A MESSAGE FROM THE MASTER GUNNER ST JAMES'S PARK
LIEUTENANT GENERAL SIR ANDREW GREGORY KBE CB DL
ARTILLERY DAY – 26th MAY 2024

I wish to extend my personal greetings and best wishes to all Gunners of the Royal Regiments of Artillery, serving and retired, and their families, across the United Kingdom and the Commonwealth on this year's Artillery Day, 26th May 2024.

As you are all aware, in August 2023 His Majesty The King graciously agreed to adopt the role of Captain General of the Royal Regiment. I wrote to convey our Loyal Greetings to His Majesty following this announcement on behalf of all ranks of the Royal Regiment of Artillery and was privileged with an audience, alongside the Regimental Colonel and Royal Artillery Sergeant Major, in December. His Majesty expressed his interest and enthusiasm in all the Regiments' wide-ranging activities, and we look forward to his first visit to Larkhill. I know that I speak on behalf of all members of the Royal Regiment, both serving and veteran, in acknowledging the great honour of having our Monarch as the head of our Regiment.

The Royal Regiment of Artillery and Commonwealth Royal Regiments of Artillery remain preeminent within their respective armed forces. The requirement for our equipment and capabilities in conducting modern warfare is strictly in focus in Eastern Europe, and our contribution to training the Ukrainian Armed Forces has been significant.

I am conscious that some of our family are, for whatever reason, struggling. This is when our Regimental charitable networks come to the fore. It does not matter how long somebody has served; the timeless adage, 'Once a Gunner, Always a Gunner', should never be forgotten and we must all look after our Regimental Family when crisis looms.

I wish all Gunners, serving and retired, home and abroad, and their families, my very best wishes for Artillery Day on 26th May. Keep your guard up, stay safe and continue to honour our motto, 'Quo Fas et Gloria Ducunt' – 'Where Right and Glory Lead.'