

Book published by Edinburgh author marks 30th anniversary of Falklands War

Edinburgh author and former Royal Marine, Brigadier Ian Gardiner, will be signing his book The Yompers at Waterstone's George Street on Monday 2 April 2012 which is the 30th anniversary of the start of the Falklands War.

Brigadier Gardiner is a former commander of a rifle company in 45 Commando, and he offers a unique insight into the Scottish perspective of the war as well as the military expertise and the experience of commanding soldiers in land operations on an island far from home.

There will be a talk by the author followed by a Q and A and concluding with a book signing.

"Called to action on 2 April 1982, the men of 45 Commando Royal Marines assembled from around the world to sail 8,000 miles to recover the Falkland Islands from Argentine invasion. Lacking helicopters and short of food, they 'yomped' in appalling weather carrying overloaded rucksacks, across the roughest terrain. Yet for a month in mid-winter, they remained a cohesive fighting-fit body of men. They then fought and won the highly successful and fierce night battle for Two Sisters, a 1,000 foot high mountain which was the key to the defensive positions around Stanley."

 [The Yompers](#)

with 45 Commando in the Falklands War is published by Pen & Sword with the foreword written by Major General Julian

Thompson CB OBE Commander, 3 Commando Brigade in the Falklands War and is available from [Waterstone's George Street.](#)

We have interviewed Brigadier Gardiner about his writing. The audio starts with a reading from his latest book:-

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