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Dear Richard,

As Master Gunner St James's Park and on behalf of all ranks, serving and retired, of the Royal Regiment of Artillery, I send our very best wishes and congratulations to all ranks, serving and retired, of the Royal Regiment of Australian Artillery on the occasion of the 150th Anniversary of your formation on 1st August 2021.

Such milestones are historically important and give pause for thought and reflection. They particularly allow us to remember the very many individuals who have served your Regiment with dedication and honour during those one hundred and fifty years, and on those who continue today to uphold your Regiment's values, standards and traditions so impressively in the face of any and all challenges and adversities that they may face.

The fact that today we face a shared but invisible enemy in the form of the pandemic remains a matter of great concern; I wish all Gunners safe passage through it. What is equally impressive is that, alongside that, officers and soldiers in our Royal Regiments continue to provide national security through operations, deterrence and training. We should all take great pride in those achievements.

Whether the current situation allows me to visit your celebrations in early November remains to be seen, but if not, I will most certainly be with you in spirit! I wish your Regiment a very Happy '150th Birthday,' and once again, I extend the Royal Regiment of Artillery's sincere and very best wishes for your forthcoming celebrations and for your next 150 years.

With my best wishes