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279 Following on from FS 273, this includes a detailed and fully illustrated record of the Epulette and Shoulder insignia worn by the Artillery of the Honourable Artillery Company, includes a rare title worn by the Special Boat Squadron, details the unusual rank insignia of the wartime Middlesex Yeomanry serving as signallers, ask the question who exactly wore the alleged Port Commando badge and illustrates RN EOD badges and further tiger badges of the Princess of Wales Royal Regiment.

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Marks the anniversaries of the formation of the Local Defence Volunteers in 1940 and VE Day in 1945, records use of the Palestine national title, variations on the wartime titles of the Parachute Regiment and Royal Marines, solves the mystery of a pine tree badge shown in FS 276 and carries the regular crop of new badges and items for identification.

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Includes a photograph of the rare Special Allied Airborne Reconnaissance Force (SAARF) arm badge being worn, relates the origins of the signs of the Lincolnshire County Division and 22nd Beach Brigade, finally solves the longstanding mystery of a Sussex related Artillery badge, looks at the water slide steel helmet transfers made by Aldershot publishers Gale & Polden, illustrates two previously unrecorded badges from the First World War and has the usual features on modern badges and mystery items to identify.

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This Special 48-page edition looks at the incredible variety of printed badges produced in the 1940s and 1950s for Britain's armed and civilian services, by the Calico Printers Association based on three sample albums from the Association – one of them first appearing on the BBC's *Antiques Roadshow*. It reveals that during the Second World War the Association produced 230 million badges, 800,000 of them for the United States 8th Army Air Force based in Britain and illustrates a number of badges which still defy identification.

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The cover story marks the 100th Birthday of the Society's Vice-President Mrs Joy Waring, whose late husband Major John Waring founded the Society in 1951. Inside features cover Official Service photographers, an exceptionally rare RASC cloth unit badge, badges of the Free Belgian Forces trained in Northern Ireland in 1945, the dress and badges of Italian POW Labour units and a second series of additions and updates to the 2019 book *Badges on Battle Dress*.

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Looks at the badges and uniforms of Army Scripture Readers and related bodies, tells the story of a wartime Lincolnshire Regiment badge and of the uniformed Civilian Transport services supporting the armed forces and has a detailed account of the various glider badges worn by Britain's wartime airborne forces and their post-war successors. Plus the usual coverage of new badges and old mysteries.

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Details and illustrates the rank badge adopted for the newly-created post of Senior Enlisted Advisor to the Chief of Staff's Committee, looks at the wartime dress distinctions worn by The Sherwood Foresters and has a detailed and fully illustrated record of the Epulette and Shoulder insignia worn by the Infantry of the Honourable Artillery Company.

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Attempts to solve the riddle of how a formation sign abolished in 1942 appeared on the arms of soldiers in Normandy in 1944, illustrates several of the armbands worn by the wartime Warwickshire Civil Defence units, relates how the Lymphad of Sunderland became a regimental arm badge and has a centre spread of a cloth badge collection formed in North West Europe in 1944-1945.

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This 16-page edition has a detailed, illustrated account of the Cold War Royal Naval Minewatching Service and its successor the RN Auxiliary Service, tells of the activities of the wartime WVS and explains the details and origins of a cloth badge collection found in America which contains numerous examples of the silk woven badges made by the Staffordshire-based firm Brough, Hall and Nicolson, some of the best quality wartime badges worn by Britain's forces.

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This 48-page Special issue marked the Centenary of the Royal Air Force from its origin in the Royal Flying Corps and the Royal Naval Air Service, its pages crammed with unpublished photos of uniforms and the badges worn on them. Copies are available for sale to non-members.

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With its centre spread a cape smothered in badges worn in the Italian Campaign, this issue looks at the insignia of the Canadian Army's Tunnellers in the First World War, the badges made for the Libyan Army by the Calico Printers in the 1950s and illustrates a rare Local Defence Volunteer armband.

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Its cover story telling of an officer of The Buffs wearing a gold embroidered RAF Path Finder badge on his No 1 Dress, this issue attempts to unravel the mystery of the IX Corps banner-less trumpet sign, illustrates numerous modern TRFs and formation signs on MTP clothing and includes additional material on the Berlin Sign covered in Issue 266.

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A 48-page Special Issue commemorating 100 years of the Army's tank units, this records their origins in the Machine Gun Corps, the formation of the Tank Corps and its subsequent history. It is packed with details of uniforms and insignia and includes over forty photographs of them being worn.

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With a cover image of the signs of The Twelfth Army worn in the Far East campaign, this issue tries to unravel the mystery of the green and purple crossed claymore badge often wrongly attributed to the Commandos and has a detailed, illustrated history of the adoption of the sign worn by British troops stationed in Berlin after 1945.

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The cover of this issue looks at some rare arm titles worn by the Indian Airborne Division, inside articles covering the use of the Commando dagger badge by the Royal Navy, the history and insignia of The Women's Legion, some RASC Company vehicle signs and the formation signs worn by the Canadian Army units after the Unification of Canada's forces ended.

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With Army Christmas cards on its front page, this issue contains new information on Home Guard insignia, the memories of a Cadet in a school CCF in the 1960s, details of a previously unrecorded machine gun qualification badge as well as the regular survey of newly-adopted insignia and one of a series of reports on auction sales of cloth insignia.

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This issue contains Part Three of a detailed look at some manufacturer's sample cards of insignia made in Britain for the Free Dutch Force stationed here, notes further Home Front insignia and includes the third part of an examination of the use by Boy Scout troops of British Army formation signs.

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Starting with an examination of the history of the Green Flash worn by the Royal Monmouthshire Royal Engineers, articles include a survey of the arm titles worn by the bands of the Corps of Army Music (CAMUS), Part Two of the detailed look at the samples of British made insignia made for the Free Dutch Forces and some thoughts on the current use of the Army's 'lightbulb' parachute badge.

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One of the occasional 16-page issues, this looks at insignia of the post-war Territorial Northamptonshire Yeomanry, includes a detailed article on the arm titles of the Canadian Army Pay Corps, illustrates one regiment's current rules for wearing cloth insignia from TRFs to Zap badges, examines the insignia of the wartime Civil Defence Reserve, has a double page spread of the insignia of Ireland's Reserve Defence Force and begins a series of articles looking in detail at a British manufacturer's insignia sample cards made from 1940 for the Free Dutch Forces based here.

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Beginning with a detailed look at the 1950s Experimental Mobile Columns formed to help with planning for assistance after a nuclear attack, this issue includes one of the occasional summaries of the decisions made by the Army Dress Committee, a two-page spread of the flashes worn by Ireland's Permanent Defence Force, Part Two of an in-depth article on the unusual badge worn by Land Forces Adriatic in World War Two and a further look at military insignia worn by Boy Scout Troops.

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Starting with Part One of an in-depth article on the unusual badge worn by Land Forces Adriatic in World War Two, this issue looks at the variety of cloth insignia worn by cadet units over the years, attempts to understand the series of letters applied to the armbands of Manchester's Home Guard, discusses further some of the insignia worn by the post-First World War British Army of the Rhine and has Part One of an article on military insignia worn by Boy Scout Troops.

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With a front page story about the various signs worn by the British II Corps, this has a selection of the insignia produced for the Army in Afghanistan at Camp Bastion, looks at the new badges of the Scottish yeomanry and has an article on the insignia worn by the post-First World War British Army of the Rhine. It also features an auction report and details of modern badges worn on MTP uniforms.

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Beginning with the regimental flash of the Hoylake Gunners and the story of one soldier who served with them, this issue looks at the unpopular and short-lived Royal Armoured Corps cloth arm badge, discusses a possible arm badge for Popski's Private Army, looks at arm badges for Air Training Corps Overseas Squadrons, records the history and demise of the Wyvern badge first worn by 43rd Infantry Division and reveals new Home Front discoveries.

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With an attributed collection of rare cloth insignia for the Palestine Regiment and the Jewish Brigade Group on its cover, this issue includes a comprehensive listing of the numbered Fire Forces of the wartime National Fire Service, has two pages describing newly-adopted army insignia, finally solves the mystery of a Wings for Britain metal badge first queried in 1971, discusses the Skull arm badge worn by No3 Commando and describes the mysterious badge of the Officer Cadet Reserve.

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This 20-page Special Issue marks the outbreak of war in August 1914 by looking at the variety of cloth badges introduced and worn by the armed and support services – the Royal Flying Corps, Red Cross, Women's Army Auxiliary Corps, Land Army and Volunteer Training Corps. It includes a detailed examination of cloth badges worn by battalions of The Queen's Own (Royal West Kent) Regiment.

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Beginning with an account of the rare naval-inspired badge worn by a Brigade of 4th Infantry Division, Issue 254 looks at the Khaki University of Canada's badges, illustrates a mixture of vehicle markings, records a previously unknown pagri flash for the First World War No 28 Motor Ambulance Convoy, ASC, details the insignia worn by the Cadets of Giggleswick School and illustrates a number of newly-discovered Home Front items including armbands for Food Salvage Squads.

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Takes a look at the insignia worn by RAF personnel working with the Reaper drone, details some of the insignia made in wartime Britain for the US troops stationed here, records the badges worn by the shortlived RAC Training Centre, BAOR, illustrates examples of Girls Naval Training Corps' badges and the armbands worn on the Home Front by wartime Food Salvage teams.

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This edition details the award of the Commando dagger to two RAF officers, an early RAMC arm badge, some unusual Home Guard insignia, details of German Marine Dienstgruppe badges and the first issue of Malaya Command's kris badge, two unusually badged battle dress blouses, a brief history of the RAC's Boys Squadron, the history of 64 Signal Regiment's Glossop title and some rare cloth items worn by women serving in India in the Second World War. The issue is completed by some new British Army badges and the usual selection of unidentified items.

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Looks at Cloth Shoulder Titles of the Dominion of Pakistan 1947-1956, badges of RN and Admiralty Ferry Crews, the RNAS and RNVR Anti-Aircraft Corps, Chaplains' badges, official and unofficial, a rare National Fire Service title, plus Badges of the Bundeswehr, FANY and MoS/Official Car Service. New badges for the DEMS Training Regiment, Armour Centre and Gibraltar Regiment EOD teams are pictured. The usual crop of mystery items for identification is included.

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This issue records the Journal's development since Issue One in 1951, its progress plotted against a record of the British Army's service during that time in Korea, Malaya, Kenya, Cyprus, Borneo, BAOR, Northern Ireland, Iraq, Afghanistan and peacekeeping with the UN. Illustrated with over 80 badges.

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Commemorates seventy years of the RAF Regiment, traces the history of the Lynx badge of 65 Signals Regiment, records some examples of the badges worn on the new MTP camouflage and looks at some of the badges of the wartime Pre-Service Training Corps for Girls.

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A varied issue with articles on the wartime ROF Hazardous Duty badge, cloth cap badges of the short-lived Scottish Yeomanry, rank badges of Indian Army Viceroy Commissioned Officers, the Royal Navy's Damage Control Parties, shoulder titles of Canada's 1st and 2nd Army University Course, Brigade badges of Germany's Bundeswehr and a selection of modern Army and cadet insignia.

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Traces the history of the badges worn by the Australian Army's Car Contingent during the Queen's 1954 visit, records the insignia of New Zealand's contribution to the Commonwealth Occupation Force in post-war Japan, gives details of the Olympic badge worn by the service personal at the London 2012 Games, provides details of the cloth badges of Burma's paramilitary Police and the Greek Army of 2012 and records new Army and Army cadet insignia. The issue also details the cuts to be made under the "Army 2020" plan.

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Contents include new Dog Handlers badges, the sign of 6th Armoured Brigade, British Ministry of War Transport badges, Canadian Army Auxiliary Services 1939-1945, a Vehicle Sign Miscellany, New Badges for the Army and Royal Navy, 1930s Pagri flashes, Russian Navy Fleet badges and *Beginners Please!* on Home Guard badges, 1940-1944.

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This issue looks at The Egyptian Cat of 15 Signal Regiment, the Felix Badge and variations, cloth badges of Essex, the travels of 1st Armoured Division's rhino, the Diamond Signs of 42nd Infantry Division and its successors and an Army Armband Miscellany.

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Features a new badge for High Assurance IED Search Teams, Formation Signs on Vehicles, Canada's Enemy Scientific and Technological Investigators, The Sign of the Desert Rats, Helmet Markings, ARP and CD Area Breast Badges and unusual Shoulder Titles, a Round-up of Modern RAF Cloth and *Beginners Please!* on Cloth of the Post-war British Army in the Far East.

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Following the cover story of an Unusual Commando Badge – probably for 3 Commando, this issue looks at the Army's Wartime Physiotherapy Services, Modern RAF Cloth, Unusual CD Cloth, the Sign of 22nd Armoured Brigade, A Nurse's Cape Full of Cloth, an old cloth Miscellany, a Mercian TRF Mystery. *Beginners Please!* looks at the Cloth Signs of the Postwar BAOR.

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A new Badge for the Garrison Sergeant Major (designed by a society member) is featured on the cover with articles on Canadian Aerodrome Defence Units 1942-1944, a modern Badge Miscellany, cloth Badges from the Empire, Arm Badges of the German Bundeswehr and *Beginners Please!* on Cloth Signs of the late 1960s and 1970s.

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Improve your knowledge of Zap Badges in Afghanistan, some Unusual Cloth from Wartime India, Korean War British Cloth, Pilots' wings of the South African Air Force, modern Cloth from Around the World, Second World War Canadian Cloth Shoulder Titles. *Beginners Please!* covers Divisional Signs of the Postwar TA.

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The 2nd Duke of Lancaster's Lion worn in Afghanistan appears on the front cover followed by Post-war cloth Badges of the Dutch Army, Formation Signs on Documents, the Elusive Badge of Solent Garrison and others, the badges of The General Post Office's Cable Laying Ships, a First World War Miscellany, Badges of Modern Times, Pilots' Wings of the Rhodesian Air Force and *Beginners Please!* on British Army Signs for Higher Formations of the Second World War.

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Records the badges of the Joint Helicopter Support Squadron, a Formation Sign on an Armoured Train, Formation Signs on Documents, a Gunner Miscellany, a 150th Birthday Tribute to the ACF, Wartime Battalion Signs of the Royal Fusiliers, the RAF Imagery Analyst's Wing, a rare Helmet Flash for the Royal Dragoons in the Boer War; *Beginners Please!* looks at the Post-war Cloth Signs of the British Army in the Middle East.