

A BRIEF HISTORY OF THE REGIMENT

The 8th Canadian Hussars (Princess Louise's) is Canada's oldest armoured regiment with its official history dating back to April 4, 1848. The Regiment has continuously served Canada since that date. Although originally established in communities along the Kennebecasis River, during the many years of its existence, the Regiment has expanded to many other communities such as Sackville, Moncton, Shediac, St Martins and Petitcodiac.

Originally named the 8th Regiment of Yeomanry Cavalry, it has subsequently been called the 8th New Brunswick Hussars and finally the 8th Canadian Hussars.

Members and elements of the Regiment have served in numerous theatres of war including the Aroostook War, the Fenian Raids, the Northwest Rebellion, and the Boer War. During the First World War, the Regiment mustered a squadron to fight overseas in the 6 Canadian Mounted Rifles while many more served in many of the infantry battalions of the day. The Second World War saw the Regiment mobilized in its entirety to serve overseas, subsequently being awarded 14 Battle honours while serving in Italy and Holland.

Since the end of the war, the Regiment has served in Europe under NATO, UN peacekeeping missions in Egypt, Sinai Desert, Cyprus and at home were called out to Ottawa during the FLQ crisis.

MUSEUM HOURS

June to September
Mon. to Fri. 8:30 am to 8:30pm
Sat. & Sun. 10:00 am to 8:30 pm

October to May
Closed
Open by appointment
Group tours Welcomed

ADMISSION

Visits Free
Donations Accepted
Group Tours \$25

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MUSEUM ACCESS

Wheel Chair Accessible
Disabled Parking
Washrooms
Bus & RV Parking
Ample Vehicle Parking

LOCAL REGIMENTAL SITES OF INTEREST

Numerous sites are within minutes of the museum, which have played prominent parts in the life of the Regiment.

1. Camp Sussex opened in the 1880's and located just up the street, has been home to the Regiment since that time.
2. Fox Hill Cairn is dedicated to the founding of the Regiment and is located at the home of the first commanding officer. It is found just 4 km down Route 121 at Fox Hill.
3. 8th Hussar Arena found just up the street in the former Camp Sussex area has the largest Hussar flag ever made. This flag was made by the ladies of Rothesay NB and is prominently displayed in the upstairs mezzanine.
4. Princess Louise I & III's burial site is at Hampton, NB. Two of the Regiments three mascots are buried at the War Memorial in Hampton, NB.

Royalty and the Regiment

The 8th Hussars have had a long association with Royalty.

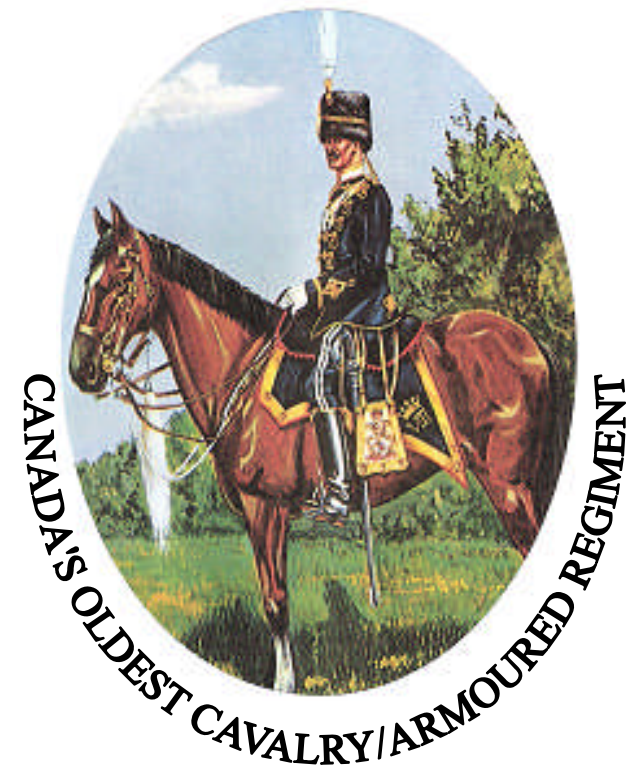
In 1879 after mounting a Guard for the Governor General of Canada and his wife, HRH Princess Louise, the Regiment sought and was given permission to add her name to their title in 1884.

It was only fitting that they would name a wounded colt, rescued in the fighting in Italy during WW2, and retained as a mascot, Princess Louise. This horse went on to be given the Freedom of the Town in Hampton on her arrival from Europe and eventually would have two foals of her own, aptly named Princess Louise II and III.

In 1972 HRH Princess Anne, Princess Royal became the Colonel-in-Chief of the 8th Canadian Hussars (Princess Louise's) and has been an integral part of the pomp and ceremony associated with the Regiment since that time. She has visited the Regiment on many occasions culminating with her visit in 1998 to help the Regiment celebrate their 150th birthday celebration in Moncton, NB.



THE REGIMENTAL MUSEUM OF THE 8TH CANADIAN HUSSARS (PRINCESS LOUISES)



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