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BFPS Celebrates the Centenary of Legion Scotland

In June 1921, Field Marshal Earl Haig formed the Royal British Legion Scotland, Legion Scotland as it is now known, by bringing together several charities that had been established to assist those returning from the horrors of the First World War and residing in Scotland. This year sees the centenary of the charity.

BFPS in partnership with Legion Scotland will be marking this historic occasion by producing a commemorative cover to be published on the 18 June 2021.

This striking cover bears the charities centenary logo whilst a Scottish regional 1st class stamp 'Scottish Lion' will be cancelled by the uniquely numbered 'BFPS 3235' special handstamp.

Two versions are to be issued as follows:

- Standard version priced at £8 each.
- Limited number of 100 signed by the President of the Royal British Legion Scotland Lieutenant General Sir Alistair Irwin KCB CBE, priced at £15 each.

All covers include an A4 double-sided information insert and will be presented in a protective cellophane sleeve making a very collectable souvenir of Legion Scotland's centenary.

All profits from the sale of these covers, after production costs, will be donated to Legion Scotland to support their charity work.

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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