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## **BFPS Remembers Them**

To mark Armistice Day 2016 BFPS will be publishing a simple but moving Forces cover.

Three paragraphs from the poem 'For the Fallen' by Robert Laurence Binyon have been used on the cover. The Post & Go 1<sup>st</sup> class stamp 'Poppy', re-introduced for the Remembrance period by Royal Mail will be cancelled by the specially designed 'BFPS 3202 We Remember' special handstamp that incorporates a silhouette of a soldier poised in reflection.

This poignant cover may be ordered from the BFPS online shop ([www.bfps.org.uk/shop](http://www.bfps.org.uk/shop)) and will cost just £6 (UK/BFPO p&p free).

You can also order the covers by post by sending a cheque (payable to 'BFPS CIC') to BFPS The Old Post Office Links Place Elie Fife KY9 1AX.

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Images of the commemorative cover and handstamp are attached.

## About BFPS

The British Forces Philatelic Service (BFPS) fundraises for Service charities through philately and is a not-for-profit organisation run by a small team of volunteers, all of whom are Veterans. BFPS was specially set-up to ensure that the Forces Philatelic Bureau survives and thrives. BFPS is a registered Community Interest Company (CIC) working closely with the British Forces Post Office (BFPO).

The BFPO has had responsibility for all aspects of military mail, including philatelic matters, since its formation in 1882. More recently, as part of a Strategic Defence and Security Review, BFPO was reorganised and as a result of this the Forces Philatelic Bureau was transferred to BFPS, which was specially set up, as the sole authorised body empowered to deal with all matters concerning the Forces Philatelic Bureau. BFPS is officially licensed by the UK MOD.

BFPS is managed by two retired career Army officers, each of whom has had extensive experience working within the BFPO in general and the Forces Philatelic Bureau in particular. The third member of the management team is an ex Royal Engineer Warrant Officer who has a passion for Forces philately. All are volunteers and are dedicated to keeping the Forces Philatelic Bureau alive and are working hard to ensure the future of this unique area of BFPO operations is secure and flourishes.

### Links:

[British Forces Post Office](#)

[www.royalmail.com/personal/stamps-collectibles-gifts](http://www.royalmail.com/personal/stamps-collectibles-gifts)

[www.postalheritage.org.uk/](http://www.postalheritage.org.uk/)

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