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Queen's Own Highlanders 60th Anniversary of Formation

In 1961 the Seaforth Highlanders and the Queen's Own Cameron Highlanders amalgamated at Redford Barracks, Edinburgh, to form the Queen's Own Highlanders. There followed another merger in 1994, this time with the Gordon Highlanders, to become 'The Highlanders'. Twelve years later they become part of the Royal Regiment of Scotland, which now upholds many of the fine traditions and customs of the Queen's Own Highlanders.

Today the Regiment still lives on through its veterans, the various branches of the Queen's Own Highlanders Regimental Association and the excellent Regimental Museum at Fort George, near Inverness.

In conjunction with the Regimental Association, BFPS has produced a commemorative cover marking the 60th anniversary of the formation of the Queen's Own Highlanders and this will be released on the 7th February 2021.

The cover bears an image from a painting by Douglas N Anderson, well known for his depictions of Scottish Highland Regiments. A 1st Class Scottish regional stamp (Scottish Lion) will be cancelled by the unique numbered BFPS 3234 special handstamp specially produced for the event.

There will be three versions of the cover as follows:

- Standard unsigned priced at £7.50.
- Limited edition of 79 signed by 2 veterans of the amalgamation priced at £15.
- Limited edition of 60 signed by Douglas N Anderson, the artist who painted the image used on the cover, priced at £15.

All covers will come with an information insert and both will be presented in a cellophane slip making a superb memento of this anniversary.

The covers can be ordered from the BFPS online shop (www.bfps.org.uk) or 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, both 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 a retired career Army officer, who has had extensive experience working within the BFPO in general and the Forces Philatelic Bureau in particular. The second member of the management team is an ex Royal Engineer Warrant Officer who has a passion for Forces philately. Both 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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QUEEN'S OWN HIGHLANDERS REGIMENTAL ASSOCIATION

The Queen's Own Highlanders were formed on the 7th February 1961 from an amalgamation of the Seaforth Highlanders and Queen's Own Cameron Highlanders.

The Queen's Own Highlanders Regimental Association exists to promote the welfare of veterans of all ranks of the Regiment and to foster esprit de corps, comradeship and Regimental interest connected to the Queen's Own Highlanders (Seaforth and Camerons) or its antecedent regiments.

Association Website: <https://www.cabarfeidh.com>

Association Address: Regimental Secretary, Queen's Own Highlanders, Cameron Barracks, Inverness, IV2 3XE

Regimental Museum: <https://www.thehighlandersmuseum.com>