

## BRITISH FORCES POST OFFICE (BFPO) ANNOUNCES THE LATEST RECOMMENDED POSTING DATES FOR CHRISTMAS 2018

BFPO is pleased to confirm the latest recommended posting dates for BFPO mail and eligibility for the Christmas Families Free Mail Service (CFFMS).

### LATEST RECOMMEND POSTING DATES TO AND FROM BFPO ADDRESSES

Shown below are the latest recommended posting dates for mail to BFPO addresses overseas, and the latest recommended dates by which mail should reach the UK from BFPO overseas locations for delivery by Christmas. Some limited service locations may not have a BFPO to UK service.

BFPO	COUNTRY	BFPO to UK 1 <sup>st</sup> Class (To reach UK by)	BFPO to UK 2 <sup>nd</sup> Class (To reach UK by)	UK to BFPO Static or Operations Airmail	UK to BFPO Surface
(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)
<b>BFPO Static Locations – Rest of World</b>					
<b>2</b>	USA	Tue 18 Dec 18	Fri 14 Dec 18	Fri 07 Dec 18	Fri 30 Nov 18
<b>4</b>	Nepal	Tue 18 Dec 18	Fri 14 Dec 18	Fri 07 Dec 18	Fri 30 Nov 18
<b>6</b>	Portugal	Tue 18 Dec 18	Fri 14 Dec 18	Fri 07 Dec 18	N/A
<b>8</b>	Italy	Tue 18 Dec 18	Fri 14 Dec 18	Fri 07 Dec 18	Fri 30 Nov 18
<b>10</b>	Kenya	Tue 18 Dec 18	Fri 14 Dec 18	Fri 07 Dec 18	Fri 30 Nov 18
<b>11</b>	Brunei	Tue 18 Dec 18	Fri 14 Dec 18	Fri 07 Dec 18	Fri 30 Nov 18
<b>12</b>	Belize	Tue 18 Dec 18	Fri 14 Dec 18	Fri 07 Dec 18	N/A
<b>14</b>	Canada	Tue 18 Dec 18	Fri 14 Dec 18	Fri 07 Dec 18	Fri 30 Nov 18
<b>26</b>	Belgium	Tue 18 Dec 18	Fri 14 Dec 18	Fri 14 Dec 18	Fri 14 Dec 18
<b>28</b>	Holland	Tue 18 Dec 18	Fri 14 Dec 18	Fri 14 Dec 18	Fri 14 Dec 18
<b>49</b>	Belgium	Tue 18 Dec 18	Fri 14 Dec 18	Fri 14 Dec 18	N/A
<b>50</b>	Norway	Tue 18 Dec 18	Fri 14 Dec 18	Fri 07 Dec 18	N/A
<b>52</b>	Gibraltar	Tue 18 Dec 18	Fri 14 Dec 18	Fri 07 Dec 18	Fri 30 Nov 18
<b>53</b>	Cyprus	Tue 18 Dec 18	Fri 14 Dec 18	Fri 07 Dec	Wed 14 Nov

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(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)
				18	18
56	Spain	Tue 18 Dec 18	Fri 14 Dec 18	Fri 07 Dec 18	N/A
57	Cyprus	Tue 18 Dec 18	Fri 14 Dec 18	Fri 07 Dec 18	Wed 14 Nov 18
58	Cyprus	Tue 18 Dec 18	Fri 14 Dec 18	Fri 07 Dec 18	Wed 14 Nov 18
59	Cyprus	Tue 18 Dec 18	Fri 14 Dec 18	Fri 07 Dec 18	Wed 14 Nov 18
61	Italy	Tue 18 Dec 18	Fri 14 Dec 18	Fri 07 Dec 18	N/A
63	USA	Tue 18 Dec 18	Fri 14 Dec 18	Fri 07 Dec 18	Fri 30 Nov 18
64	USA	Tue 18 Dec 18	Fri 14 Dec 18	Fri 07 Dec 18	N/A
65	Italy	Tue 18 Dec 18	Fri 14 Dec 18	Fri 07 Dec 18	N/A
66	USA	Tue 18 Dec 18	Fri 14 Dec 18	Fri 07 Dec 18	N/A
68	Italy	Tue 18 Dec 18	Fri 14 Dec 18	Fri 07 Dec 18	N/A
73	USA	Tue 18 Dec 18	Fri 14 Dec 18	Fri 07 Dec 18	N/A
75	USA	Tue 18 Dec 18	Fri 14 Dec 18	Fri 07 Dec 18	N/A
599	Turkey	Tue 18 Dec 18	Fri 14 Dec 18	Fri 07 Dec 18	N/A
622	Sierra Leone	Tue 18 Dec 18	Fri 14 Dec 18	Mon 26 Nov 18	N/A
642	Kuwait	Tue 18 Dec 18	Fri 14 Dec 18	Fri 07 Dec 18	N/A
644	Jordan	Tue 18 Dec 18	Fri 14 Dec 18	Fri 07 Dec 18	N/A
655	Falklands	Tue 18 Dec 18	Fri 14 Dec 18	Fri 07 Dec 18	Mon 05 Nov 18
677	Ascensions	Tue 18 Dec 18	Fri 14 Dec 18	Fri 23 Nov 18	N/A
678	Ascensions	Tue 18 Dec 18	Fri 14 Dec 18	Fri 23 Nov 18	N/A
680	Kenya	Tue 18 Dec 18	Fri 14 Dec 18	Fri 07 Dec 18	Fri 30 Nov 18
769	Oman	Tue 18 Dec 18	Fri 14 Dec 18	Fri 07 Dec 18	N/A
<b>BFPO Static Locations – British Forces Germany</b>					
16	Germany	Tue 18 Dec 18	Fri 14 Dec 18	Fri 14 Dec 18	Fri 14 Dec 18
19	Germany	Tue 18 Dec 18	Fri 14 Dec 18	Fri 14 Dec 18	Fri 14 Dec 18
22	Germany	Tue 18 Dec 18	Fri 14 Dec 18	Fri 14 Dec 18	Fri 14 Dec 18
39	Germany	Tue 18 Dec 18	Fri 14 Dec 18	Fri 14 Dec	Fri 14 Dec

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				18	18
44	Germany	Tue 18 Dec 18	Fri 14 Dec 18	Fri 07 Dec 18	Fri 07 Dec 18
46	Germany	Tue 18 Dec 18	Fri 14 Dec 18	Fri 07 Dec 18	Fri 07 Dec 18
105	Germany	Tue 18 Dec 18	Fri 14 Dec 18	Fri 07 Dec 18	Fri 07 Dec 18
109	Germany	Tue 18 Dec 18	Fri 14 Dec 18	Fri 07 Dec 18	Fri 07 Dec 18
113	Germany	Tue 18 Dec 18	Fri 14 Dec 18	Fri 14 Dec 18	Fri 14 Dec 18
140	Germany	Tue 18 Dec 18	Fri 14 Dec 18	Fri 14 Dec 18	Fri 14 Dec 18
<b>BFPO Static Locations – Northern Ireland</b>					
801	N Ireland	Tue 18 Dec 18	Fri 14 Dec 18	Fri 07 Dec 18	Fri 30 Nov 18
805	N Ireland	Tue 18 Dec 18	Fri 14 Dec 18	Fri 07 Dec 18	Fri 30 Nov 18
806	N Ireland	Tue 18 Dec 18	Fri 14 Dec 18	Fri 07 Dec 18	Fri 30 Nov 18
808	N Ireland	Tue 18 Dec 18	Fri 14 Dec 18	Fri 07 Dec 18	Fri 30 Nov 18
825	N Ireland	Tue 18 Dec 18	Fri 14 Dec 18	Fri 07 Dec 18	Fri 30 Nov 18
<b>BFPO Operational Locations</b>					
501, 561	OP ELGIN	Tue 18 Dec 18	Fri 14 Dec 18	Mon 26 Nov 18	N/A
550, 556, 578, 598, 625, 626 627, 636, 649, 660, 675, 684	OP SHADER	Tue 18 Dec 18	Fri 14 Dec 18	Fri 23 Nov 18	N/A
566, 584	OP CABRIT	Tue 18 Dec 18	Fri 14 Dec 18	Fri 30 Nov 18	N/A
567	OP TOSCA	Tue 18 Dec 18	Fri 14 Dec 18	Mon 03 Dec 18	N/A
572	OP LITTEN	Tue 18 Dec 18	Fri 14 Dec 18	Mon 03 Dec 18	N/A
590	OP ORBITAL	Tue 18 Dec 18	Fri 14 Dec 18	Mon 26 Nov 18	N/A
602, 608, 613	OP NEWCOMBE	Tue 18 Dec 18	Fri 14 Dec 18	Mon 26 Nov 18	N/A

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604, 605, 695	OP TURUS	Tue 18 Dec 18	Fri 14 Dec 18	Mon 26 Nov 18	N/A
606	OP PERCIVAL	Tue 18 Dec 18	Fri 14 Dec 18	Mon 26 Nov 18	N/A
607	OP VOGUL	Tue 18 Dec 18	Fri 14 Dec 18	Mon 26 Nov 18	N/A
611	OP MATCHMAKER	Tue 18 Dec 18	Fri 14 Dec 18	Fri 30 Nov 18	N/A
616	OP CATAN	Tue 18 Dec 18	Fri 14 Dec 18	Mon 26 Nov 18	N/A
617	Op BACKWELL/ MODEST/ PRAISER	Tue 18 Dec 18	N/A	Mon 26 Nov 18	N/A
618, 630	OP TRENTON	Tue 18 Dec 18	Fri 14 Dec 18	Mon 03 Dec 18	N/A
619, 620	OP TRENTON	Tue 18 Dec 18	Fri 14 Dec 18	Thu 01 Nov 18	N/A
631	OP TANGHAM	Tue 18 Dec 18	Fri 14 Dec 18	Mon 26 Nov 18	N/A
632, 639, 767, 779	OP KIPION	Tue 18 Dec 18	Fri 14 Dec 18	Mon 03 Dec 18	N/A
633, 634	OP CROSSWAYS	Tue 18 Dec 18	Fri 14 Dec 18	Mon 26 Nov 18	N/A
651	OP VERITAS	Tue 18 Dec 18	Fri 14 Dec 18	Mon 03 Dec 18	N/A
652	OP MARMAT	Tue 18 Dec 18	Fri 14 Dec 18	Mon 03 Dec 18	N/A
664	OP BRANTA	Tue 18 Dec 18	Fri 14 Dec 18	Mon 26 Nov 18	N/A
685	OP TRAMAL/ TAILPIN	Tue 18 Dec 18	Fri 14 Dec 18	Mon 26 Nov 18	N/A
689	OP HALLEX	Tue 18 Dec 18	Fri 14 Dec 18	Mon 26 Nov 18	N/A
690	OP RECOMPOSE	Tue 18 Dec 18	Fri 14 Dec 18	Mon 26 Nov 18	N/A
711, 757, 759, 762, 764, 798	OP TORAL	Tue 18 Dec 18	Fri 14 Dec 18	Mon 03 Dec 18	N/A
HM Ships at sea BFPO 200-499		N/A	N/A	Mon 26 Nov 18	N/A

## THE CHRISTMAS FAMILIES FREE MAIL SERVICE

The Christmas Families Free Mail Service (CFFMS) runs from Fri 26 Oct 18 – Fri 23 Nov 18.

CFFMS allows relatives and friends of Service Personnel in some locations, additional to those eligible for the Enduring Families Free Mail Service (EFFMS), to send letters and small parcels (up to a maximum of 2 kg) to them free of charge during this period. EFFMS will be in effect before and after these dates.

Eligibility for CFFMS is shown below.

BFPO No	Location/ HM Ship	Operation Title	Entitled to CFFMS	Entitled to EFFMS
501	ELGIN	ELGIN	✓	✓
550	SHADER	SHADER	✓	✓
556	SHADER	SHADER	✓	✓
561	ELGIN(K)	ELGIN(K)	✓	✓
566	CABRIT	CABRIT	✓	✓
567	TOSCA	TOSCA	✓	✓
572	LITTEN	LITTEN	✓	✓
578	SHADER	SHADER	✓	✓
584	CABRIT	CABRIT	✓	✓
590	ORBITAL	ORBITAL	✓	✓
597	SHADER	SHADER	✓	✓
598	SHADER	SHADER	✓	✓
602	NEWCOMBE	NEWCOMBE	✓	✓
604	TURUS	TURUS	✓	✓
605	TURUS	TURUS	✓	✓
606	PERCIVAL	PERCIVAL	✓	✓
607	VOGUL	VOGUL	✓	✓
608	NEWCOMBE	NEWCOMBE	✓	✓
611	MATCHMAKER	MATCHMAKER	✓	✓
613	NEWCOMBE	NEWCOMBE	✓	✓
616	CATAN	CATAN	✓	✓
617	BACKWELL	BACKWELL	✓	✓
618	TRENTON	TRENTON	✓	✓
619	TRENTON	TRENTON	✓	✓
620	TRENTON	TRENTON	✓	✓
625	SHADER	SHADER	✓	✓
626	SHADER	SHADER	✓	✓
627	SHADER	SHADER	✓	✓
630	TRENTON	TRENTON	✓	✓
631	TANGHAM	TANGHAM	✓	✓
632	KIPION	KIPION	✓	✓
633	CROSSWAYS	CROSSWAYS	✓	✓
634	CROSSWAYS	CROSSWAYS	✓	✓
636	SHADER	SHADER	✓	✓
639	KIPION	KIPION	✓	✓

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649	SHADER	SHADER	✓	✓
651	VERITAS	VERITAS	✓	✓
652	MARMAT	MARMAT	✓	✓
655	SOUTH ATLANTIC	FALKLAND ISLANDS	✓	-
494	SOUTH ATLANTIC	FALKLAND ISLANDS	✓	-
660	SHADER	SHADER	✓	✓
664	BRANTA	BRANTA	✓	✓
675	SHADER	SHADER	✓	✓
677	SOUTH ATLANTIC	ASCENSION ISLANDS	✓	-
678	SOUTH ATLANTIC	ASCENSION ISLANDS	✓	-
684	SHADER	SHADER	✓	✓
685	TRAMAL/TAILPIN	TRAMAL/TAILPIN	✓	✓
689	HALLEX	HALLEX	✓	✓
690	RECOMPOSE	RECOMPOSE	✓	✓
695	TURUS	TURUS	✓	✓
711	TORAL	TORAL	✓	✓
757	TORAL	TORAL	✓	✓
759	TORAL	TORAL	✓	✓
762	TORAL	TORAL	✓	✓
764	TORAL	TORAL	✓	✓
767	KIPION	KIPION	✓	✓
779	KIPION	KIPION	✓	✓
798	TORAL	TORAL	✓	✓
204	HMS ALBION		✓	✓
210	HMS ARGYLL		✓	✓
221	HMS BLYTH		✓	✓
241	HMS BROCKLESBY		✓	✓
255	HMS CLYDE		✓	-
268	HMS DRAGON		✓	✓
273	HMS DIAMOND		✓	-
275	HMS ECHO		✓	✓
324	HMS LEDBURY		✓	✓
339	HMS MONTROSE		✓	-
367	HMS PROTECTOR		✓	-
386	HMS SHOREHAM		✓	✓
426	HMS WESTMINSTER		✓	-
436	RFA CARDIGAN BAY		✓	✓
447	RFA LYME BAY		✓	✓
448	RFA MOUNTS BAY		✓	-
485	DIEGO GARCIA	BIOT	✓	-
496	OP ATALANTA	OP ATALANTA	✓	✓
497	OP ATALANTA	OP ATALANTA	✓	✓

This service is one way only – UK to Operational theatres inclusive of HM Ships. The EFFMS and CFFMS is authorised for family and friends only.

This list is subject to change at short notice due to unforeseen deployments to meet military and humanitarian commitments as directed by the UK government.

Further details on posting mail for Christmas 2018 can be found at:

<http://www.royalmail.com> and <http://www.parcelforce.com/christmas>

Further information on BFPO services, including restricted items, can be found at [www.gov.uk/bfpo](http://www.gov.uk/bfpo).

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