

INVASION

MASL SCENARIO FW-3

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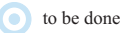


**Stanley, Falkland Islands, 2 April, 1982:** The Argentine build-up to invade the Falklands starts when Britain protests about the Argentine landing on South Georgia Island. With talks on the future of the Falklands stalled, Argentina reacts strongly and launches its invasion force. The defense of Stanley is already being put in hand by the small Falklands garrison of Royal Marines from Naval Party 8901, 1981, and 1982 (HMS Endurance). Assuming the main landing would be near the airfield followed by an advance on Stanley, The Marines deploy into four delaying positions along the Stanley Road leading to the Government House. The plan was for the Buzo Tactico assault unit to attack both the Royal Marine barracks at Moody Brook and Government House to force a surrender. Buzo Tactico would be supported by other elements from the Argentine 2nd Marine Infantry Battalion landing from ships of Task Group 40.1. Once the airfield is in Argentine hands, the Army garrison will then fly in.

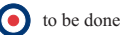
BOARD CONFIGURATION:



BALANCE:



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VICTORY CONDITIONS:

The Argentines win at the end of any Game Turn when any Good Order MMC occupies building CC6.

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| British set up first  |  | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | END |
| Argentines move first |  |   |   |   |   |   |   |     |

Elements of Royal Marine Naval Parties, 8901, 1981 and 1982 [ELR: 5]{SAN: 4}

Set up concealed east of hexrow L on board 46:

9-2

8-1

7-6-8

2-7

84

7 MORALE

7

2

2

6

Elements of Buzo Tactico, 2nd Marine Infantry Battalion [ELR: 4]{SAN: 2}

Set up west of hexrow I:

9-1

6-5-8

3-8

5

Enter on Turn 3 along west edge:

18-3

8-0

5-4-7

3-8

3

6

3

SPECIAL RULES:

- 1. EC are Overcast with a Mild Breeze from the northwest.
- 2. Grain and Woods are treated as Brush.
- 3. British Royal Marines may freely Deploy on set up. Two squad equivalents and any SMC/SW stacked with then may set up using HIP.

**AFTERMATH:** The larger body of Buzo Tactico landed at Moody Brook and then headed east for Government House; which by then is under fire from the smaller advance group. Around 0630 hrs, the first of some 20 LVTP-7 Amtraks with 20 marines each inside are landing and by 0645 hrs more troops are coming into the airfield by helicopter. As the off-balanced Royal Marine defenders fall back on Government House, one of the sections on the Stanley road stops an Amtrak with anti-armour weapons. With daybreak and Government House surrounded, under sniper fire and the Amtraks approaching, Governor Hunt, faced with overwhelming Argentine forces, orders the Marines to lay down their arms, which they do at 0930 hrs without having suffered any casualties. The Argentines only admit to one dead and others wounded. That evening, Governor and Mrs. Hunt and most of the Royal Marines and the few men from "Endurance" are flown out. Major Norman and his men returned 76 days later as part of J Coy, 42 Cdo RM.

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