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## **100 years of British Military Dental Surgery**

The Royal Army Dental Corps (RADC) is a specialist corps in the British Army that provides dental care services to its personnel and their families in war and in peace. The Corps is part of the Army Medical Services (AMS) and celebrates its 100th birthday in January 2021.

To mark this centenary BFPS, in conjunction with Headquarters RADC, is publishing a commemorative cover to be issued on the 4th of January 2021.

Various historical images and the Corps cap badge are mounted over the Corps' colours of green, red and blue. A bespoke Royal Mail Smiler<sup>®</sup> stamp, bearing the Corps centenary logo will be cancelled by the BFPS special handstamp, numbered 3233. The centre of which carries the silhouette of the Corps' cap badge.

The standard edition will cost £9 whilst a numbered limited edition, signed by the Chief Dental Officer (Army), will cost £18. A limited quantity of the bespoke Smiler<sup>®</sup> stamps used on these covers will be available to order in full sheets (of 20) at £38 and half sheets (of 10) at £20.

All covers include an information insert and will be presented in a protective cellophane sleeve making a very collectable souvenir of the RADC's Centenary.

The covers can be ordered from the BFPS online shop ([www.bfps.org.uk](http://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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# **Royal Army Dental Corps Association**

## **About the Association**

The Royal Army Dental Corps Association was founded from an original proposal made in 1951 and is now registered as a charity.

## **The Aims of the Association**

Creating a bond of friendship between past and present members of the Corps and those members of the ATS and QARANC who have been associated with the Corps.

Bringing to the attention of the RADC Benevolent Fund any cases of members, their widows, children and dependants who may require assistance due to poverty or distress.

Assisting in finding employment for its members.

Organizing social events for members.

**Website:** <https://www.radc-association.co.uk/index.html>

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