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Dear General,

ROYAL MILITARY AFFILIATIONS ANNOUNCEMENT

As you will be aware the Defence Services Secretary has been working closely with Buckingham Palace regarding a full review of military Special Relationships with the Royal Family. Whilst some announcements have been made previously, the second tranche of announcements will shortly be released publicly on 11 Aug 2023 and His Majesty would wish you to have foresight of those appointments which may affect your Units and Regiments.

The accession of His Majesty The King following the demise of Her late Majesty and previously, Prince Phillip Duke of Edinburgh, has led to a number of changes, these include the elevation of The Prince of Wales and appointment of Their Royal Highnesses The Duke and Duchess of Edinburgh, which has afforded an opportunity to review the special relationships held by Members of the Royal Family or those appointed specifically by the Monarch.

Please be advised that His Majesty has been pleased to adopt the role of Colonel-in-Chief The Royal Regiment of Artillery.

You are invited to note all other existing Royal affiliations beyond those listed will endure, including all Commonwealth affiliations.

Yours sincerely,

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Brigadiers, all

We have now had confirmation from the Defence Service Secretariat that "His Majesty has been pleased to accept the title of Captain General - the Press release has been adjusted to reflect this".

They have also confirmed that this will apply to the existing Commonwealth artillery affiliations.

Good news!

s22 If you have any questions, s47F is in office tomorrow (Fri 12 Aug) and s22

Yours

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Brigadiers, all,

(please excuse me if this is mis-directed as I have had to trawl through emails from §47F who is now retired, to find appropriate addresses)

Please find attached a note from the Defence Services Secretary, who is the MOD link into Buckingham Palace.

As you will see it contains good news regarding HM The King and the Royal Regiment. However we have sought clarification as follows:

His Late Majesty King George VI changed the title of "Colonel in Chief" of the Royal Regiment of Artillery to "Captain General" in 1951. This title was also adopted by Her Late Majesty. Does His Majesty intend to revert to the former title or is the term "Colonel in Chief" in Maj Gen Millar's letter used generically?

I assume that Maj Gen Millar's final paragraph confirms that His Majesty will also adopt this role for the Royal Australian, Canadian and New Zealand Regiments of Artillery.

It would be difficult if the Friday announcement uses "Colonel in Chief" if that is not specifically the way that HM The King wishes to be known as. Ideally we should ascertain whether His Majesty is content to continue his Grandfather's decision to use the term "Captain General" and then use that in the press release. Clearly we would hope that the title of 'Captain General' is retained and that it continues to apply to the Commonwealth artilleries

The announcement is due to be made here on 11 Aug and should not be disseminated until then. In the mean time we hope to receive clarification from DS Sec and will keep you posted.

Yours

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Sirs, Ladies and Gentlemen,

The following message is sent on behalf of The Master Gunner St James's Park:

It is my great privilege to be able to report that His Majesty King Charles III has agreed to become Captain-General of the Royal Regiment of Artillery, succeeding in the role from his Mother, Her Late Majesty Queen Elizabeth II. His Majesty will also fulfil this role for the Regiments of Royal Canadian, Royal Australian and Royal New Zealand Artillery. This is a great honour and continues a tradition established by His Majesty's Grandfather, King George VI, who at a dinner at Woolwich in 1950 expressed his desire to be Captain-General Royal Artillery rather than Colonel-in-Chief, a change in title that was effected in January, 1951. This also revived a rank originally dating from the 15th Century.

The Royal Regiment looks forward to establishing a close relationship with our new Captain-General as the Gunners look to a brave and exciting future.

Please promulgate as appropriate to your Regiments and organisations.

Warm regards; splendid news!

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