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Falklands War 25 years on

While a high-profile programme of events across five time-zones are planned for the anniversary of the British victory in June, for residents of the islands, April 2 is a day most would rather forget. More than 1,000 lives were lost including over 200 British servicemen in the fight to regain the disputed sovereign islands. Many veterans are planning to return, one of whom is accompanying Clive and Julian to the Falklands in the Summer for a Recce for a possible tour next year. One veteran of the conflict that will not be returning is "Bravo November" Can anyone tell us why?

This month in History – April

On Land – A surprise amphibious assault by British forces at Zeebrugge was launched in April 1918 with the intent of curtailing U-Boat Operations along the North Sea Coast. The plan included sinking old warships across the canals, unfortunately the mission fails. Battle Honours intend to visit the areas next year on their 1918 tours.

VC- =Charles H. Montagu Doughty-Wylie

On the morning after the landings at Gallipoli in April 1915, Lt Colonel Doughty-Wylie and Captain Walford organized and led an attack up the streets of Sed el Bahr (V beach) with men of the Dublin and Munster Fusiliers. The enemy position was strongly held and entrenched with concealed machine guns and pom-pom guns. Showing great gallantry, initiative and skill these two officers took the attack on to a complete success but both were killed at the moment of Victory. Charles was buried on the hill top in a lone grave that remains there today with the Hill named after him.



The following units wear this honour with pride

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