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THE PRIME MINISTER

29 December, 1982

Dear Brigadier Mattingley,

I am writing separately to Colonel Barttelot to thank him for the arrangements for my visit to Bessbrook Barracks during my Christmas tour in Northern Ireland. But I wanted you to know how encouraged I was by my visit. The approach of all those whom I met was thoroughly professional and I was delighted to find them in such excellent spirits and high morale. I send my husband's and my best wishes for Christmas and the New Year to you and all members of 8 Brigade.

Yours sincerely
Margaret Thatcher

Brigadier G.C. Mattingley, O.B.E.,

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