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THE PRIME MINISTER

19 October 1981

Dear General Stanier,

Many thanks for your letter of 13 October. You really did not need to thank me for visiting the wounded Irish Guards in hospital and their friends at the Barracks. It was the least I could do to show how much I felt for those who were so callously hurt, and to show how proud I am of the Army.

I also thought, like you, that it was important to draw attention to the senseless brutality of the IRA, and to show that we will not give in to criminal violence.

Thank you again for your kind letter.

Yours sincerely,

Margaret Thatcher

General Sir John Stanier, K.C.B., M.B.E., A.D.C. Gen.

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The Rt Hon Mrs Margaret Thatcher MP
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Dear Prime Minister,

As Commander-in-Chief, I would like you to know how very much your visit to the 1st Battalion The Irish Guards last Sunday morning was appreciated. When I went to the hospitals later on the same day they were all telling me how thrilled they had been to meet you. For a busy Prime Minister on the eve of the Party Conference to find time to visit not only the wounded soldiers in hospital, but also their comrades and families at the Barracks, came as evidence of how much your Government, and you yourself, care for our Army. May I thank you most sincerely for finding the time to make this visit. I know that you have made similar visits to the Army, notably after the disaster of Warren Point, and on many other occasions. It is an example of your concern which means a very great deal to all of us and I would not wish you to think that it went unremarked throughout the Army.

We were, of course, delighted that you were able at the time of your visit to reinforce publicly your determination to withstand these murderous attacks by the IRA, and this too comes as a great encouragement to all of us in the Army. Steadfastness of purpose is a quality which is very much appreciated by all of us in the Services, and I hope I may be allowed to wish you every success in the execution of your policies in this direction.

Yours sincerely

John Stanier



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Dear General Langley,

This is just to thank you for your kind letter of 13 October. I am glad that you feel my visit to the hospital and the Chelsea Barracks has done something to help morale. It was the least I could do to show how much I felt for the wounded and their friends and families. It was a chance to show how proud I am of the Army, the police, the hospital services, and all those who play their part in the fight against organisations like the IRA.

I was very grateful to Robert Corbett for all the trouble he and his men took over my visit when they must have already had their hands full.

Yours sincerely,

Margaret Thatcher

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13th October 1981

Dear Prime Minister,

I should like you to know how greatly your visits to the hospitals and the Chelsea Barracks were appreciated by the 1st British Guards and all those who were injured in the Bomb attack.

Incidents such as this are always a blow to a small and tight community like a Regiment. Your spontaneous interest, concern and sympathy were a tremendous morale-boost and the best possible tonic for the wounded.

Robert Corbett was particularly cheered by your support at a testing time so few days after he had taken over

Command of his Battalion.

I am so very grateful to you for
giving up so much of your very precious
time to encourage us so wonderfully

Yours sincerely

Jemond Jangle.