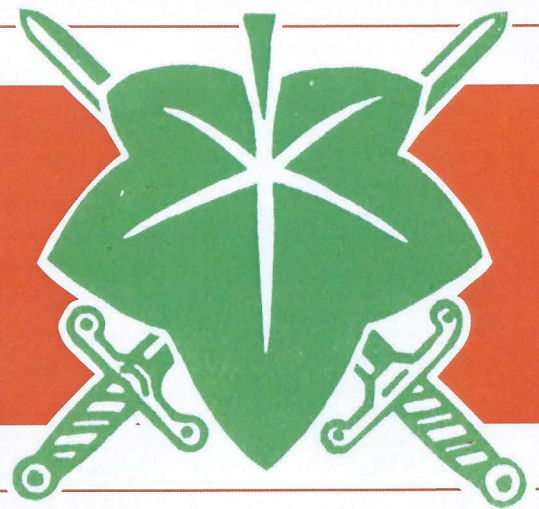


# THE FORMATION SIGN

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## CONGRATULATIONS!!



Seen here wearing the polo shirt presented to her by the Society, our Vice President, Mrs Joy Waring celebrated her 100th Birthday on 10th July with our best wishes conveyed in a card signed by many members.

Joy has been a stalwart of the Society since 1950 when John Waring, who had collected cloth signs during the war, proposed putting the activities of like-minded collectors with whom he was swapping badges on a more formal basis by forming the Military Heraldry Society. On 15th December 1950 Joy was present at the meeting which discussed its formation. She became the Society's Treasurer in 1951 - as which she attended its first annual Committee meeting in October 1952 - a post she retained until 1975. Issues 1 and 2 of The Formation Sign's predecessor The Bulletin of The Military Heraldry Society were hand coloured by Mr and Mrs Waring. In November 1974 Major and Mrs Waring stood down as Secretary and Treasurer

after twenty-four years and were elected Vice Presidents and Life Members of the Society. Since Major Waring's death in August 1977 Joy has remained our Vice President, receiving warm welcomes on attending the Society's 60th Anniversary in November 2011 and our 66th in 2018.

In 1944 Joy Fogg, then employed by the Ministry of Supply met Captain John Waring in Witney when he was recovering from wounds received in Italy. He had already acquired a small collection of badges from those he had served alongside and Joy, keen to impress him, spotting a soldier in Witney being demobbed, asked him for his badges and gave them to a suitably impressed John - he did not have those particular examples. After the war, Joy joined the Metropolitan Police as a uniformed officer and John worked at the War Office. They married in 1947 and set up home in High Barnet where their daughter Caroline and son Grant were born in 1952 and 1954.

John's attachment to the Intelligence Corps at Maresfield in 1955 was followed by a tour in Aden from early 1957. His family who joined him later that year stayed until early 1961, loving Aden and the surrounding area - now The Yemen - then relatively safe to explore. After returning to Britain the children enjoyed having the run of the Imperial War Museum whilst the Society's meetings took place there. In 1963, the Warings moved to Singapore for three years and John and Joy both worked in HQ Far East in Tanglin. Although this period saw the breakdown between Singapore and Malaysia, the former's declaration of independence and a confrontation with Indonesia it did not stop the family exploring Singapore (not built up then) and Malaya. On returning to Britain John was posted to Bristol OTC prior to retiring from the Army in 1968 to live in Norfolk. Joy trained as an Indexer and for over 20 years until her own retirement at the age of 81 indexed the London and Belfast Gazettes. She moved to her current home in Cambridge in 2003.

