

That's amazing

Twenty years on from the Falklands War, there has been a predictable deluge of revisitation. Unlike these anniversary recapitulations, www.britains-smallwars.com is a continuing project. Devoted to British military action since the second world war, it includes articles by amateur historians, personal recollections and photographs. The resulting archive takes in the Indian Navy Mutiny of 1946 and the cod wars with Iceland (we fired mouldy potatoes at the Vikings), as well as Korea and the Falklands. The accounts of the latter include Lieutenant-Colonel Vaux telling his men that noisy coughers would be left behind in the attack on Mount Harriet. Eyewitness testimony is

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slanted, but the web is a great way to find unusual voices.

On which front, www.falklands-malvinas.com aims to foster communication between Falkland Islanders and Argentinians. Its message boards are fascinating – Fernando Corenato, for instance, explains that there was popular support in Argentina for Galtieri, but reminds Islanders that the president had no elected authority.



War and remembrance

The absence of an extensive Falklands entry on the BBC's war section (www.bbc.co.uk/history/war) is odd. Given the material available, however, it is hard to be churlish – take the revealing section tied to The Trench, the current television series.

The Commonwealth War Graves Commission (www.cwgc.org.uk) explains its commitment to the dead of the world wars, and to headstones without regard to rank, distinction, race or creed. It is searchable by name, and results come with directions to the headstone as well as, where possible, brief descriptions of the final action. The commission looks after nearly a million graves; it is a genuinely civilised achievement and its website is completely appropriate.

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