## 60<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY OF THE FORMATION OF THE QUEEN'S OWN HIGHLANDERS



If you had not already realised, the Queen's Own Highlanders will be 60 years old <u>on</u>  $7^{\text{th}}$  February 2021.



To celebrate this very important birthday, the British Forces Philatelic Service (BFPS) will be releasing special a commemorative cover mark the to occasion. The cover consist will of а Douglas Anderson print showing members of the Regiment in different orders of dress and with a firstclass regional postage stamp (a Lion Rampant design). The stamp will be cancelled using

a specially designed Queen's Own Highlanders handstamp. The cover will be on sale in January 2021 and will be sent out to hit the anniversary <u>on 7<sup>th</sup>February</u>. Inside the cover will be a two-page history of the Regiment.

BFPS is a not for-profit community interest company run by two volunteers – both served in the Royal Engineers – one of them with the Postal and Courier Service. The company is registered with Royal Mail and has its own BFPO address (BFPO 707). The service produces special covers with military themes to mark significant anniversaries and any profit made after deducting production costs is split at the end of their financial year and donated to military charities. Any profit from our commemorative cover will be donated to the Regimental Museum and used solely for the refurbishment of the Queen's Own Highlanders Room there.

As well as the standard covers (price £7.50), there will be a limited edition of 79 signed covers (price £15.00). They will be numbered and signed by two prominent members of the Regiment who served through the amalgamation in 1961 – one a former Cameron Highlander and the other a Seaforth. You can find out who they are on the BFPS site (see link below). The sale of the limited editions will be on a first come, first served basis, except numbers 72, 78 and 79 which will be sold at an auction, hopefully to be held at our Gathering next year. Number 1 which will be put on display in the Queen's Own Highlanders Room of the museum.

As a bonus, Douglas N Anderson, the artist who painted the original artwork used on the cover, will also sign a limited edition of another 60 copies.

If you want to reserve a limited edition cover before they are advertised widely throughout the philatelic world, then please sign-up for the BFPS Newsletter at <u>http://eepurl.com/3hMTT</u>. The Newsletter is published in early January, a week before the covers go on general sale. I would recommend also checking out the BFPS website at <u>www.bfps.org.uk</u> where you will find out more on the "Coming Soon" page. Please note, all sales will be conducted through the BFPS online shop.