

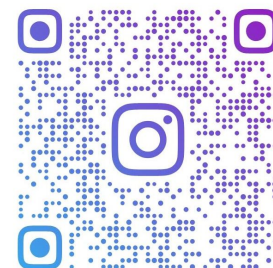


4 May 1982: Two Argentine Navy Super Étendards took off from Río Grande to attack the British Task Force off the Falklands. 10:02: two AM39 Exocets launched, one struck the Sheffield starboard side at deck level 2.

After 4 hours of fire-fighting, the crew was evacuated by the frigates Yarmouth and Arrow. The Sheffield sank 4 days later while under tow by Yarmouth.

Of the 281 crew members, 20 died in the attack with another 26 injured. The wreck of the Sheffield lies in 1,000 fathoms at 53°04'S 56°56'W SE of the Falklands and designated a protected war grave.

"I suspect someone has been bloody careless" - Rear Admiral Woodward on receiving Captain Salt from the Sheffield.



HMS Sheffield, Task Force 317, 1982