

Dear Sir,

Coroners at two more inquiries have again laid the blame for the deaths of service personnel firmly at the door of the Government. Gordon Brown must carry the can.

If the country is to fight two wars then proper funding must be provided. Gordon Brown is continuing to expect the armed forces to execute the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan under funded and with inadequate and inferior equipment. Even basic protective equipment is in short supply.

One of the reasons the Falkland's war was such a resounding success was that Thatcher relegated the Treasury to a subordinate role.

The situation is getting worse with sufficient funds needed to care for the injured and maimed now having to be raised with a charity record. The hundreds of injured service personnel should be cared for by the state, not through hand outs.

Yours faithfully

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