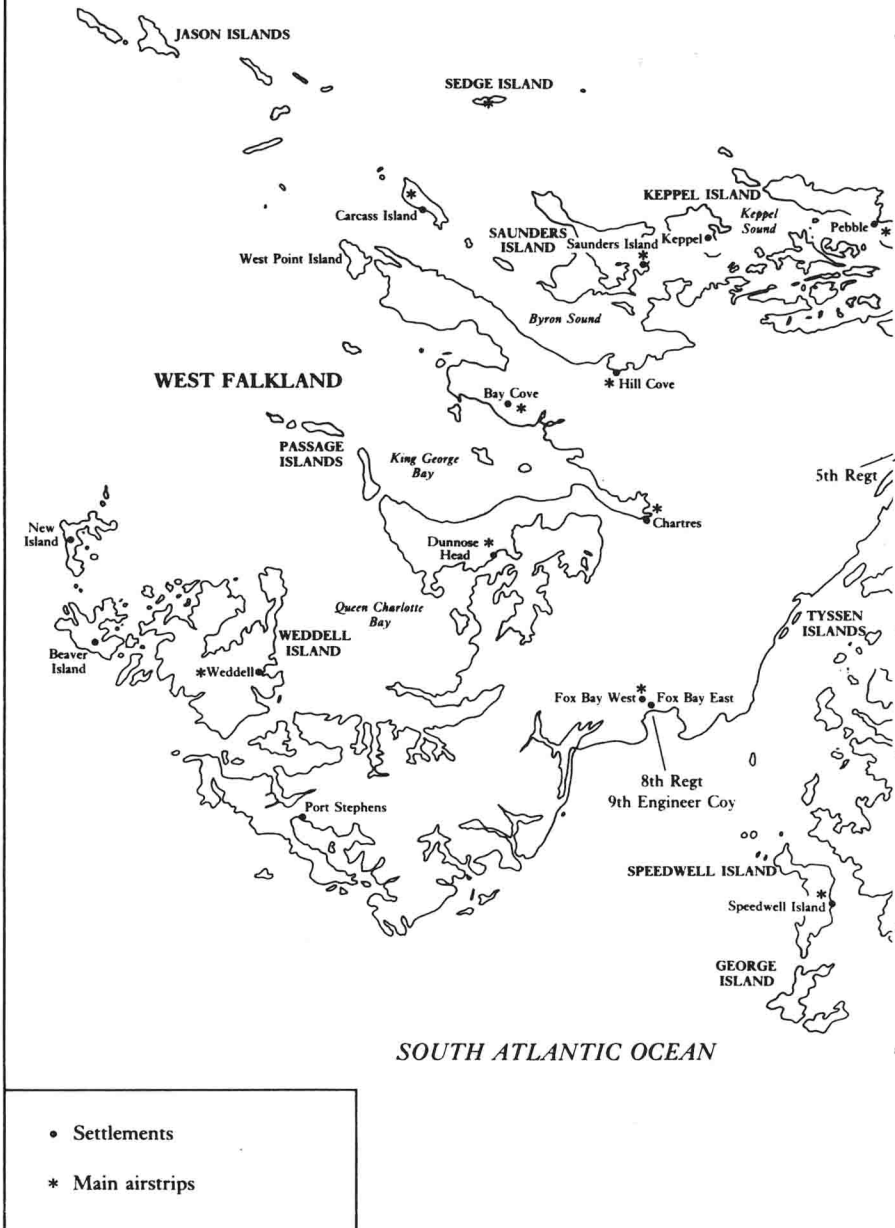
The South Atlantic Region



The Islands and Mainland



Coastal Sector (Agrupación Litoral)
Brig.-Gen. O. E. Parada



The Falkland Islands