

THE WAR IN OUR BACKYARD: FALKLANDS CONFLICT SPARKS COMMUNICATIONS CHAOS IN STANLEY PORT

For more than 200 years, there has been a dispute between Argentina and the UK regarding possession of the island. Argentina asserts ownership of the Malvinas due to the islands' closeness to their territory. While the two nations had previously discussed reconciliation, everything changed in 1982. General Leopoldo Galtieri, a military ruler, led Argentina into the conflict. He was aware that regaining the islands from Britain would also win over the Argentinians because his popularity was declining. Yet he didn't anticipate losing.

"It's like a football shirt, it's in our DNA that the Malvinas are Argentinian," explains veteran Daniel Guzman.



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On the night of April 1 around 9:00 p.m., the "comandos anfibios" group lands from the destroyer ARA "Santísima Trinidad" reaching the coast at 11:45 p.m. At the same time, the ARA Santa Fe submarine contributed another ten tactical divers to place radionavigation beacons and occupy the Cabo San Felipe lighthouse.

At 6:15 a.m. on April 2, the armored amphibious vehicles disembarked with Task Group 40.1, made up of Marine Infantry forces and the C Company section of the 25th Infantry Regiment.

The mission was to seize the airport with the support of helitransported forces from the icebreaker "Almirante Irizar", clear the runway obstacles and allow the C-130 "Hercules" to begin landing at 8:30 a.m. the Air Force with the bulk of the troops of the 25th Infantry Regiment that came from Comodoro Rivadavia.

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The communications between the troops and the government are being difficult, the British country only counts with information of radial transmission, which stated that the Argentina took over the territory and British troops with Rex Hunt were kicked out of the island. Today, it is unknown the procedure that is going to be taken by both governments.



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