



BUCKINGHAM PALACE

4th July 2022

Dear Major Thornton,

Her Royal Highness The Princess Royal has asked me to thank you for your recent letter and kind wishes, and has asked that the following message be conveyed:

“Today sees the commemoration of the 263rd Anniversary of the Battle of Minden on 1st August 1759. This pivotal battle was fundamental to ending the Seven Year’s War, and ushered in a lengthy period of peace and stability in Europe, whilst also establishing The British Army as one of the finest in Europe at the time. The 25th Regiment of Foot, which later became The King’s Own Scottish Borderers, was one of six British Infantry Battalions who fought so gallantly that day to secure a famous victory. As your Patron, I send you all gathered at Berwick my warmest greetings and best wishes for your parade and celebrations, and I am sorry that I am unable to be with you today. May you wear your Minden roses with the same pride as your predecessors.

Anne”.

Patron
The King's Own Scottish Borderers Association

Yours sincerely,

Anne Sullivan

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