

UNDERSTANDING...

THE FALKLANDS WAR

WHAT HAPPENED?

- The war was a dispute between Britain and Argentina over the ownership of the Falklands Islands, South Georgia, and the South Sandwich Islands.
- The conflict lasted 74 days and ended with a British victory.
- Neither government officially acknowledged the dispute as a war.

THE SOUTH ATLANTIC MEDAL



THE HIGHLANDERS

- Following the recapture of the Falklands in June 1982, the 1st Battalion Queen's Own Highlanders arrived to clean up where fighting had taken place, and to restore normal life to the community.
- The battalion was awarded the Wilkinson Sword of Peace for outstanding service to the civil community.

KEY EVENTS

- Argentina invaded the Falklands on 2nd April 1982.
- Following the invasion, the Royal Marines were mobilised with two nuclear-powered fleet submarines.
- After multiple attacks from air, land, and sea, 649 Argentine and 255 British military personnel has lost their lives.
- The Argentines surrendered on 14 June, which is now known as Liberation Day in the Falklands.
- A 2013 referendum in the Falklands revealed that 99.8% of Islanders wished to remain a British Overseas Territory.