

Navy Uniforms The third and final set in the



THE THIRD AND FINAL set in the series on service uniforms goes on sale at Post Office branches and philatelic outlets and Royal Mail Tallents House on 17 September. The issue, honouring the 'senior service', features Naval uniforms and comprises six stamps and a prestige stamp book. The stamps, like the Army and RAF Uniform sets of 2007 and 2008, are printed as septenant triptychs – three 1st class and three 90p stamps. Each stamp bears an illustration by the artist Graham Turner, representing the many Naval uniforms since the 18th century. The Queen's silhouette and value/service indicator are positioned top right on all six stamps.

The stamps were designed by Atelier Works and printed in litho by Cartor. For an article on Atelier Works, Graham Turner and the designing of the RAF Uniforms stamps see the September 2008 *Bulletin*.

FIRST DAY FACILITIES The FDC envelope has been designed by Atelier Works. Orders for serviced FDCs must reach Tallents House (address below) by the day of issue. Collectors may send stamped covers on the day of issue to: Royal Mail, Tallents House, 21 South Gyle Crescent, Edinburgh EH12 9PB (Tallents House postmark), or to the nearest Special Handstamp Centre (Portsmouth postmark), marking the outer envelope 'FD0925' (Tallents House) or 'FD0926' (Portsmouth). Covers can be posted or handed in at main Post Office branches for the Portsmouth postmark.

For details of sponsored handstamps and addresses of the Handstamp Centres see the *British Postmark Bulletin* – available on subscription from Tallents House (£12.25 UK/Europe; £24.95 elsewhere). For a free sample copy, write to: The Editor, British Postmark Bulletin, Royal Mail, 35-50 Rathbone Place, London W1T 1HQ.



The Navy on stamps This new set of stamps will add to those issues which have previously honoured the Royal Navy: 1951 2s6d high value definitive (HMS *Victory*), 1982 Maritime Heritage (left, 29p), 1988 Spanish Armada, 1990 Gallantry (the Distinguished Service Cross and Medal), 1994 D-Day (HMS *Warspite*), 2001 Submarines and Flags (White Ensign and Jolly Roger), 2005 Battle of Trafalgar, and 2006 Victoria Cross (Boy Seaman Jack Cornwell and Midshipman Charles Lucas) ●

series on British military dress



The stamps 1st class (from left to right): Flight Deck Officer 2009, Captain 1941 and Superintendent WRNS 1918. 90p: Able Seaman 1880, Royal Marine 1805, and Admiral 1795. The illustrations are by Graham Turner.

Prestige stamp book The book, entitled *Royal Navy Uniforms*, is described on the following page. Prestige book first day covers will be serviced with the pane of definitives and crown label, shown at bottom left on the following page.

Set of stamps	£3.87
Presentation pack	£4.40
Prestige stamp book	£7.93
FDC envelope	£0.30
Serviced FDC: stamps (UK customers)	£4.92
Serviced FDC: stamps (overseas customers)	£4.28
Serviced FDC: book pane (UK customers)	£3.34
Serviced FDC: book pane (overseas customers)	£2.91
Stamp cards set	£2.34
Cachet cover	£9.99



A Royal Navy pilot in flight gear, including a flight helmet, is seen during periods of heightened combat readiness. It consists of a flame-resistant hood and gloves made out of Kevlar woven fabric to protect face against on-board fires.



A Royal Navy crew member in high-visibility clothing made of Gore-Tex designed to be a fireproof. It is permeable to water vapor so the wearer does not get overheated.



Warm engineering efforts can bring the crew wear services dress to carry out their daily duties. This is designed to be water-tight and fire-resistant and suited to the practical business of maintaining a ship at sea.



Modern Navy Uniforms

FUNCTION OVER STYLE

THE ROYAL NAVY IN THE 21ST CENTURY EMBRACES MANY DIFFERENT TASKS THAT DEMAND PARTICULAR EXPERTISE FROM SERVICE PERSONNEL. WHETHER IT IS A FLIGHT DECK OFFICER DRESSED IN HIGH-VISIBILITY JACKET AND HELMET OR AN ON-BOARD MISSILE OPERATOR WEARING AN ANTI-FLASH HOOD, THESE ARE FUNCTIONS THAT REQUIRE SIMPLE, PRACTICAL CLOTHING WITH LITTLE ROOM FOR DECORATIVE STYLE.



UNIFORMS OF THE ROYAL MARINES



The Royal Marines are the soldiers of the Royal Navy and wear a green beret with their standard Combat Soldier 95 outfit, featuring British Disruptive Pattern Material (DPM) Camouflage (bottom right). This is adapted to suit the demands of different environments. In the Arctic, they don Mountain Cold weather equipment (top right). In the Middle East, they wear desert DPM camouflage (top left). In parade, their smart blue dress uniform can be worn with either a peaked cap or the Moleskin Pattern white pilot helmet (bottom left).



Royal Mail First Day Cover



ROYAL NAVY UNIFORMS

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A Royal Navy pilot of 614 Naval Air Squadron dressed in Desert Flying overalls is associated with operations in tropical regions. Pearl Cape leather dress and a beret. The monochrome monochrome crew cut on the right upper arm, depicts a new leopard.

The distinctive square collar worn by ratings evolved because it was easier for the men to cut and sew compared to a round collar.

A Royal Naval party presenting arms on the deck of HMS Ark Royal wears the white uniform - cotton vest and cotton drill shorts. Incredibly far away in tropical zones, this is worn in all climates, including the Mediterranean.



Navy Uniforms A new prestige stamp book

A NEW PRESTIGE STAMP BOOK, entitled *Royal Navy Uniforms*, contains four panes of stamps, as shown here.

The book has been written by Tim Newark, designed by Webb & Webb Design Ltd, and printed in litho by Cartor Security Printing. This is the first time the 17p and 90p definitives have been printed in litho; the 1p was printed in litho by Questa in 1996. The Flag stamps were originally printed in gravure, and subsequently the White Ensign stamp was produced in litho in generic sheets. The serviced FDC will bear the definitives and label stamp pane, as shown on the previous page •

Navy Uniforms PSB The book will contain four panes:

Pane 1 90p Navy Uniforms stamps (strip of three)

Pane 2 1st class Navy Uniforms stamps (strip of three)

Pane 3 Definitive stamps: top and bottom rows 17p, 1p, 17p; middle row 90p, label (crown), 90p

Pane 4 Top row 1st class White Ensign and Jolly Roger stamps from the 2001 Flags miniature sheet; bottom row same stamps in reverse order

