

**Major R. Nutbeem, R. A. M. C.**

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Died 8th June 1982

Major Roger Nutbeem , Royal Army Medical Corps, was killed when RFA Sir Galahad was bombed by Argentinian Skyhawk aircraft at Port Pleasant, Fitzroy Creek and was seriously damaged by three bombs. One bomb went through the open upper deck hatch and deflagrated, causing a massive fireball which swept through the tank deck causing heavy casualties amongst the embarked Welsh Guards who were billeted there. The second bomb exploded in the galley area, killing the butcher and the third one burst in the engine room, killing the Third Engineer Officer and trapping others in the thick smoke which resulted. The fires aboard raged for over a week. The wounded were transferred to the LPD HMS INTREPID and then to the Hospital Ship UGANDA which anchored in Grantham Sound. Buried in Tidworth Military Cemetery. His was the only body retrieved from the Sir Galahad.

