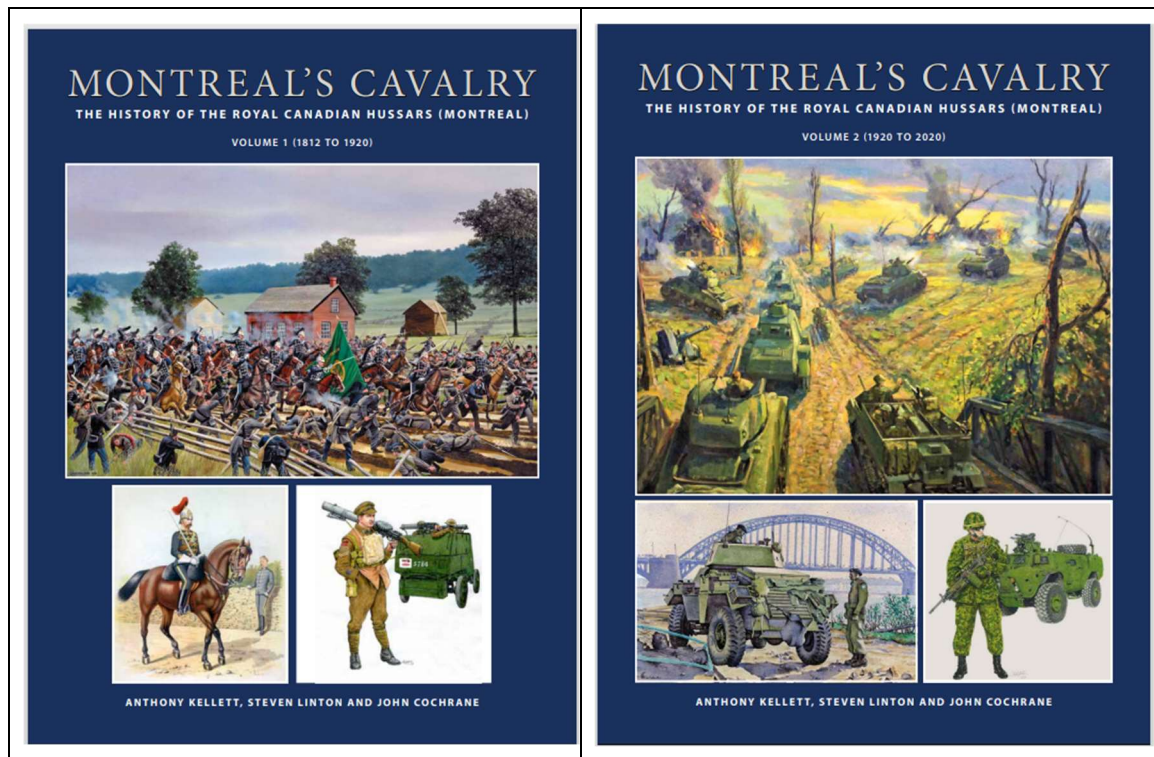


# Montreal's Cavalry – The History of the Royal Canadian Hussars

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This 1,000-page, 2-volume regimental history book, entitled “*Montreal's Cavalry – The History of the Royal Canadian Hussars*”, describes the 208-year history of the Royal Canadian Hussars and the Montreal Cavalry units that preceded it. It describes every significant operation where Montreal-based cavalry soldiers served prior to 2020. It describes well-known historical events from the unique point of view of the cavalry soldier and, provides insight into the social and political history of Montréal, Québec and Canada. In addition to many interesting stories, the book includes 56 detailed maps, 27 uniform illustrations, numerous paintings by renowned war artists, a dozen vehicle drawings, and hundreds of photos depicting the unit over the years. It has numerous appendices documenting the unit's uniforms, its battle honours, its honour roll, its medals and decorations, and the different insignias used over time.

The book, certainly be one of the best regimental histories available in Canada, will be of great interest to current and former members of the unit and their families and friends. It will also be of great interest to collectors and readers who have a passion for military history.

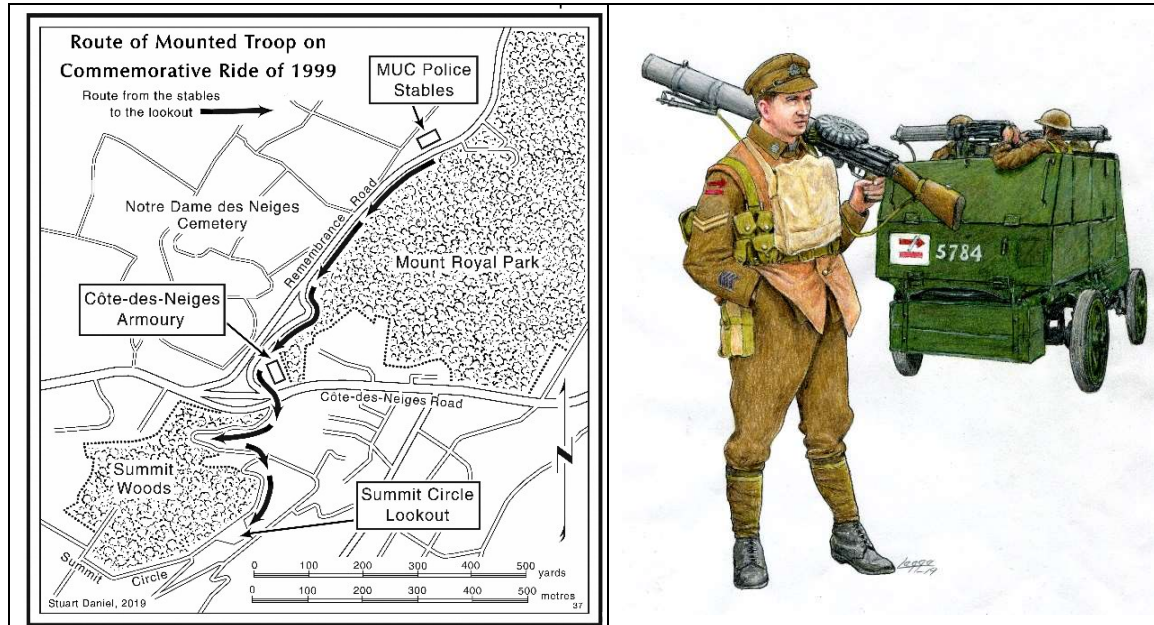


Volume 1 starts by briefly describing the Cavalry troops formed by the French Settlers for the defence of Quebec and Montreal. It then describes the formation and activities of the Royal Montreal Cavalry under the subsequent English Colonial Regime and describes its role during 1812-14 defence of Canada and the 1837 rebellion. Further, it describes the reorganisation of the Canadian Militia in 1855, and the activities of multiple Montreal-area cavalry troops up until 1914. This volume also outlines the complicated evolution of the regiment and its predecessor troops and squadrons located across south-western Quebec from the Ottawa valley to the Eastern Townships. It describes their training and other activities, their difficulties getting adequate horses, their experiences in providing Aid of Civil Power, their involvement in the defence of Canada during the Fenian Raids, and the participation of their members in the Canadian contingents sent to fight in the South African War. Finally, this

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volume describes the participation of the 6th Hussars and 17th Hussars in the First World War, and the heroic exploits of the 1st Canadian Motor Machine Gun Brigade. The latter unit, a unique formation, was a forerunner of mechanized warfare. It acquired all of the Royal Canadian Hussars' battle honours from the First World War and featured such great names in Canadian military history as Brigadier-General Raymond Brutinel, a pioneer in the field of mechanized warfare and the use of indirect machine-gun fire, and Major-General Frederic Franklin Worthington, the Father of the Canadian Armoured Corps.



Volume 2 starts by describing the activities and evolution of the Montreal-area cavalry units and the motor machine gun brigade during the period between 1918 and 1939. It then explains how, during the Second World War, the 6th Duke of Connaught's Royal Canadian Hussars was deployed to Italy as a divisional headquarters squadron, and how the 17th Duke of York's Royal Canadian Hussars was deployed to North-west Europe where it participated in the liberation of France, Belgium and the Netherlands as a divisional recce regiment. Further, it depicts the organisation and activities of these two units after the war and how they evolved to become the contemporary Royal Canadian Hussars (Montreal). It also describes how, in more recent years, unit members participated in various Canadian Forces missions including those in Germany, Cyprus, the former Yugoslavia, and Afghanistan.

The Royal Canadian Hussars (Montreal) is a reserve armoured reconnaissance regiment and part of the Canadian Armed Forces. Located in a historical armoury at 4185 Côte-des Neiges Road, it perpetuates numerous Montreal-area cavalry units.

The book was prepared on a collaborative basis by three former Hussars, Steven Linton, Anthony Kellett and John Cochrane and many other collaborators who graciously donated their time over a period of five years. Advance orders are being accepted for the English version which is expected to be published in the fall of 2020.

The book is being published on a cost recovery basis by the Montreal Cavalry Institute, a registered charity, with the help of its donors. The Institute would be honoured to receive donations that would allow it to prepare the French-language version and pursue its other projects. Tax receipts will be issued for all donations received.

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