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CONDITION 7 NOTIFICATION: British Forces Post Office (BFPO) Free Mail Service

Dear Caroline,

I am writing to notify you, under Condition 7, that Royal Mail and the Ministry of Defence will be offering a free mail service from 8th December 2007. Under this service friends and relatives will be able to send letters and packets to Forces personnel operating within authorised BFPO operational locations. Whilst these locations will change over time the current locations are detailed in Annex A of this letter.

This provides a continuation of the free mail service that has been operating since 7th September 2007 and ends on 7th December 2007.

The weight and size dimensions remain the same as the current BFPO product -details can be found on [Royal Mail's website](#). This service is one way only - UK to an operational theatre BFPO or HM Ship.

Packets from commercial firms and those from support groups are not allowed under this service and will not be accepted on a free of charge basis; this service is for relatives and friends only, sending to named individuals via a post office.

No compensation is available with this service. Royal Mail will accept the free BFPO items via all Post Office counters in the UK. The mail will then be handed over to the BFPO at its depot at RAF Northolt. It will then be the MoD's responsibility to transport the items out of the UK and to delivery to Forces personnel abroad. Due to the operational nature of the destinations, specific timescales for delivery cannot be given.

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A copy of this letter has been sent to Postwatch and will be published on Royal Mail's website within four working days.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "M Waples". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized initial "M".

Mark Waples
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Annex A

Op Name/Ship	Location	BFPO Number	Remarks
Op TELIC	Iraq, Bahrain, Kuwait, Qatar & Oman	632, 635, 639, 641, 643, 657, 661, 684, 686 & 767	
Op HERRICK	Afghanistan (Lashkar Gar) (FOB Price) (Kabul) (HQ ISAF) (Kandahar) (Camp Bastion)	715, 755, 758, 764, 772 & 792	
HMS Richmond		375	Up to 21 Dec 07 only
HMS Campbeltown		248	Up to 30 Apr 08 only
HMS Chatham		253	01 Apr 08 - 30 Sep 08 only
HMS Argyll		210	Up to 30 Apr 08 only
HMS Montrose		339	01 Mar 08 - 30 Sep 08 only
HMS Blyth		221	
HMS Ramsey		368	
RFA Sir Bedivere		452	Up to 31 Jan 08 only
RFA Cardigan Bay		436	Up to 30 Jun 08 only
RFA Bayleaf		434	