



Welcome to our Autumn 2016 issue of *HorsePower* Quarterly! The last few months has been a busy period for the museum, with school holidays, internal changes and a whole host of exciting challenges. You can read all about our goings-on in this Newsletter, and for regular updates please follow us on Facebook and Twitter.



Heritage Open Days 2016

On the 10th and 11th September *HorsePower* took part in the National Heritage Open Days scheme, during which we opened our doors to the public for free. This was a great success and pulled in nearly 200 visitors!

2017 Battlefield Tour

Horsepower is organising a battlefield tour in 2017 to some of our predecessor regiments' most significant sites of the Great War. The provisional dates are the 21 – 24 Sep 17. The tour will be guided by a historian and the full resources of the Museum will be used before and during the trip to enhance the experience. The cost is likely to be around £360 - 380 per person (inclusive of all travel and accommodation, less evening meals) and includes a year's subscription as a Friend of *HorsePower*.

Please contact us if you are interested in attending. We would welcome any family recollections, artefacts or any other information that would assist in telling the Regimental story of the Great War in France and Flanders for those attending the tour.



Join the Friends of *HorsePower*!

We invite you to become a Friend of *HorsePower*, The Museum of The King's Royal Hussars in Winchester.

By joining us you will have the opportunity to support the work of the Museum in any way that you can and also receive a wide range of related benefits:

- ◆ Free entry to the Museum for yourself, and half the adult rate for anyone accompanying you
- ◆ 10% discount on purchases in the Museum shop
- ◆ Regular newsletters keeping you up to date with the Friends' activities and developments in the Museum
- ◆ Be the first to know about and book lectures and talks, and receive a 20% discount
- ◆ Friends' coffee club
- ◆ The opportunity for closer involvement with the Museum and its work

To find out more, please contact us.



New Acquisitions

Recently, *HorsePower* has been lucky enough to obtain some exciting new items for our collection. This included the purchase of two very rare Napoleonic era weapons.

1804 Pattern Cavalry Pistol



Following complaints by the cavalry of the King's German Legion about the wooden ramrods of the Pattern 1799 Light Dragoon Pistol, the Board of Ordnance modified the design in 1804. Only 750 of the new pattern were made. Our example is marked "X LD E 80" indicating it was the 80th pistol of E Troop, 10th Light Dragoons. This shows the pistol came to the regiment between 1804 and 1806, when they were renamed Hussars.

Paget Carbine



The Paget Carbine was developed after problems arising from the previous cavalry carbine, particularly with the ramrod which was easily lost. The new weapon was light and easy to use whilst mounted, which made it popular amongst the soldiers. Our example is marked "K 50 XI LD", indicating it was the 50th carbine of K Troop, 11th Light Dragoons.

Lord Cardigan Memorabilia

HorsePower is building a fine Balaclava display which has been inspired by the recent acquisition of Lord Cardigan memorabilia. The KRH has loaned the Cardigan Ivory, a small but stunning portrait of Cardigan painted on ivory.

We also now have on loan a signed copy of one of his Crimea Campaign diaries and we are promised his personal campaign watch from a private donor, again on loan.



Sgt Shakespeare 11th Hussars

We have been lucky enough to receive the collection of Sgt Ivan Shakespeare from the Second World War. These included a variety of items from photograph albums, maps and even a bottle of champagne rescued on the retreat to Dunkirk!

Upcoming Events

"A Military Blunder; the Crimea Revisited"

a talk by Patrick Beresford

13th October 2016 at 12:30 pm
Peninsula Barracks, Winchester

Please contact us if you would like to attend

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