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***Dear James,***

It is with both huge pride and pleasure to write to you on behalf of all Members of the GBA to congratulate you on your highly deserved appointment to be a Commander of the Most Noble Order of the British Empire, in Her Majesty's New Year's Honours List.

In all matters of our Brigade's interests, supporting our operational delivery, managing and progressing our manpower structures, representing our interests in appropriate Government Departments – Defence, Home and Foreign – while maintaining your valued support to your 4 Pillar Colleagues, you have excelled. Whilst achieving all of that you have held the respect and indeed good friendship of our Officers, Warrant Officers and All Ranks across all our Regiments, including our Antecedent Regimental Associations.

As Colonel Brigade of Gurkhas, you have frequented corridors of State where one would normally find only the more Senior Officers, Civil Servants and indeed Ministers. Thus you have carried with aplomb, responsibilities and influence well in excess of your rank. In those duties you have held the respect and trust of those you have advised through your integrity and knowledge of your subject, all delivered with pragmatism to find success in both the UK's Defence and our Brigade's interests.

So you deserve our thulo shabash James. We are all highly delighted by your success and indeed we are immensely proud of you.

***With our warm salaams, and best wishes,***

***As ever,***

***David***

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