

10 DOWNING STREET

THE PRIME MINISTER

29 December, 1982

My dear Colord.

I am writing to thank you for the arrangements which you made for my visit to Bessbrook during my Christmas tour in Northern Ireland. I was delighted to be able to meet so many of the officers and men of 1 Coldstream Guards and I was greatly impressed by the professionalism and morale of all with whom I talked. I was also delighted to take part in one of the Christmas draws.

Please will you thank all who helped in making such excellent arrangements including the Sergeant Major for extending to me the hospitality of the Sergeants Mess for lunch.

Coms sincerely

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Lt. Col. Sir Brian Barttelot, Bt.,