

Hors de Combat

The Falklands-Malvinas Conflict in Retrospect

Edited by Diego F. García Quiroga and Mike Seear

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Hors de Combat brings together contributions from the University of Nottingham's 2006 International Colloquium, *The Falklands-Malvinas Conflict Twenty-Five Years On*. The initiative to hold such an historic event led to the coming together for the first time since the 1982 War of ex-combatants from both sides, in dialogue with specialist historians, media sociologists, lawyers, literary critics and psychiatrists, as well as with veterans of other wars. Their contributions, edited by Diego F. García Quiroga and Mike Seear, who themselves served in the War, are published here as a written record of what, for many, had been a unique moment of peace and reconciliation.

This is a revised and expanded version of the book first published in 2007 as *Hors de Combat: the Falklands-Malvinas Conflict Twenty-Five Years On*.



The Editors

Diego F. García Quiroga As a First Lieutenant with the Argentine Naval Special Forces, he was shot and wounded by Royal Marine Commandos on 2 April 1982 during the action against Government House in Port Stanley, where the officer commanding his assault group was killed and the group's corpsman seriously wounded. As a result, García Quiroga became the first combatant of the conflict to be casualty-evacuated from the Islands for treatment of his wounds received in combat. After months in recovery, he was able to return to active duty. Having held command at sea and in the Naval Special Forces, he retired in 1999 with the rank of Capitán de Fragata (Commander) whilst serving as Commandant of the Argentine Naval Academy. He currently lives in Oslo.

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