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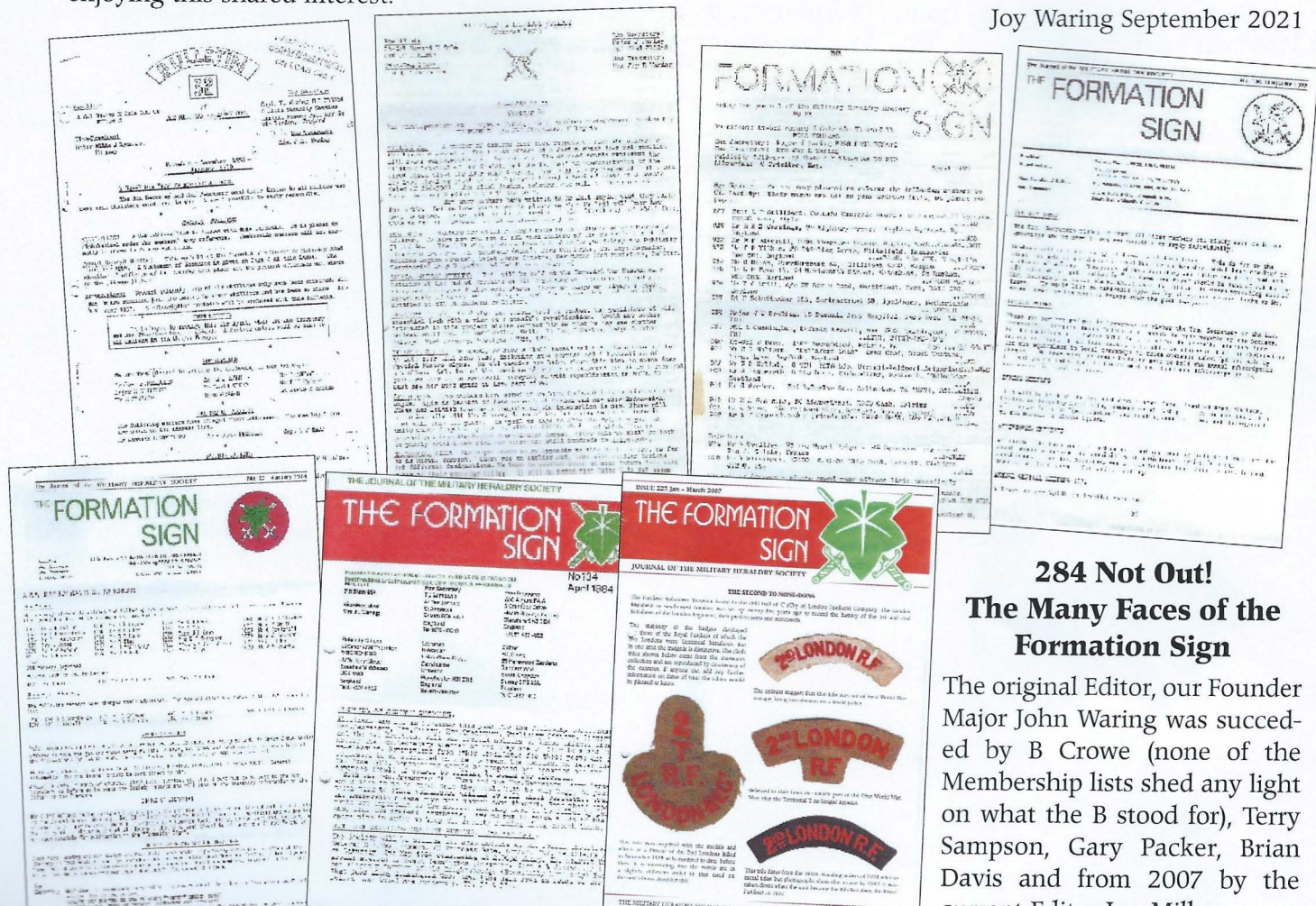
The Military Heraldry Society 1951-2021

When John Waring and a group of like-wise enthusiastic Army officers gathered over a pint in 1951 to form the Military Heraldry Society they would have been amazed and delighted that the Society would still exist and indeed, be flourishing 70 years later! I well remember the early meetings and the enthusiasm that went into "swapping badges during meetings" as well as the creation of the Society's magazine "the Bulletin", which later morphed into "The Formation Sign". That original aim, to foster and encourage the study and collecting of cloth formation signs, shoulder titles and regimental flashes continues to hold true today.

A resurgence in the use of cloth formation signs in the 1980s, has added to the already existing interest in their earlier use in both World Wars and over the intervening years, membership has increased and widened, with members all over the world being able to keep in touch electronically; a far cry from the early days of air mail "blues" and weeks in between sending and receiving communications!

Congratulations to all members of the Society and to the Committee members past and present. You have, and still do, continue John's dream of a mutual passion for collecting military insignia. Long may you carry on enjoying this shared interest.

Joy Waring September 2021



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The Many Faces of the Formation Sign

The original Editor, our Founder Major John Waring was succeeded by B Crowe (none of the Membership lists shed any light on what the B stood for), Terry Sampson, Gary Packer, Brian Davis and from 2007 by the