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BFPS celebrates the QARANC Association's 70th Anniversary

The Queen Alexandra's Royal Army Nursing Corps (QARANC) nurses have worked at the sharp end of military life throughout the last century of military nursing. The QARANC Association was founded in 1947 by Dame Louisa Wilkinson DBE RRC and gives support and friendship to all who are serving or have served in the Corps.

To celebrate the 70th anniversary of the Association the BFPS, in conjunction with the QARANC Association, has produced a commemorative cover to be released on the 1st December 2017.

A special handstamp BFPS 3212 featuring the QARANC's badge will cancel a personalised Smiler[®] stamp which bears the Tactical Recognition Flash of the Corps. A collage of images on the cover reflect the bond shared between the Associations' members.

These superb covers may be ordered from the BFPS online shop (www.bfps.org.uk/shop) at a cost of just £7.50.

Also on offer will be a few sheets of the personalised Smiler[®] stamps used on the cover, priced at £38 each.

Covers and stamp sheets 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.

Links:

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/british-forces-post-office-services>

<http://www.royalmail.com/personal/stamps-collectibles-gifts>

<http://www.postalmuseum.org/>

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About the Queen Alexandra's Royal Army Nursing Corps (QARANC) Association

The QARANC Association is a registered charity and is open to all serving and retired members of the QARANC. The Association joins together in practical friendship all who are serving or have served in the Corps, irrespective of rank, sharing in its record, its achievements, tradition and history.

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