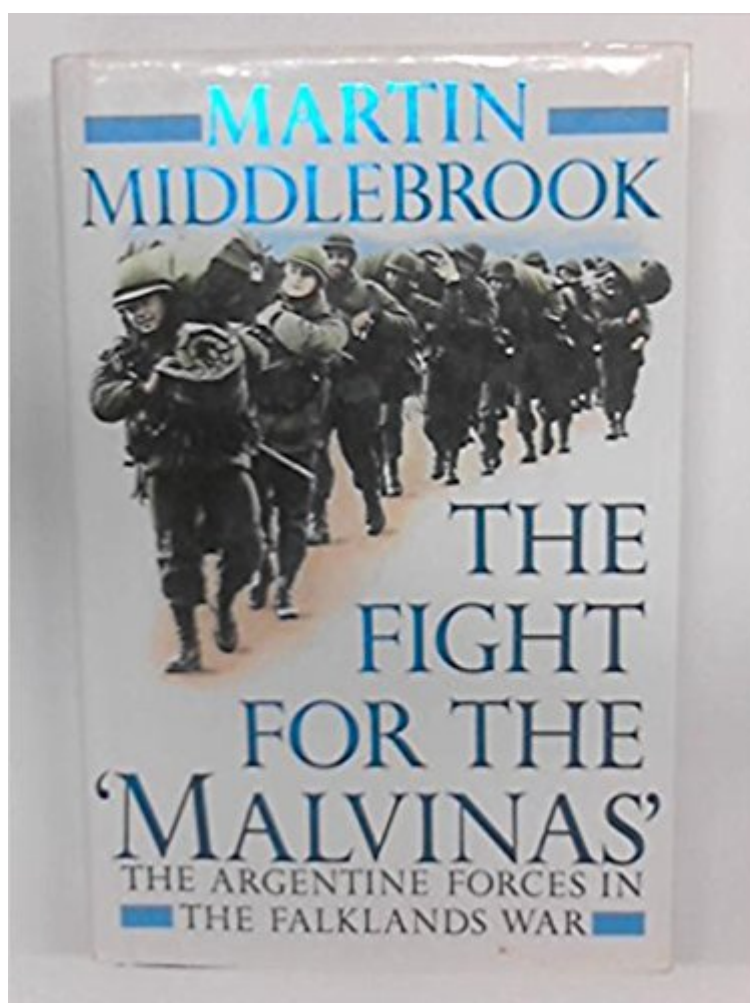


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Martin Middlebrook has once again shown why he is one of the best British authors covering military history. His masterful account of the Falklands, 'Operation Corporate' now has a companion volume, this time covering the war from the Argentinian point of view. The book is well told and is a delight to read and only one of very few covering this war from the 'other side'. You really have to give it to the pilots flying their aircraft against the British Fleet, they had guts, they knew what they were in for but continued with their mission. This is a great story, if you can get a copy do so, you won't be disappointed!

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