



Change of Guard in the Falklands: Paratroopers Hand Over to 2nd Rifles Infantry

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The mission of the **British Armed Forces in the Falkland Islands** experiences a new rotation. The **1 Company of the 2nd Rifles** of the British Army has taken over from the **A Company of the 3rd Parachute Battalion (3PARA)**, which for the past three months has been conducting operational and training activities at the Mount Pleasant military base (MPC).

According to the command of the **BFSAI (British Forces South Atlantic Islands)**, the paratroopers' cycle concluded with full success: the 3 PARA demonstrated professionalism and dedication, significantly contributing to the mission of defense and stability in the archipelago.

During their deployment, the paratroopers completed a full series of exercises, including live ammunition activities, fully exploiting the unique and challenging operational context of the islands.

Now the baton passes to the **2nd Rifles**, a light and highly adaptable unit, which assumes the role of rotating infantry company of the BFSAI. With experience and specific skills, it will conduct a wide range of training in the coming months aimed at further strengthening its operational readiness and demonstrating international-level capabilities in a strategically relevant environment.

A warm Falklands welcome to 2 RIFLES who have taken over from 3PARA as the Roulement Infantry Company in the Islands.

With sincere thanks to 3PARA for their excellent work in maintaining the safety and security of the Falklands.

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Falkland, 80th Anniversary of Victory over Japan

Alongside the unit change, the Falklands commemorated last **August 15** the **80th anniversary of VJ Day (Victory over Japan Day)**, which marked the end of World War II.

The **Falkland Islands Defence Force** paid tribute with two minutes of silence and a cannon salute from Victory Green. The initiative remembered the contribution of about 150 islanders who volunteered during the conflict, some of whom took part in operations in Southeast Asia.

A double event, therefore, highlighting on one hand the continuity of the British military presence in the Falklands, and on the other the historical connection with the memory of World War II.

VJ Day marked the end of the Second World War. With a population of just 2,300, the made a significant contribution to the War: 150 Islanders volunteered to fight for the Crown, of whom 25 did not return, and Islanders funded the purchase of 11 Spitfires. [#VJDay80](#)

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