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**THE BERMUDA POST OFFICE PHILATELIC BUREAU ISSUES NEW COMMEMORATIVE
STAMP SERIES: BERMUDA REGIMENT 50 YEARS STRONG**

The Bermuda Post Office Philatelic Bureau of the Bermuda Post Office (BPO) recently announced the release of a series of five stamps: *The Bermuda Regiment 50 Years Strong*.

The Bermuda Regiment was formed on 1st September, 1965, and this issue of commemorative stamps celebrates 50 years of dedicated service of the men and women of the Regiment to Bermuda. The Regiment's history dates back to an Act of Parliament in 1892 which created two segregated units; The all white Bermuda Volunteer Rifles Corps - later the Bermuda Rifles and the Bermuda Militia Artillery (BMA) comprised of black soldiers.

The Regiment came about as a result of the amalgamation of these two units in 1965. Both predecessor units had proud histories, from their founding in the late 19th Century, through active service both locally and overseas in both World Wars.

The stamps feature images of the modern day roles and valued traditions of the Bermuda regiment, including The Bermuda Regiment's contribution to our island's security, through Disaster Preparedness; and Maritime Operations; and The Bermuda Regiment's rich history, traditions and contribution to the Bermuda community at large, through the talents of the Band and Corps of Drums; The Regimental Colours; and, traditional ceremonial duties.

Postmaster General, Maj (Ret) A Wayne B. Smith said: "The Bermuda Post Office is pleased to commemorate the Bermuda Regiment's 50 Years of service to the Island and people of Bermuda with the issue of five new Bermuda postage stamps depicting the roles and traditions of our Regiment."

The Postmaster General continued: "I congratulate the past and current serving members of The Bermuda Regiment on their 50th Anniversary year. Since its inception, the Bermuda Post Office Philatelic Bureau has designed many extraordinary stamps depicting the treasured aspects of

Bermuda's culture and heritage - and the designs within this historic Bermuda Regiment 50th Anniversary Stamp Issue is no exception."

"I am grateful to the members of the Bermuda Post Office Stamp Design Advisory Committee, Mr. Stanley Taylor, Bermuda Post Office Philatelic Bureau Coordinator and his assistant, Mrs. Idelia Fox. Finally, thank you to the members of the Bermuda Regiment 50th Anniversary Committee for conceiving the idea and providing research and support."

For more information on the Bermuda Regiment 50th Anniversary First Day Cover please visit the BPO website www.bpo.bm or visit the BPO Facebook page.

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