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Death of Sgt Ian Hunt, Royal Marines

PR Guidance

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## SBS hero killed by British bullet

By MICHAEL CHARLESTON

BRITISH troops shot dead one of their own comrades after mistaking him for an Argentine, it was revealed yesterday.

The victim of the tragic mix-up was 28-year-old acting sergeant Ian Hunt, the only Special Boat Squadron commando to die in the Falklands conflict so far.

It happened 10 days ago when his unit was returning from a secret foray behind enemy defences around Port Stanley.

The SBS men met up in thick mist with a patrol from the advancing British forces who opened fire before the commandos could identify themselves.

Shouts in English stopped the brief hail of bullets but by then Sergeant Hunt lay fatally wounded.

The incident highlights the biggest danger the daring special forces face in their undercover role that has them unexpectedly appearing on the wrong side of the lines.

Sergeant Hunt lived in quarters in Walchern Place at the SBS depot in Poole, Dorset. A memorial service for him was held at the base yesterday attended by the few SBS men still in Britain.

It was conducted by the padre, the Rev Peter Jackson. Both the Press and public were banned.

The PR Line is: "Our information was that Sgt Hunt was killed in action. We have had no further information since".

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