

14th/20th King's Hussars

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Newsletter #33



Lt. Col. Palmer showing HRH Princess Anne the way.

Happy Christmas to all former Hawks

I wanted to put a Newsletter out today just to wish all former Hawks and their families a very Happy Christmas and Prosperous New Year.

The Website

The website continues to flourish and grow, with items such as the Forum, Blog posts and yes indeed this newsletter. It is probably true to say that there are few readers currently as the method of producing it have changed meaning all the subscribers have sadly been lost. I will, to overcome that, continue to post link in the BLOG, FORUM and FACEBOOK Pages.

Content

- Additions to the site
- Updates
- The next 12 months
- The Blog



Hawks

**“Honi Soit Qui Y
Pense”**



Website

I have been adding pages so readers can click on links to find out more about past [Colonels of the Regiment](#) if you know of further information that could be added contact me. If the opportunity arises I will do the same for [Commanding Officers](#) and others under the title of "Personalities". More about those additions shortly.

The BLOG

The [Hawk Journals](#) have proved to be a massive asset to this website this past week or two. I have been browsing through them to find both articles and photographs that are about the 'History of the Regiment'. I have been copying those articles onto [the BLOG](#) pages and providing links to them on Facebook pages that I am a member of. This will hopefully lead to more users of the website and maybe some contributors too?



Colonel's of the Regiment

Remember to keep an eye on all the pages, returning occasionally to see if there have been any further updates. For instance:

The page covering '[Uniforms](#)' was recently updated in regard to the Cap Badge when I discovered changes throughout the army made in 1948.

The page covering the [Colonel in Chief](#) has been updated with more photographs and will continue to be updated when more photographs have been discovered. I hope to find a write up at some point about HRH and her time as the Colonel in Chief for what has been longer than most of us served within the ranks.



A 14th Dragoon

Colonel's of the Regiment

As I mentioned earlier, I have done a write up on each of those that served as Colonel of the Regiment. Here are links to those pages:

[Col. Hodgson](#)
[Col. Barrow](#)
[Col. Hurndall](#)
[Col. McCreery](#)
[Col. Stephen](#)
[Col. Woodd](#)
[Col. Allen](#)
[Col. Cavendish](#)
[Col. Palmer](#)



Some BLOG post covered [here](#)

Read about the medal [HERE](#)

In January 1940, Lieut.-Colonel L. H. S. Groves took over command of the Regiment from Lieut.-Colonel A. V. Pope.

As we had only started being mechanised at the end of 1938, very great emphasis was laid on tank training between the time of our arrival in Meerut and when the regiment was mobilised in May 1941.

In February 1941 the Regiment provided the nucleus around which were formed the 26th Hussars. This nucleus consisted of the Commanding Officer (Major J. B. Norton), eight officers and 102 N.C.Os. and tradesmen;

On 4th August, 1914, the Regiment was stationed at Mhow, Central India. In November it moved to Meerut, United Provinces, but it was not until October, 1915, that the general political situation permitted its being available in Mesopotamia.

In 1915 four squadrons and a machine-gun section were mobilised and a surplus of N.C.Os. and men and horses were left to form the Depot, without drawing on other regiments. No man had less than four and a half years' service, but the officers, many of whom were on the Western Front, were young.

The Regiment 1939 – 1945 [HERE](#)

The 14th (King's) Hussars 1914 – 1918 [HERE](#)



Journals



I am still searching for the Journals of the 20th Hussars. I know a total of 5 were produced, I believe they have different names the one I have is called the [Yellow Plume](#).

The [Journals](#) page had several links broken and were taking readers to different pages on the website, my apologies for that! I have now gone through the Journals page and all should now be fine once again.

The Journals called 'Groundhawk' were also missing, they are once again available.

Please [email me](#) if you find any errors!

Intension for the coming year?

It has been rather difficult these past couple of years to maintain the website with the drive it deserves. I have recently got the enthusiasm back and hope I can maintain that for the coming 12 month and more.

I have recently purchased some information regarding the 20th Hussars and hope to have that transferred to the site in the coming weeks/months ahead. I also aim to get the remaining Journals produced by the 20th Hussars as soon as I can.

"I just keep looking for more content all over the web and in libraries, those that are still open"

The search for content is always there and I invite you all to look through your cupboards, draws, boxes and wherever else you may have placed your regimental goodies and send them into me. I promise ALL will be returned within 7 days and if not already on the website uploaded for all Hawks to read or look at.

It does not matter how insignificant you might think that information is, if it is not added to the website it may in time be lost and forgotten, so please consider looking and sending it in to be included.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone that has participated in this never ending but very important task, for the history of the regiment to be remembered. The information no matter how small has to be gathered and stored or it will be lost in this digital world of today and this website is hopefully going some way in doing that?

May I wish you all a Very Happy Christmas and a Prosperous 2023

Thank you

