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• The Gunners •

Newsletter - June 2021

Welcome to the The Royal Artillery Charities Newsletter. This is where you can keep right up to date with all the Regimental Family's news and information.

If you have any news for the Gunner website or the Newsletter from your regiments, branches, districts and regions we would like to receive them. Please ensure that you have permission to share information and images.

The Gunners





**A MESSAGE FROM THE MASTER GUNNER ST JAMES'S PARK
LIEUTENANT GENERAL SIR ANDREW GREGORY KBE CB DL
ARTILLERY DAY - 26 MAY 2021**

I wish to extend my personal greetings and best wishes to all 'Gunners' of the Royal Regiments of Artillery, serving and retired, and their families, across the United Kingdom and the Commonwealth on this year's Artillery Day, 26 May 2021.

Having said at Christmas that, '2020 will go down in history as a most unusual year', that reality has now crept well into 2021. While vaccines offer a light at the end of the tunnel, globally there is still some way to go until we are freed from the constraints we have had to live with for over a year. The pandemic has continued to cause many members of our Regimental communities personal sadness, distress and difficulties. But despite that, our Regiments across the globe are busy both fulfilling their normal operational roles as well as participating in the protracted battle to manage the continuing COVID virus. That is something in which we should all take great pride and is a credit to our officers and soldiers. As an example, I would highlight the fact that the Royal Canadian Artillery have 'taken the battle' to the pandemic by flying inoculation teams and vaccine, by Chinook and Twin Otters, into the remoter northern parts of Canada. That is terrific work.

For those struggling for whatever reason, this is also when our Regimental charitable networks come to the fore. It does not matter how long somebody has served; the timeless adage, 'Once a Gunner, Always a Gunner', should never be forgotten and we must all look after our Regimental 'family' when crisis looms. Short of general war, there is unlikely to be such a worthy purpose for our Charities than during and in the aftermath of COVID.

I remain hopeful that I will still be able to travel overseas and to participate in the two major milestones this year. These are the 150th anniversaries of the formation of the Royal Canadian Artillery and the Royal Australian Artillery. I look forward very much to both.

I therefore wish all Gunners, serving and retired, home and abroad, and their families, my very best wishes for Artillery Day on 26th May. Keep your guard up, stay safe and continue to honour our motto, 'Quo Fas Et Gloria Ducunt' – 'Where Right and Glory Lead'.

Message from the Regimental Colonel

Colonel Sam Shepherd MBE ADC

I am delighted to be invited to write the introduction to June's Edition of the Royal Artillery Association Newsletter. I hope that you are all bearing up as well as can be expected under the current circumstances and whilst I fear that it will be some time before we return to life as 'normal', with the easing of restrictions the light is now visible at the end of the Coronavirus tunnel and it is fantastic to see that some Branches have already resumed their in-person meetings.

With the continued roll out of the vaccine, I am very much looking forward to reuniting with members of the Association at the National Military Arboretum on 3 July 2021, at Gunner Sunday on 24 October 2021 and whilst some way ahead, to finally celebrating the 100th Anniversary of the RAA and amalgamation of the RHAA at the RAA Assembly in Blackpool in May 2022.

Recently, the Gunner family celebrated the 100th Birthday of Major Eric Goldrein whose birthday celebrations were attended by members of 103rd (Lancashire Artillery Volunteers) Regiment RA. In 1944, Eric, a veteran of the Second World War appeared on the front cover of Gunner magazine which featured his extraordinary story about his experiences in the Second World War. After being captured in Normandy, Lt Eric Goldrein persuaded a German colonel to surrender both himself and the remnants of his battalion; Eric himself accepted the surrender. This story is particularly poignant in a month when we remember the 77th Anniversary of D Day, which laid the foundations of the Allied victory on the Western Front. The next edition of Gunner magazine will re-run Eric's story, complete with pictures of his 100th Birthday celebrations.

Despite the lockdown, life continues apace; the Gunners celebrated Artillery Day on the 26 May 2021 which was marked by a message from the Master Gunner St James's Park to the Royal Regiment and our Commonwealth Gunners. Artillery Day also witnessed the dedication of the Campbell VC Officers' Mess and Henry VC Warrant Officers' and Sergeants' Mess in Larkhill.

More widely, due to the easing of COVID-19 restrictions, the Royal Artillery Sergeant Major and I have conducted visits to the King's Troop as well as RA personnel serving outside regimental duty. Earlier today, we had the privilege of attending a Pass Off Parade at the Army Training Regiment, Winchester, where I welcomed the next generation of Gunners into the Royal Regiment. I am sure that you will join me in congratulating them and wishing them the very best of luck for their future careers.

On the people front, the Gunners continue to enjoy exceptionally high workforce levels and are currently one of the best recruited cap-badges in the Army. During a virtual sitting of the National Executive Committee, the recipients of the 2020 RAA Honours and Awards were selected; I would like to congratulate both nominees and prize winners and eagerly await an occasion when these awards can be presented in an appropriate manner.

This month has also witnessed the welcome recommencement of sport with numerous Gunner successes; the RA cricket team were crowned the Corps T20 Champions of 2021, the Gunner football team enjoyed a convincing win over the Royal Army Physical Training

Corps, 12 Regt RA are now the Army Rugby League 9s Champions and our very own Gunner Artingstall qualified for the Tokyo Olympic Boxing Finals.

As we look forward to better times ahead, I would like to take the opportunity to thank all the RAA and RACF charity staff as well as my own team in RHQRA who have continued to provide unstinting welfare and charitable support to members of the Gunner family in need throughout a hugely challenging year. In addition, I would like to convey my personal thanks for the support provided by our regional, district and branch members throughout the pandemic – your dedication, commitment and kindness are both humbling and greatly appreciated.

My final point is to thank all of those who have continued to put the needs of others before their own to raise funds for the RACF. These contributions are fundamental to our ability to continue to help both serving and retired Gunners. Each year the Cornwall Cup is awarded to the Regiment, Battery or organisation that raises the most money for the RACF. This year the Royal Regiment has partaken in numerous charity events such as attempting to climb Mount Everest via box jumps, running to Gibraltar (and back again), cycling to Le Cateau (and back again) not to mention Capt Harry Grantham who completed the cross channel swim to raise awareness for mental health and in doing so raised over £6,800 for the RACF. Despite fierce competition which saw in excess of £35,200 raised by the serving regiment, the Cornwall Cup was awarded to 12 Regt RA for raising £9,032.73 through a charity boxing event.

Lastly, I would like to reiterate that if you or another member of the Gunner family is in need of support, the RACF is on hand to help. They provide a weekly update on the [Gunner FaceBook Page](#).

If you or someone you know needs help, please speak to someone today.

Contact SSAFA on 0800 731 4880 or the RBL on 0808 802 8080. Email the RACF at RARHQ-RACF-Welfare-Mailbox@mod.gov.uk or telephone Welfare Assistant 0300 167 3998 or Welfare Secretary 0300 158 7035.

I do hope that restrictions will lift shortly and very much look forward to meeting up again in person in due course. Until then, please take care and stay safe.

I wish you all the very best,

Colonel Sam

·Joe Cattini, D Day Veteran·

Normandy veterans landed ashore at Portsmouth Historic Dockyard on Sunday 6th June 2021 to commemorate the 77th Anniversary of D-Day. Amongst them was Gold Beach

Veteran, Joe Cattini, aged 98 who served with 86th Field Regiment Royal Artillery. Joe sprung into action when he landed using his walking stick to mimic a rifle.



· Events ·

Please monitor the RAA [website](#) and [facebook page](#) for any further information and event updates.

Forecast of Events 2021

Service of Remembrance - National Memorial Arboretum

3rd July 2021

The Royal Artillery Association will conduct a Service of Remembrance at the National Memorial Arboretum. Following the Service there will be a short wreath laying service at the Royal Artillery Memorial Garden. Branches and Regiments are welcome to lay their own wreaths during the Service.

Following the service in the Aspects Centre there will be a wreath laying service at the Royal Artillery Memorial Garden. Those Branches and units attending are encouraged to

lay a wreath.

Branches are reminded that if they wish to claim transport subsidies for their coach/minibus for the NMA, then please send your invoices to the Membership Office no later than the 2nd August 2021. Download your attendance forms [here](#).

(Photo below taken in October 2020 with COVID restrictions in place).

Service of Remembrance



Gunner Sunday

24th October 2021

Gunner Sunday at the Royal Hospital Chelsea will take place on Sunday 24th October 2021. Branches and Regiments are strongly encouraged to send representatives and bring along their friends and relatives.

In order to gain an idea of numbers attending please inform the RAA Assistant Secretary. cas.thoburn603@mod.gov.uk

1000hrs: Assemble and meet in the Octagon Colonnade by the chapel.

1015hrs: Pensioners and RAA Standard Bearers form up.

1130hrs: Parade finishes and chapel service begins.

After the service the club will be open to meet and chat to the pensioners over a drink.

Dress: Suits or blazer with Gunner/Regimental tie.

Lunch: Details to follow.



• RAA Branch News •

Poole Branch

We're back! On Wed 19th May, Poole Branch hosted a garden tea party with sandwiches, cake, cream scones and held a raffle for Branch Members. Chairman and Treasurer, Mike Marks said 'It was great once again to see everyone'.



Lewes Branch

Warmest congratulations to Mr Mark Harding, Secretary of Lewes Branch being presented with a RAA Certificate of Appreciation by Mr Michael Hobden, Chairman of Lewes Branch.

Since Mark joined the Branch and took over the role of Secretary, membership of the Branch has gone from strength to strength. Mark is also a member of the National Executive Committee, a representative for South Region.



Canterbury Branch

John Bishop, Chairman of Canterbury Branch RAA had the honour of presenting Doug Kay, Welfare Officer with a Certificate of Appreciation for his dedication and hard work during the pandemic and for many years of taking care of the Branch members in time of need. Congratulations Doug.



Swansea Branch

On Tuesday 27th April, an Evening Prayer and Laying-up of the Standard of the Swansea Branch was held at Christchurch (Garrison Church), Swansea. Paul Rowles, Chairman of the Branch said 'I must admit, I had a tear in my eye but with the lack of membership and no new members joining, it was inevitable.'



RAA Standard Bearers and Buglers

Many of us only ever get to see our Standard Bearers at national events such as the Assembly, NMA or Hyde Park Corner but at the RAA Headquarters we are in touch with our Standard Bearers on a weekly basis. During the pandemic Standard Bearers and Buglers from Army Bands have attended funerals to support families and represent the Royal Artillery, turning out in all weather conditions, often at short notice and covering long distances. We truly appreciate your dedication and professionalism; you are so much appreciated by the families who you are supporting. The Headquarters have received a couple of letters of appreciation and we would like to share them with you.

'Words do not seem enough but I cannot begin to tell you how much having the Royal Artillery drape meant to us today. Sending off our wonderful Father, Major J E Williams in this way was superb and very much appreciated and noted by all.

It made a sad day in this crazy world a happier one, celebrating a truly great man, who had an amazing life and a very happy military career, yes it is true, 'Once a Gunner, Always a Gunner'.

Thank you for all you have done. Take care and keep safe.'

Chrissie Jelly (daughter of Major James Edward Williams)

'I wish express my most heartfelt thanks to you.

Thank you for arranging the presence of the Royal Artillery Association Standard Bearers and the Royal Artillery Bugler for my husband Henry's funeral service at Holy Trinity Church Holme, Cumbria.

Their presence in every way was most befitting. They brought a special dignity to the whole ceremony. We were very honoured that they were present and that they would gift their time to do such a special gesture.

"The Last Post" was both rousing and very emotional. I know that myself, my family and the whole congregation were very moved by this. All three Royal Artillery men representatives are a credit to their service, they were all very dignified and professional. The gentlemen were so very much appreciated on this day.'

Linda Bond (wife of Major Henry Bond)

Centenary Celebrations for Major Eric Goldrein



Warmest Congratulations to Major Eric Goldrein RA who celebrated his 100th Birthday on Saturday 29th May 2021.

Eric volunteered immediately on declaration of war at age 18, but was sent instead to take his place at Cambridge University. Determined to get in the fight and in short order, Eric was serving as a Troop Commander in the 11th Armoured Division Anti-Tank Regiment preparing for the invasion of Europe. He landed on Gold Beach on D-Day + 4 and went straight into the fight with the retreating Germans. During the seven weeks he took part in the Normandy campaign he was badly wounded, but at the same time took the surrender of a German Colonel and his men. After recovering from his wounds back in the UK, Eric volunteered for further service overseas, and fought in the Italy campaign at Salerno and celebrated VE Day in Florence before ending up in Germany as part of the Army of occupation. He demobilised as a Major, returned to Cambridge to read law and has since married his wife Inge, who escaped the Nazi's as part of the Kinder Transport, and raised a family. Eric was later called to the bar and served as a barrister in Liverpool. On retirement Eric was elected as the Lord Mayor of Hale where he still lives with his wife Inge.

A little known fact is that Eric was on the front cover of the GUNNER magazine in September 1944, Vol XXVI, No 6 with a short piece 'The Tables Turned!' The story of his war is a cracking read at: <https://bit.ly/MajorGoldrein>

Members of 103 Regt RA, Pipes and Drums Lancashire Band, RAA and RBL Branch Members, family and friends took part in the celebrations. (Photograph below is Eric with his wife, Inge)



· The Royal Artillery Charitable Fund ·

RACF Welfare Team Quarterly Report

We get the majority of our veteran cases through a military charity casework management system. It means that charities who give support to veterans can request funding through one single database. This enables military charities such as the RACF to share the support with other military charities and work collaboratively. A new database called Mosaic was rolled out in March and unfortunately it took a few weeks to get the system up and running efficiently. This situation had an impact on the number of cases referred to us in the first quarter of 2021. From January to March we assisted 174 members of the Royal Artillery family with £117,415 in funding. This was 35% down on the help we awarded in the same months in 2020. The biggest share of the funding went to helping our veterans over pensionable age with annual grants. We awarded £31,300 in helping many of our veterans who struggle with daily living costs. £16,862 was awarded to those who needed help just buying household goods such as cookers, beds and other essential things just to make life bearable. We awarded £12,551 in funeral grants and £10,679 went to help those that needed funding for mobility support. We also helped with critical household arrears, general needs, well-being, house moves, training, essential travel costs, educational needs, care home fees and house maintenance costs. If something is needed by any of our regimental family and they don't have the funds to pay for it then we are here to assist.

If anyone knows of any of our Gunner family who needs our help please do not hesitate to contact us, SSAFA or the RBL. Please contact SSAFA on 0800 731 4880 or the RBL on 0808 802 8080. We are here for advice either by calling us or sending us an email at rarrq-racf-welfare-mailbox@mod.gov.uk Tel number 07784 952 882.

How We Help

· The Gunner Lottery ·

Gunner Lottery is for the benefit of the Gunner charities and replaced the RAA Annual Draw. The hope is that the Lottery can raise much needed funds and raise awareness of the good work done by the Royal Artillery charities. Thank you to everyone who supports the Lottery and congratulations to the winners each week. Good luck in future Draws.

3 Digits: You'll win 5 Entries into the next Draw

4 Digits: £25 Cash Prize

5 Digits: £1,000 Cash Prize

6 Digits: £25,000 Cash Prize

You can take part as an individual or syndicate; Battery, Regiment or RAA Branch. You could be in with a chance of winning the top prize of £25,000 each week.

The Draw takes place every Friday.

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· Regimental News ·

Thank you very much for your continued support and fundraising for the
Gunner Charities.

Fundraising for your Charity

The Charities revised their fundraising platform last year and we now use Enthuse. If you are fundraising for the RACF/RAA or giving the Charity individual donations, please click [here](#) to donate.

We would like to congratulate all those who took part and say a big thank you to everyone for their donations.

The Cornwall Cup

Winners - 12 Regiment Royal Artillery

Many congratulations to 12 Regiment Royal Artillery – the winners of the Cornwall Cup 2020.

The Cup is awarded to the Regiment or establishment that raises the most funds for the Royal Artillery Charitable Fund (RACF). The total amount of money raised in 2020 for the RACF was £35,258.82 and to raise these funds during a year where activity has been significantly reduced is most commendable. Thank you very much for supporting your Charity.

The Regimental Secretary, Colonel Matthew Carter said “Please pass on my thanks, and those of the trustees and beneficiaries, to all those who organised, participated in and contributed to this great effort. Every pound raised enables the RACF to continue to support serving and veteran Gunners, and their families, in times of need and to make significant grants to support Gunner sport and welfare within the Regiment”.



14 Regiment Royal Artillery

Great team work from 34 (Seringaptam) Battery. Members of the Battery took part in a 24 hour cycle challenge to raise funds for the RACF in March. WO2 (BSM) Begley and SSgt McAndrew visited the Regimental Headquarters to handover a cheque to the Regimental Secretary, Colonel Carter. Thank you ever so much for thinking of the Gunner Charity and supporting those in need.



47 Regiment Royal Artillery

A magnificent team effort from 47 Regiment Royal Artillery who have completed 100,000km by running, walking and cycling over 10 weeks to raise money for the RACF and NHS Charities. Family, friends, partners and a professional footballer got involved from across different locations; Larkhill, Ex WARFIGHTER in Texas and RAF Akrotiri, they raised an amazing £2,277. WO2 (BSM) Davies and Capt Meheran from 57 (Bhurtpore) Battery visited the Regimental Headquarters to handover the cheque to the Regimental Secretary, Colonel Carter. Many thanks to all those who took part and donated.







29 Cdo Regt RA

Phew - 40 miles of hard graft... On the 26th May members of 29 Cdo Regt RA took part in a gruelling 40 mile run along the South West Coastal path over two days. Thank you to those who took part and raised money for the RACF and Children's Hospice South West, your donations are greatly appreciated.



103 Regiment Royal Artillery
The Northwest Gunners





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Did you serve with 32 Regt RA or 47 Regt RA?

Sgt Steve Blurton is a Watchkeeper Unmanned Air System Pilot serving with 47 Regiment RA. He is keen to connect with ex members of the Regiment who served within an Aviation environment for the Gunners, in particular those who worked with Pheonix and Hermes 450. If you are interested, contact steve47ra@outlook.com



REJOINERS: YOUR NATION NEEDS YOU

THERE ARE TWO ROUTES AVAILABLE TO REJOINERS:

Fast Track Pathway. Is A Veteran Who:

- Left the Regular Army within the last 36 months.
- Is returning to the same Main Trade and capbadge.
- Had no less than 24 months remaining engagement or commission.
- On leaving had a medical grade of Medically Fully Deployable or Limited Deployable and can self-declare they have had no significant injury or illness.
- Have no unspent convictions.

Regular Rejoiner Pathway. This is for veterans who left the Regular Army but who are not eligible for the Fast Track. Your pathway is approximately 8 weeks, but can vary based on medicals, security vetting and interviews.

Fast Track Pathway - 4 weeks

Candidate contacts the Rejoiner Team	Rejoiners team conduct Prior Service and Employment Checks	Candidate conducts medicals and interviews if required (non Fast Track)	Application sent to the Army Personnel Centre	Application reviewed by Career Manager, Officers approved at an Army Employment Board	Offer made to the candidate	Rejoin arrives in Unit	Refresher training conducted as required
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Regular Rejoiner Pathway - Approximately 8 weeks

Age limit. The upper age limit for all rejoiners is 57.

How to apply?
<https://apply.army.mod.uk/how-to-join/entryoptions/regular-army-rejoiner>
 or call the rejoiner team on 0345 600 8080

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·RA Historical Society·

Military History Webinars



The RA Historical Society arranges Zoom On-Line Webinars for its members on Gunner military history subjects. If you would like a copy of the Back Catalogue with links to the You Tube recordings of webinars held in the last 12 Months, please contact the RAHS Secretary.

If you wish to attend the webinar event below please contact the RAHS Secretary, Lt Col Richard Clayton: richard.clayton312@gmail.com:

Tue 29 Jun 1930 - 2030 **The Final Judgement (Royal Artillery on the WEF/FWW)**

Royal Artillery Association Awards 2020

In March 2021 members of the National Executive Meeting met to discuss the Royal Artillery Association Awards. The Awards will be presented to the individual, Branch and Battery Representative at the National Arboretum Service to be held on Saturday 3rd July 2021. Warmest congratulations to all the winners.

2019 RAA Awards	
Certificate of Merit	David Hadjicostas, Shoeburyness & South Essex Branch
Joan Wanklyn Cup	Birmingham Ladies Section
Eire Cup	Edinburgh Branch
RA Association Kerr Cup	176 (Abu Klea) Battery Royal Artillery
Artillery House Cup	Norwich Branch
Caterham Cup	Plymouth Branch & Carlisle Branch (Joint winners)
Burton Cup	Norwich Branch
Mansergh Memorial Award	SSgt K Harness, 19 Regt RA

2020 RAA Awards	
Certificate of Merit	Harry Heatley, Aigburth-Merseyside Branch
Artillery House Cup	Norwich Branch
Caterham Cup	Colchester Branch & North Essex Branch
Burton Cup	Norwich Branch

Royal Artillery Association Battery Grants

One of the charitable objects of the Association is to promote comradeship, fostering esprit de corps and preserving traditions. Each year the Association makes funds available to Batteries in the form of annual grants to help fund Battery events, improve conditions for members of the Battery and their dependants.

Find out more information from emm.pagan-skelley100@mod.gov.uk or through your chain of command.

Joan Wanklyn Memorial Prize

The Joan Wanklyn Memorial prize is a bursary to be presented each year by the Royal Artillery Association in memory of Miss Joan Wanklyn who was, for many years, our Regimental Artist.

The Bursary comprises a cheque of £500 is to be presented at the RA Assembly. Applications are open to the sons, daughters and grandchildren of Serving or Retired members of the Regiment, regardless of rank or station, who have reached the tertiary

stage of education and are in or about to begin their first year of a course at a recognised College or University to study art in its broader form.

Contact Emma Pagan-Skelley on 01980 845895 or Emma's email for further details emm.Pagan-Skelley100@mod.gov.uk .

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Dear Readers,

I would like to update you on planned changes to Gunner Magazine.

From July 2021 onwards, Gunner Magazine will be available as both a print and online product, the online Gunner will be available through both our Regimental website <https://www.thegunners.org.uk/> and to military personnel through DEFENCE-CONNECT.

Paying subscribers will continue to receive a print copy, as will our Regiments, messes, libraries and associations. Serving officers who contribute to the service pays giving scheme will have access to the online product and will be able to receive a print copy on request, additionally the magazine will grow from c36 pages to c48 in order to accommodate more content.

Unfortunately our Regimental magazine has been a significant financial drain on the RAI for some time now and these losses are no longer sustainable, so in order to reduce this burden we will move Gunner from being a monthly magazine to one being published seven times a year. Taken together these initiatives will improve Gunner, increase its reach, place it on a financially sound footing, reduce wastage and secure the future of our Regimental magazine for generations to come.

Any questions should be directed to the executive editor, simon.howe519@mod.gov.uk



·Royal Star & Garter - High Wycombe·

At Royal Star & Garter we work as a family to provide exceptional care for veterans and their partners living with disability or dementia.

With beautiful gardens, spacious bed-sitting rooms, a stunning foyer and informal lounges, our High Wycombe Home always offers a warm and friendly welcome. Care is individually tailored to make sure a person's physical, emotional and social needs are met. It is provided by skilled staff with respect and kindness.

We help loved ones stay connected with regular video calls and visits in our purpose built, Covid-secure meeting room. We also welcome indoor visits in line with national government guidelines.

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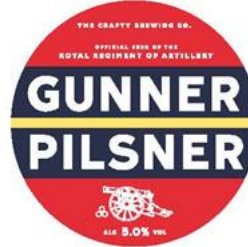
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The Royal Artillery Craft Beers

We are proud to announce the arrival of two very special guests.



THEY TASTE GOOD. THEY DO GOOD.

Champions in their own right, these fine craft beers were hand-picked in June 2019 by a tasting committee of over 90 Gunner soldiers. Gunner IPA and Gunner Pilsner are more than simply great-tasting, flagship examples of the brewer's art. For every litre of beer sold, The Crafty Brewing Co., will make a donation to Royal Artillery Charities – to fund sport, adventure and challenge activities for all Gunners – be they regular or reserve.

So now, when you raise a glass of your very own Royal Artillery craft beer – to slake a thirst, make a toast or in tribute to absent friends – you'll be putting a smile on more faces than just your own.

These delicious Gunner craft beers make their debut this evening and are provided courtesy of The Crafty Brewing Co. for you to enjoy. They will shortly be available in keg and 500ml bottles to every Royal Artillery Mess and for purchase online from November 2019.

To place your advance order visit www.craftybrewing.co.uk



TASTING NOTES:

Gunner IPA – ABV 4.2%

Gunner IPA is a modern classic. It is a golden amber, lightly-hopped IPA bearing all the hallmarks of its four international hop superstars – Simcoe, Chinook, Amarillo and Perle. Refreshing citrus and pine notes are mellowed by toasted fine English crystal malts.

Gunner Pilsner – ABV 5.0%

Gunner Pilsner is a refreshing, full-flavoured, mellow craft lager. Expertly crafted with pale malts and the prince of 'noble' hops – Tettnang. This pilsner is conditioned for 12 weeks and naturally carbonated for a crisp, mouth-filling quaff.



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