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Final display signals farewell to The White Helmets

The White Helmets is the internationally acclaimed motorcycle display team of The Royal Corps of Signals. Based in Blandford, Dorset the team performs around the world. They were formed in 1927 and every year since then they have been touring the country. Currently they use Triumph Tiger 750cc motorbikes and promote the Army in general and the Corps of Royal Signals in particular. They attend a wide variety of events, including fetes, fairs, country shows and, of course, bike shows.

2017 not only sees the 90th Anniversary of this iconic display team, but also their final display, which takes place on the 30th September. To celebrate this final display of the White Helmets, BFPS has produced a commemorative cover.

The cover bears an official team photograph by Basia Howard-Harward showing the legendary team performing their famous stunt "the human pyramid". The cover bears a 1st Class 'Post & Go' stamp from the Royal Signals Museum, with a special limited edition White Helmets overprint. This will be cancelled by the unique British Forces Postal Service special handstamp No 3206. Both stamp and special handstamp carry the team's logo.

The covers may be ordered from the BFPS online shop (www.bfps.org.uk/shop) at a cost of just £7.50. A limited edition version, signed by the photographer Basia Howard-Harward FRPS, will also be available at £15.

We are also hoping to be able to have for sale some collector's sets of the 1st Class 'Post & Go' stamp from the Royal Signals Museum, with a special limited edition White Helmets overprint. Please watch the BFPS website for further information.

Covers may also be ordered by post by sending a cheque (payable to 'BFPS CIC') to BFPS The Old Post Office Links Place Elie LEVEN KY9 1AX.

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An image of the commemorative cover is 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.

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