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Fuerzas Armadas Británicas en Gibraltar

Salvas históricas para conmemorar el fallecimiento de Su Alteza Real, el Príncipe Felipe, Duque de Edimburgo

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Hoy a las 13 h (CET) se han disparado salvas de cañón para conmemorar el fallecimiento de Su Alteza Real, el Príncipe Felipe, Duque de Edimburgo. En todo el Reino Unido, en Gibraltar y en los buques de Su Majestad en el mar, las baterías de salvas dispararon 41 rondas, a razón de una ronda cada minuto durante 40 minutos. Salvas similares se dispararon para marcar la muerte de la Reina Victoria en 1901 y de Winston Churchill en 1965,

Irlanda del Norte: Belfast, Castillo de Hillsborough, 105º Regimiento de Artillería Real
Gales: Cardiff, Castillo de Cardiff, 104º Regimiento de Artillería Real
Escocia: Edimburgo, Castillo de Edimburgo, 105º Regimiento de Artillería Real
Gibraltar, Real Regimiento de Gibraltar (The Royal Gibraltar Regiment)
Londres, Woolwich Barracks, The King's Troop, Royal Horse Artillery
Londres, HM Tower of London (Torre de Londres), The Honourable Artillery Company
Base Naval de SM de Devonport, Devonport
Base Naval de SM de Portsmouth, Portsmouth
En el mar: HMS Diamond, HMS Montros

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Ministry of Defence

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Historic Gun Salutes to mark the passing of HRH Prince Philip, The Duke of Edinburgh

At 1200 tomorrow (10 April) a Death Gun Salute will be fired to mark the death of His Royal Highness, Prince Philip, The Duke of Edinburgh. Across the United Kingdom, in Gibraltar and on HM Ships at sea, saluting batteries will fire 41 rounds at one round every minute for 40 minutes. The public are encouraged to observe the gun salutes from home, they will take place behind closed doors but broadcast online and on television.

In London, The King's Troop Royal Horse Artillery will ride out from their base at Napier Lines, Woolwich Barracks, onto the Parade Ground with 71 horses, 36 of them pulling six 13-pounder field guns dating from the First World War. Their guns will fire at the same time as those fired by the Honourable Artillery Company's Light Guns at the Tower of London and by units from all corners of the United Kingdom including Belfast, Cardiff and Edinburgh, and British Overseas Territory Gibraltar. At sea, guns will be fired from Royal Navy saluting warships.

The same guns that will be used at Woolwich Barracks were also fired for Prince Philip's wedding to Her Majesty in 1947 and at Her Majesty's coronation six years later in 1953.

- Belfast, Hillsborough Castle, 105th Regiment Royal Artillery
- Cardiff, Cardiff Castle, 104th Regiment Royal Artillery
- Edinburgh, Edinburgh Castle, 105th Regiment Royal Artillery
- Gibraltar, The Royal Gibraltar Regiment
- London, Woolwich Barracks, The King's Troop, Royal Horse Artillery
- London, HM Tower of London, The Honourable Artillery Company
- HMNB Devonport, HMNB Devonport
- HMNB Portsmouth, HMNB Portsmouth
- Sea saluting stations; ships at sea and safe to fire include: HMS DIAMOND, HMS MONTROSE

Defence Secretary, Ben Wallace said:

"His Royal Highness Prince Philip, The Duke of Edinburgh was a constant supporter and ambassador of the Armed Forces. We celebrate his life of service and offer our condolences to Her Majesty the Queen and the Royal Family."

Chief of the Defence Staff, General Sir Nick Carter said:

"His Royal Highness has been a great friend, inspiration and role model for the Armed Forces and he will be sorely missed. The Duke of Edinburgh served among us during the

Second World War, and he remained devoted to the Royal Navy and the Armed Forces as a whole. A life well lived, His Royal Highness leaves us with a legacy of indomitable spirit, steadfastness and an unshakeable sense of duty. From all of us who serve today and who have served, thank you.”

Gun salutes

The tradition of gun salutes being fired throughout the country to mark significant national events dates back to at least the eighteenth century, and there are historical records of salutes taking place as early as the 14th century when guns and ammunition began to be adopted more widely. Similar gun salutes were fired to mark the death of Queen Victoria in 1901 and Winston Churchill in 1965.

The Army will be firing their salutes with 13-pounder field guns at Woolwich Barracks, and 105mm Light Gun at all other locations.

The Royal Navy will fire from HMNB Devonport, HMNB Portsmouth and ships at sea including HMS DIAMOND and HMS MONTROSE.

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Notes to editors

Prince Philip and the Armed Forces.

HRH The Duke of Edinburgh has had a lifelong affiliation with the Armed Forces. In May 1939 Prince Philip of Greece and Denmark, aged 17, entered Britannia Royal Naval College (BRNC), Dartmouth as a Special Entry Naval Cadet for training and, in doing so, he thereby followed in the footsteps of his paternal grandfather and uncles.

When the Second World War started, Prince Philip was appointed to the battleship HMS RAMILLIES on promotion to Midshipman in January 1940. Prince Philip served on a number of Royal Naval vessels and saw action onboard the battleship HMS VALIANT where he was Mentioned in Despatches for ‘bravery and enterprise’ In 1945 he was also present in Tokyo Bay for the Japanese onboard HMS WHELP. After the war he continued to serve until after 14 years of active service he left the Royal Navy in 1952. With the accession to the throne of HM The Queen having taken place in the same year. Prince Philip was then promoted Honorary Admiral of the Fleet and in June of the same year he was appointed Captain General of the Royal Marines.

In 1952 The Duke was appointed Admiral of the Sea Cadet Corps, Colonel-in-Chief of the Army Cadet Force and Air Commodore-in-Chief of the Air Training Corps. In 1953 he was promoted to Admiral of the Fleet and appointed Field Marshal and Marshal of the Royal Air Force.

His long-standing connection with the Royal Navy was recognised in June 2011 when Her Majesty The Queen conferred the title and office of Lord High Admiral to him upon his 90th birthday. Fittingly, after Prince Philip had made the decision to no longer conduct public engagements, the final such engagement in his official programme was the Royal Marines parade held at Buckingham Palace in August 2017.

Royal Navy Ships. Details of HM Ships here:
<https://www.royalnavy.mod.uk/the-equipment/ships>

Army. Details of Army units here:

<https://www.army.mod.uk/who-we-are/corps-regiments-and-units/royal-artillery/>

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