

STATEMENT BY THE SECRETARY OF STATE FOR DEFENCE  
ON 12TH JUNE AT 1930 HOURS

Shortly after dark last night our forces surrounding Port Stanley carried out what the Commander-in-Chief has described as a "brilliant surprise night attack" on Argentine positions to the West of Port Stanley. By first light this morning advances of up to 5 miles had been made and all objectives were taken.

2. The enemy, who were largely asleep at the time, first knew of the attack when our infantry appeared amongst them. Thereafter there was hard fighting before their positions were taken. Indications so far are that casualties on our side are light. We do not expect further news tonight.

3. It was additionally announced by Mr Ian MacDonald that the next of kin of casualties in the Sir Galahad and Sir Tristram have all now been informed.