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Dear Mike,

As the Royal British Legion Falklands Islands Operation CORPORATE 40th Anniversary Remembrance Service draws near, on behalf of our President and all Members of the GBA, I express our pride in recognising and remembering 1/7GR's substantial contribution to the Operation, alongside the individual and unit acts of gallantry displayed by your 7th Gurkhas and attached Brigade of Gurkhas personnel during that conflict.

Not only did 1/7GR serve with distinction, the Battalion's deployment and performance proved highly effective at both the operational and tactical levels, but also most significantly for the future of the Brigade of Gurkhas, at a most critical and challenging time in its history. The military value of Gurkhas in the ORBAT of the British Army was further proven, which undoubtedly contributed towards ensuring our future Gurkhas' inclusion in all subsequent and future British Army operational deployments.

Thus 1/7GR's successful deployment throughout the Falklands Campaign played a strategic role in justifying the future of Gurkha service in the British Army. For that and for all the dignity bestowed upon the 7th Gurkhas through the award of the Falkland Island Battle Honour, we are proud of and salute, you.

Yours sincerely,

David

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