



Welcome to the 2016 Christmas edition of the *HorsePower* Newsletter. Since our last Newsletter, we have had a quieter period due to the end of the school holidays. Behind the scenes we have been keeping busy with school and group visits as well as a whole host of other activities. For regular updates within the museum, please follow us on Facebook and Twitter.

October Half Term: Hussars From 1916 - 2016

This October Half Term we hosted a special event that allowed visitors to get hands on with uniforms and equipment used by the Hussars over the last 100 years. A dressing up box allowed kids (big and small!) to try on the uniforms and get a real feel for the changes implemented over the last century. Over the week we saw around 200 people visit the museum and an enjoyable time was had by all!



"A Military Blunder" - The Crimea Revisited

On the 13th October we were lucky enough to have Patrick Beresford present a talk on the Charge of the Light Brigade here at Peninsula Barracks. Patrick is a former Major in the King's Royal Hussars and formerly Curator and Trustee of *HorsePower*. The talk was thoroughly enjoyed by all those who attended and was followed by a lovely sandwich lunch. If you would like to attend the next talk hosted by HorsePower, please keep an eye out on our website for details.

Volunteers Wanted at HorsePower!

We are currently looking for more volunteers! The museum depends upon volunteers to help carry out day to day tasks and keep the museum running. Volunteers are needed in the following areas:

- ◆ **Visitor Reception** - Greeting Visitors on entry to the museum and taking payments.
- ◆ **Research** - Carrying out research in our archives for internal and public historical enquiries.
- ◆ **Archives** - Digitalising, sorting and transcribing historical items held within the archive.
- ◆ **Collection Care** - Documenting, cataloguing and caring for our historical artefact collection.
- ◆ **Marketing** - Keeping Social Media up to date and widening the museums presence.
- ◆ **Special Projects** - Exhibitions, school visits and much more!

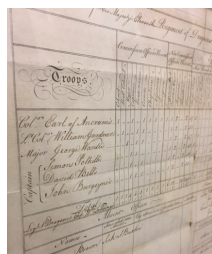
No prior knowledge is required and training will be provided. To find out more, please contact us.



New Acquisitions

HorsePower has been lucky enough to obtain some exciting new items for our collection since the last newsletter.

Duke of Ancram Document

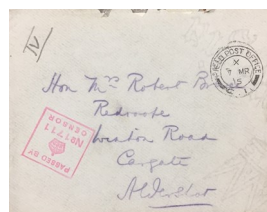


HorsePower had the opportunity to acquire a scarce regimental document relating to the 11th Light Dragoons dating from 1756. The document lists all of the officers serving with the

regiment at the time, as well as how many men and horses were in each troop. In 1756 the Duke of Ancram was serving as Colonel of the 11th Light Dragoons.

Letters From The Great War

Our collection has also grown with the recent donation of a large group of letters sent home from the Great War. The letters are all



sent to The Hon Mrs Bruce who was wife of Capt Robert Bruce of the 11th Hussars. Many of the letters were sent by fellow officers of the 11th Hussars and describe intimate details of the war from 1914 to 1918. We hope to bring you more from these fascinating letters in the future.

New Stock!

We have recently received some Regimental music CD's in the museum shop. 'Colonel-in-Chief' and 'Passing of the Regiments' are available at £10 each.

Temporary Exhibit Showcase

We now have a temporary showcase on display which we will change on a monthly basis. Our first exhibit is about letters home and correspondence in the Great War. Why not come and have a look!



Battlefield Tour



Just a reminder of the *HorsePower* Great War Battlefield tour to France and Belgium which is

provisionally organised for the 21—24 Sept 2017. The cost is likely to be around £360—£380 per person and includes a year's subscription to as a Friend of *HorsePower*. Please contact us if you are interested in attending.

Christmas Opening Hours

HorsePower Museum will close for the Christmas and New Year period on the 14th December 2016.

The museum will then re-open as normal on the 4th January 2016.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

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