LIEUTENANT GENERAL NICK PATRICK CARTER CBE DSO (Late RGJ)

Lieutenant General Nick Carter was commissioned into The Royal Green Jackets in 1978. He saw service in Northern Ireland, Cyprus and Germany before attending the Army Staff Course in 1991. Thereafter he served 2 years as a company commander in the ACE Mobile Force (Land) and 2 years as Military Assistant to the Assistant Chief of the General Staff. From 1996 to 1998 he was on the Directing Staff at the Army Staff College and the Joint Services Command and Staff College.

From 1998 he commanded 2nd Battalion, The Royal Green Jackets, an armoured infantry battalion based in Germany, with operational deployments in Bosnia (1998) and Kosovo (1999 – 2000).

Lieutenant General Carter attended the Higher Command and Staff Course in 2001. This was followed by a year as Colonel Army Personnel Strategy at Headquarters Adjutant General; 6 months as Director of Plans of the US-led Combined Joint Task Force 180 in Afghanistan in mid 2002; 3 months in the Cross Government Iraq Planning Unit based in the FCO leading up to and during the invasion of Iraq in 2003; and a year at HQ Land Command writing the Collective Training Study.

He commanded 20 Armoured Brigade, initially in Iraq from January to May 2004, and then in Germany until December 2005. After completing Term 1 of Royal College of Defence Studies, he assumed the appointment of Director of Army Resources and Plans in the Ministry of Defence in May 2006.

Lieutenant General Carter assumed command of 6th United Kingdom Division in January 2009 and was responsible for the preparation and training of the Task Forces deploying on operations to Afghanistan. The Division then became a CJTF and assumed responsibility for ISAF Regional Command South from November 2009 to November 2010.

In February 2011 he took up the post as Director General Land Warfare with responsibility for Force Development, Tactical Doctrine and the delivery of Collective Training. He was promoted to Lieutenant General in October 2011 and given responsibility for leading the Army 2020 Team to design the future Army.

He was appointed a Member of The Most Excellent Order of the British Empire in 1995, an Officer in 2000 and a Commander in 2003. In March 2011 he was awarded the DSO.

He is married to Louise and they have four children.