

The Ministry of Defence has now received more details about the capture of Goose Green by the 2nd Battalion the Parachute Regiment.

We understand that when the Argentines surrendered, about 900 prisoners were taken by the Battalion.

We do not have information yet about the extent of British or Argentine casualties. A detailed statement will be made about our own casualties when next of kin have been informed.

However, we very much regret to announce that the Commanding Officer of the 2nd Battalion, the Parachute Regiment, Lieutenant Colonel Herbert Jones, was killed in the action to take Goose Green.

Brigadier Julian Thompson, Commander of 3 Commando Bde, paid tribute in a signal from the Falkland Islands to the "magnificent fighting spirit" shown by the 2nd Battalion the Parachute Regiment under the leadership of Lt Col H Jones.