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75 Years Of REME Commemorated

The role of the Corps of Royal Electrical and Mechanical Engineers (REME) is to maintain and repair the equipment and material of the British Army. This year sees the Corps 75th anniversary.

In conjunction with HQ REME British Forces Philatelic Service has produced a commemorative cover to mark their anniversary on the 1st October 2017.

This very striking cover bears an image, taken from a painting by the renowned war artist Matthew Cook, depicting a REME recovery vehicle towing an Armoured Personnel Carrier. A personalised smiler stamp showing an engine pack being removed from equipment will be cancelled by the unique British Forces Postal Service special handstamp No 3207.

The covers may be ordered from the BFPS online shop (www.bfps.org.uk/shop) at a cost of just £7.50 from the 17th September 2017.

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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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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