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**'A Deck of Cards'**  
featuring Flight  
Lieutenant Matthew  
Little is released this  
week as a tribute to all  
of the men and  
women serving in  
conflicts overseas

### Deck of cards

This popular song **Deck of Cards** (sometimes known as "A Soldier's Prayer Book") was written in 1948 by "T." Texas Tyler and was recorded by (among others) Tex Ritter in 1948, Wink Martindale in 1959, Bill Anderson in 1991 and Max Bygraves.

In that 1948 version, the story is set during World War II and stars a soldier whose unit, which has been fighting in North Africa, is newly arrived at Casino. One Sunday morning, some of the soldiers in that unit go to church; those who have prayer books read them during the service, but one soldier pulls out a deck of cards, prompting his sergeant to haul this apparent blasphemer before the provost marshal. As the tale unfolds we learn that the deck of cards is the soldiers "Bible, almanac and prayer Book."

This new version is set in the Middle East and features **Flight Lieutenant Matthew Little** who is Director of Music of The Band of the Royal Air Force Regiment. Flight Lieutenant Little has been featured on many of the Royal Air Forces engagements including the Festival of Remembrance, Edinburgh Tattoo, Songs of Praise (BBC), and the Royal Military Tattoo 2000.

Released by Square Biz Records it is available on [iTunes](https://www.apple.com/itunes) priced £0.79.  
<http://itunes.apple.com/WebObjects/MZStore.woa/wa/viewAlbum?id=335989218&s=143444>

The whole project was, arranged, recorded, mixed and mastered by Paul Fawcus at [Jazzmouse Productions](http://www.jazzmouseproductions.com) and produced by Jimmie Gray for Square Biz Records

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