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Ex-RAF pilot's Christmas card design raises money for veterans' charity

An RAF veteran is helping the charity which cares for him to raise money by designing one of its Christmas cards.

Ted's Winter Scene watercolour is being sold by The Royal Star & Garter Homes in its 2018 Christmas card catalogue.

The design, complete with a dusting of festive silver glitter, is the top-selling card in The Royal Star & Garter Homes' Christmas catalogue.



Ted, a former pilot who served in the RAF for 33 years, lives at the Charity's Home in Surbiton.

He said: *"I'm rather surprised but very pleased that this is the best-selling of the cards. I hope it helps the Charity."*

Ted joined the RAF aged 16 in 1946. In 1953 he broke his back when the Meteor jet fighter he was flying was involved in a mid-air training collision. He recovered and continued in the RAF until retiring in 1979.

At The Royal Star & Garter Homes, Ted, 89, receives daily in-house physiotherapy sessions which helps him manage the pain caused by that accident.

The Royal Star & Garter Homes cares for ex-Servicemen and women living with disability or dementia, at its two homes in Surbiton and Solihull. A third home in High Wycombe will open in 2019.



To buy Ted's card and others from the Charity's 2018 Christmas catalogue, call 020 8481 7652 or visit www.starandgarter.org

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About The Royal Star & Garter Homes:

The Charity provides award-winning care for veterans and their partners who live with disability or dementia.

The Royal Star & Garter Homes is a charity founded in 1916 to care for the severely injured young men returning from the battlegrounds of the First World War. Today we provide specialist care to the whole military family in our friendly, state-of-the-art Homes. Disabled ex-Servicemen and women, and their spouses, can all benefit from our pioneering approach to nursing, dementia and therapeutic care.

We are in the process of building new Homes around the country to provide specialist nursing care for disabled ex-Service people in the best modern surroundings, including dementia care facilities to address this growing need. The Charity has award-winning Homes in Solihull, West Midlands, and Surbiton, Surrey, which also enables the Charity to offer interim care for young disabled Service personnel. Following the successes of the first two Homes, a third Home in High Wycombe, Buckinghamshire, is being built, with a planned opening in 2019.

We are proud to have enjoyed Royal patronage since our foundation, including that of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II from 1953 to the present day.

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