Argentine Amphibious Task Group 40.1
(Falklands Invasion Force)
Operation ‘Rosario’ – 2nd April 1982
Rear-Admiral of Marines Carlos Busser

MANOEUVRE ELEMENT ARG-07
Amphibious Commando Group (a)
Lieutenant-Commander Guillermo Sánchez-Sabarots

MANOEUVRE ELEMENT ARG-08
Marine Tactical Divers Group (b)
Lieutenant-Commander Alfredo R Cufré

BATTLEGROUP ARG-04
2nd Marine Infantry Battalion (c)
Lieutenant-Commander Hugo Santillán

(manoeuvre group)

Platoon, 25th Infantry Regiment (cd)

1st Marine Amphibious Vehicle Battalion

Transport

x3 SH-3 Sea King Transport Helicopter

ARG-38

MANOEUVRE ELEMENT ARG-03
Company (-), 25th Infantry Regiment (d)

Argentine Amphibious Task Group 60.1
(South Georgia Invasion Force)
Operation ‘Georgias’ – 3rd April 1982
Captain Trombetta

MANOEUVRE ELEMENT ARG-04
Company (-), 1st Marine Infantry Battalion (a)
Lieutenant Guillermo J Luna

Transport

x1 SA-330 Puma Utility Helicopter (b)

ARG-37

(a) The Marine Amphibious Commando Group was a mixed group of Marine Commandos and the Army’s 601st Commando Company. They were landed by rubber boat from the destroyer ARA Santísima Trinidad and the force was then split into two – the main body under Lt Cdr Sánchez-Sabarots was to assault the Royal Marine barracks at Moody Brook, while a small party, under Lt Cdr Pedro Giachino, was to take Government House. Sources conflict as to whether the total force comprised 40 or 85 men.

(b) These frogmen swam ashore from the submarine ARA Santa Fe, to secure Port Stanley Airport, where they were relieved by a platoon of the 25th Infantry Regiment and went on to secure the lighthouse.

(c) ‘D’ & ‘E’ Companies of 2nd Marine Infantry Battalion, with a platoon of 25th Infantry Regiment, were landed from the LST, ARA Cabo San Antonio, by means of the LVTP-7 and LARC-V amphibious vehicles belonging to 1st Marine Amphibious Vehicles Battalion. ‘F’ Company was flown from the ARA Almirante Irizar by SH-3 Sea King helicopters to Port Stanley Airport once that location had been secured by the Tactical Divers Group and the platoon from 25th Regiment.

(d) The platoon from 25th Infantry Regiment was detached, with x1 LVTP-7 under command, to reinforce the Tactical Divers Group at Port Stanley Airport. The platoon consists of x3 Infantry (designate one as the commander). The remainder of their company was then flown in by C-130 Hercules from Argentina.

(a) Lieutenant Luna’s force, landed by helicopter from the ARA Bahaia Paraiso amounted to around 60 men, including LMGs and 60mm mortars. I would therefore use ME ARG-04, but delete x3 Infantry, x1 Super Bazooka and x1 FN MAG SFMG. Luna also had fire support from the corvette ARA Guerrico, armed with a 20mm, 40mm and 100mm gun. However, upon opening fire, the Guerrico suffered failures in all three weapons and then suffered considerable damage from Royal Marine 84mm and small-arms fire. However, the 100mm gun was made operational again and this forced the Royal Marines to surrender.

(b) The force actually had two helicopters in real terms – an Army Puma and a Navy Alouette. I have reduced this to a single Puma for game purposes. The Puma was actually shot down while bringing the second lift ashore.
Argentine Garrison of the Falkland Islands April-June 1982
Brigadier General Mario Menendez (Governor)

BATTLEGROUP ARG-01
3rd Mechanised Infantry Brigade
(Coastal Sector)
Brigadier General Omar Parada

BATTLEGROUP ARG-02
10th Mechanised Infantry Brigade
(Port Stanley Sector)
Brigadier General Oscar Jofre

BATTLEGROUP ARG-04
5th Marine Infantry Battalion
(Mt Tumbledown, Mt William & Sapper Hill)
Commander Carlos Hugo Robacio

FIRE SUPPORT ELEMENT ARG-01
3rd Artillery Group
(Port Stanley & Goose Green)
Lieutenant Colonel Martín A Balza

601st Engineer Battalion
Major Jorge L A Etienot

MANOEUVRE ELEMENT ARG-09
9th Engineer Company (c)
Major Oscar M Lima

MANOEUVRE ELEMENT ARG-09
10th Engineer Company (c)
Major Carlos R Matalon

BATTLEGROUP ARG-06
601st Air Defence Artillery Group
Lieutenant Colonel Héctor L Arias

FIRE SUPPORT ELEMENT ARG-04
4th Airmobile Artillery Group
(Port Stanley) (a)
Lieutenant Colonel Carlos A Quevedo

BATTLEGROUP ARG-06
601st Combat Aviation Battalion

MANOEUVRE ELEMENT ARG-05
601st Commando Company
(Port Howard & Murrell River, West Falkland)
Major Mario Castagneto

MANOEUVRE ELEMENT ARG-05
602nd Commando Company
(Mt Kent)
Major Aldo Rico

MANOEUVRE ELEMENT ARG-06
601st Gendarmerie Special Forces Company
(Split into four ‘Squadrons’ across the Falklands)

(a) The Airmobile and Marine Artillery are organised identically in game terms (FSE ARG-04).

(b) It seems curious to have a Marine Lieutenant (equivalent of an Army Captain) commanding a whole artillery battalion. I suspect that this may be a mistake in the source material.

(c) The Army and Marine Engineer Companies are organised identically in game terms (ME ARG-09). There may also have been a 3rd Engineer Company present in the Falklands, but I can’t find evidence that it actually deployed with the rest of the 601st Battalion.
BATTLEGROUP-01
3rd Mechanised Infantry Brigade
Brigadier General Omar Parada

- **Command**
  - x1 Commander
  - Transport
    - x1 MB 230G or Iltis Jeep (no MG)
    - x3 Tiradores (Infantry)

BATTLEGROUP ARG-03
4th Infantry Regiment
(Mount Harriet & Two Sisters)
Lieutenant Colonel Diego A Soria

BATTLEGROUP ARG-03
12th Infantry Regiment
(Goose Green & Darwin)
Lieutenant Colonel Italo A Piaggi

BATTLEGROUP ARG-03
5th Infantry Regiment
(Port Howard, West Falkland)
Lieutenant Colonel Juan R Mabragana

BATTLEGROUP ARG-03
8th Infantry Regiment
(Attached from 9th Brigade)
(Fox Bay, West Falkland)
Lieutenant Colonel Ernesto A Repossi
BATTLEGROUP ARG-02
10th Mechanised Infantry Brigade
Brigadier General Oscar Jofre

Command
x1 Commander ARG-07

Transport
x1 MB 230G or Iltis Jeep (no MG) ARG-04
x3 Tiradores (Infantry) ARG-08

BATTLEGROUP ARG-03
3rd Infantry Regiment
(Port Stanley)
Lieutenant Colonel David U Comini

7th Infantry Regiment
(Mt Longdon & Wireless Ridge)
Lieutenant Colonel Omar Giménez

6th Infantry Regiment
(Stanley Common)
Lieutenant Colonel Jorge Halperin

25th Infantry Regiment
(Attached from 9th Brigade)
(Port Stanley Airport) (a)
Lieutenant Colonel Mohammed Ali Seineldin

MANOEUVRE ELEMENT ARG-01
181st Armoured Cavalry Squadron
(Moody Brook Barracks, Port Stanley)
Major Alejandro D Carullo
BATTLEGROUP ARG-03
Argentine Infantry Regiment (a)

Command
x1 Commander ARG-07

Transport
x1 MB 230G or Iltis Jeep (no MG) ARG-04

MANOEUVRE ELEMENTS
MANOEUVRE ELEMENT ARG-03

x3 Infantry Company

ATTACHMENTS

Organic Fire Support
x3 MO-120-60 120mm Mortar (b) ARG-15

x3 Czekalski Model 1968 105mm RCL (b) ARG-16

x1 to x3 Browning M2 .50 Cal AAHMG (bc) ARG-17

x1 Blowpipe SAM Team (bd) ARG-18

Recce
x3 Tiradores (Infantry) (e) ARG-08

Air Force Forward Air Controller/Recce
Up to x1 Forward Observer ARG-22

(a) Argentine Infantry ‘Regiments’ in the Falklands consisted of a single battalion. Note that the majority of these were mechanised units, but were air-lifted to the Falklands, having left the vast majority of their transport in Argentina.

(b) Transport elements were almost non-existent and were frequently targeted by British air power once the war got underway. Heavy weapons and the like might get moved into position by vehicle, but they were essentially static once they got there.

(c) It has been suggested that the .50 Cal HMGs were attached from an independent MG unit. However, the fact remains that they were dispersed among the infantry positions, so it makes no difference in game terms.

(d) Some units received Soviet SAMs from a shipment delivered by Cuba. In which case, replace with:
   SA-7B ‘Grail’ SAM Team ARG-17

(e) Some regiments created an ad hoc ‘Mobile Company’ from the Recce Platoon and selected men from the three rifle companies. May therefore create a Mobile Company by adding x1 Commander unit to the Recce Platoon and taking up to x3 Infantry units from the other companies.

BATTLEGROUP ARG-04
Argentine Marine Infantry Battalion (a)

Command
x1 Commander ARG-07

Transport
x1 MB 230G or Iltis Jeep (no MG) ARG-04

MANOEUVRE ELEMENTS
MANOEUVRE ELEMENT ARG-04

x3 Marine Infantry Company

ATTACHMENTS

Organic Fire Support
x3 M30 107mm (4.2-inch) Mortar (b) ARG-14

x3 Czekalski Model 1968 105mm RCL (b) ARG-16

x2 Browning M2 .50 Cal AAHMG (b) ARG-17

x1 Blowpipe SAM Team (b) ARG-18

Recce
x2 Tiradores (Infantry) (b) ARG-08

Transport/Recce
x2 Iltis Jeep (with MG) (b) ARG-04

Air Force Forward Air Controller/Recce
Up to x1 Forward Observer ARG-22

(a) While the Argentine Army referred to battalions as ‘Regiments’, the Argentine Marines designated them as Battalions.

(b) Transport elements were almost non-existent and were frequently targeted by British air power once the war got underway. Heavy weapons and the like might get moved into position by vehicle, but they were essentially static once they got there. The Marines did take their recce Jeeps with them to the Falklands, though found it impossible to deploy them in the mountains and consequently operated dismounted.
### BATTLEGROUP ARG-06
**601st Air Defence Artillery Group**
Lieutenant Colonel Héctor L Arias

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#### MANOEUVRE ELEMENTS

**MANOEUVRE ELEMENT ARG-14**
'A' (SAM) Battery

**MANOEUVRE ELEMENT ARG-15**
'B' (ADA) Battery

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**MANOEUVRE ELEMENT ARG-15**
'B' Battery, 101st ADA Group
Major Jorge Monge

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### BATTLEGROUP ARG-07
**601st Combat Aviation Battalion**

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(a) This includes the single Argentine Coast Guard Puma that was also based in Port Stanley.

(b) The Agusta A-109A unit may be fitted for attack or transport, but may not conduct both tasks in the same mission.
### MANOEUVRE ELEMENT ARG-01
**Armoured Cavalry Squadron**
- HQ
  - Command/Recce
  - x1 Commander
- Recce
  - x1 Tiradores (Infantry)
- Transport/Recce
  - x2 MB 230G or Iltis Jeep (no MG)
  - x6 Panhard AML-90 90mm Armoured Car

(a) As the armoured cars were limited to the metalled roads in the immediate vicinity of Port Stanley, the armoured car crews were sent into battle as an infantry company. May therefore replace the armoured cars with:
- x6 Tiradores (Infantry)

### MANOEUVRE ELEMENT ARG-02
**Marine Amphibious Vehicle Battalion**
- Command/Transport
  - x1 LVTP-7 Amphibious Assault Vehicle
- Transport
  - x9 LVTP-7 Amphibious Assault Vehicle
  - x2 LARC-V Amphibious Truck

### MANOEUVRE ELEMENT ARG-03
**Infantry Company**
- Command
  - x1 Commander
- Recce
  - x12 Tiradores (Infantry)
- x1 M20 Super Bazooka Team
- x1 FN MAG Light Machine Gun
- x1 FN MAG Sustained Fire Machine Gun
- Organic Fire Support
  - x1 Brandt 81mm Mortar

(a) M20 3.5-inch Super Bazookas and FN MAG LMGs were held as separate teams in each platoon’s heavy weapons section. Hence they are listed here as separate teams, rather than being incorporated into the Infantry fire factors.

### MANOEUVRE ELEMENT ARG-04
**Marine Infantry Company**
- Command
  - x1 Commander
- Recce
  - x9 Tiradores (Infantry)
- x1 or x2 M20 Super Bazooka Team
- x1 FN MAG Light Machine Gun
- x1 FN MAG Sustained Fire Machine Gun
- Organic Fire Support
  - x1 Brandt 60mm Mortar

(a) Due to the high potential for élite units to get involved in coups, Argentina had no permanently-established commando units. They therefore tended to be very short-lived units, brought together for operations and then immediately disbanded. 601 & 602 Commando Companies were formed at very short notice in 1982 from commando-trained personnel, plus Gendarmerie SWAT-type units. They wore camouflage uniforms and green berets.
(a) Although called ‘Special Forces’, this unit was usually employed in throwing nuns out of C-130s over the Atlantic. It was split into four ‘Squadrons’, each of x3 Infantry. Designate one unit in each Squadron as the Squadron commander.

(a) The Marine Amphibious Commando Group was a mixed group of Marine Commandos and the Army’s 601st Commando Company. Sources conflict as to whether the total force comprised 40 or 85 men.

(a) The number of SAM teams is a guess, based on the numbers delivered to the FAA by Cuba.

(b) x2 Rh-202 Twin 20mm AA Gun units were detached to Goose Green Airfield.
MANOEUVRE ELEMENT ARG-14
Air Defence Artillery (SAM) Battery

- Command
- HQ
- x1 Commander ARG-07
- x2 Tiger SAM Launcher (a) ARG-28

(a) There was also a single Roland SAM launcher, but in game terms this is not sufficient to warrant including it as a unit.

MANOEUVRE ELEMENT ARG-15
Air Defence Artillery Battery

- Command
- HQ
- x1 Commander ARG-07
- x4 Oerlikon GDF-002 Twin 35mm AA (ab) ARG-27
- x1 Oerlikon 20mm AA Gun (a) ARG-24

(a) In ‘B’ Battery, 101st ADA Group, replace all AA guns with:
- x4 Hispano HS-831 30mm Anti-Aircraft Gun ARG-26
- x5 Browning M2 .50 Cal HAAMG ARG-17

(b) x1 Oerlikon GDF-002 Twin 35mm AA Gun unit was detached to Goose Green Airfield.
FIRE SUPPORT ELEMENT ARG-01
Artillery Group

Command
x1 Commander

Transport
x1 MB 230G or Iltis Jeep (no MG)

Food Support
x3 Field Artillery Battery

Command
x1 Commander

Transport
x1 MB 230G or Iltis Jeep (no MG)

On-Table Attachment/Recce
x1 Forward Observer

Fire Support
x3 M56 105mm Pack Howitzer

Transport
x3 Unimog Light Truck

On-Table Attachment/Recce
x1 Forward Observer

Fire Support
x2 CITER 155mm L33 Gun

HQ
x1 Commander

It is highly unlikely that the unit had its full scale of transport.
**Argentine Air Support**

I have only listed those aircraft that were based in the Falklands and those Argentina-based aircraft that took a direct part in supporting the ground campaign.

### Argentine Air Force (Fuerza Aeréa Argentina – FAA)

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### Argentine Naval Aviation (Comando de Avación Naval Argentina – COAN)

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### Notes

(a) Based in Argentina.

(b) Based in the Falkland Islands.

(c) The Pucará were split between Port Stanley, Goose Green and Pebble Island. x1 Pucará (in game terms) was lost to bombing on 1st May 1982 and a further x3 were destroyed during the SAS raid on Pebble Island on the night of 14/15th May and thus were not available to counter the British landings at San Carlos on 21st May.

(d) The Argentina-based fast jets were mainly concerned with attacking the Royal Navy. However, they did launch the occasional strike in support of ground troops.

(e) The FAA Daggers were also supplemented during the war by a number of Mirage Vs supplied clandestinely by Peru. The Dagger was an Israeli-built version of the Mirage V, so they are the same in game terms.

(f) The Mirage III EA was nominally an air defence fighter, but lacked the range to do effective escort work over the Falklands, so was often employed in the ground attack role, while the longer-ranged Daggers sometimes performed escort duty.

(g) The T-34C-1 Turbo Mentors were all based on Pebble Island and were all destroyed in the SAS raid during the night of 14/15th May.
**Argentine Troop Quality**

**Raw**

Air Force Airfield Defence Companies  
601st Engineer Battalion

**Trained**

Argentine Infantry Regiments  
Air Force Air Defence Artillery Units  
181st Armoured Cavalry Squadron  
Gendarmerie Special Forces

**Experienced**

Marine Infantry Battalions  
Marine Support Units  
602nd Commando Company  
1st Company, 25th Infantry Regiment  
601st Air Defence Artillery Battalion  
Field Artillery Units  
Air Units

**Veteran**

Marine Amphibious Commando Group  
Marine Tactical Divers Group  
601st Commando Company

**General Note**

The Argentine Army and Marines used a curious system for conscription. Instead of fully integrating them into the unit as a whole, the youngest and worst conscripts (mainly 17/18 year-olds, straight out of school) would be placed in a regiment/battalion’s 3rd Company, while the older and better recruits (those in their early 20s who in the main, had been to university) were placed in the 1st Company. This, allied to poor leadership, severely hampered unit cohesion.

Therefore, downgrade all 3rd Companies and some 2nd Companies in Argentine Infantry Regiments and Marine Infantry Battalions by one Discipline grade.

The 1st Company of 25th Infantry Regiment was a special case, having received some specialist Commando training. The 25th Regiment therefore has one company each of Experienced, Trained and Raw troops – most unusual.
Argentine Card List

ARG-01 – Panhard AML-90 90mm Armoured Car
ARG-02 – LVTP-7 Amphibious Assault Vehicle
ARG-03 – LARC-V Amphibious Truck
ARG-04 – MB 230G G-Wagen or VW Iltis Jeep (.50 Cal HMG option)
ARG-05 – Unimog Light Truck
ARG-06 – M35 Medium Truck
ARG-07 – Commander
ARG-08 – Tiradores (Infantry)
ARG-09 – FN MAG General Purpose Machine Gun
ARG-10 – FN MAG Sustained Fire Machine Gun
ARG-11 – M20 3.5-inch Super Bazooka Team
ARG-12 – Brandt 60mm Mortar
ARG-13 – Brandt 81mm Mortar
ARG-14 – M30 107mm Mortar
ARG-15 – Brandt MO-120-60 120mm Mortar
ARG-16 – Czekalski Model 1968 105mm Recoilless Rifle
ARG-17 – Browning M2 .50 Cal AAHMG
ARG-18 – Blowpipe SAM Team
ARG-19 – SA-7B ‘Grail’ SAM Team
ARG-20 – Combat Engineers
ARG-21 – Commandos
ARG-22 – Forward Observer
ARG-23 – Oto Melara M56 105mm Pack Howitzer
ARG-24 – Oerlikon 20mm AA Gun
ARG-25 – Rheinmetall Rh-202 Twin 20mm AA Gun
ARG-26 – Hispano HS-831 30mm AA Gun
ARG-27 – Oerlikon GDF-002 Twin 35mm AA Gun
ARG-28 – Tigercat SAM Launcher
ARG-29 – T-34C-1 Turbo Mentor Light Close Support Aircraft
ARG-30 – IA 58 Pucará Counter-Insurgency Ground Attack Aircraft
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