



Charge!

The story of England's Northern Cavalry

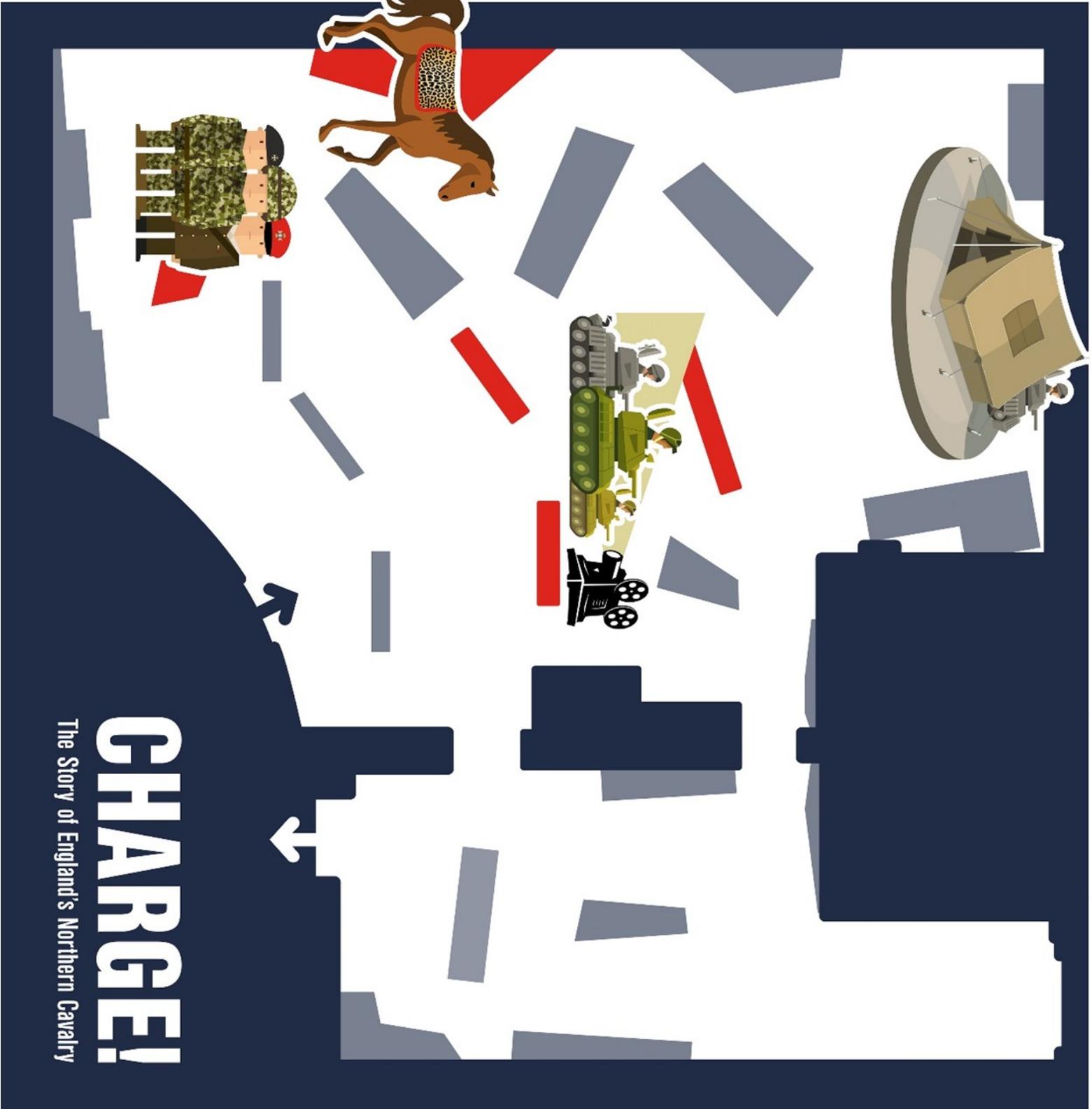
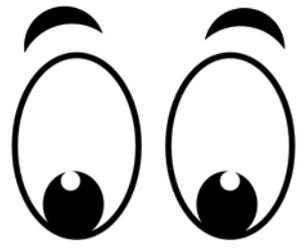
This gallery explores the military history of two local cavalry regiments -

The Light Dragoons and Command and Support Squadron and The Queen's Own Yeomanry, formerly The Northumberland Hussars. Both regiments continue to play an active part in the British Army today.

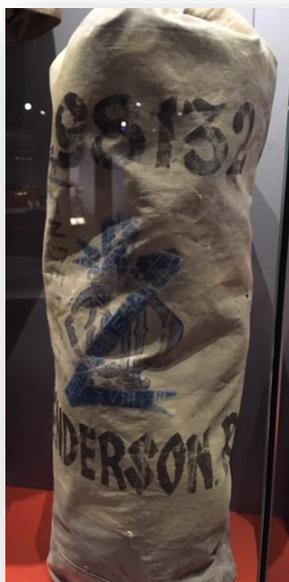
The Light Dragoons was formed in 1992; an amalgamation of the 13th/18th Royal Hussars and the 15th/19th The King's Royal Hussars whose own histories date back to 1715 and 1759 respectively. The Queen's Own Yeomanry is officially affiliated to The Light Dragoons.

Regimental links to the region go back to 1819 when the Northumberland Hussars, originally the Northumberland and Newcastle Volunteer Cavalry, was first raised in Newcastle to combat civil unrest in the region.

Use this map to help you find your way around the gallery
Can you find the objects on the next page? Mark them on
the map.



Where did you find your favourite object?



SOLDIER'S LIFE

Use the gallery to find out about the life of a soldier.

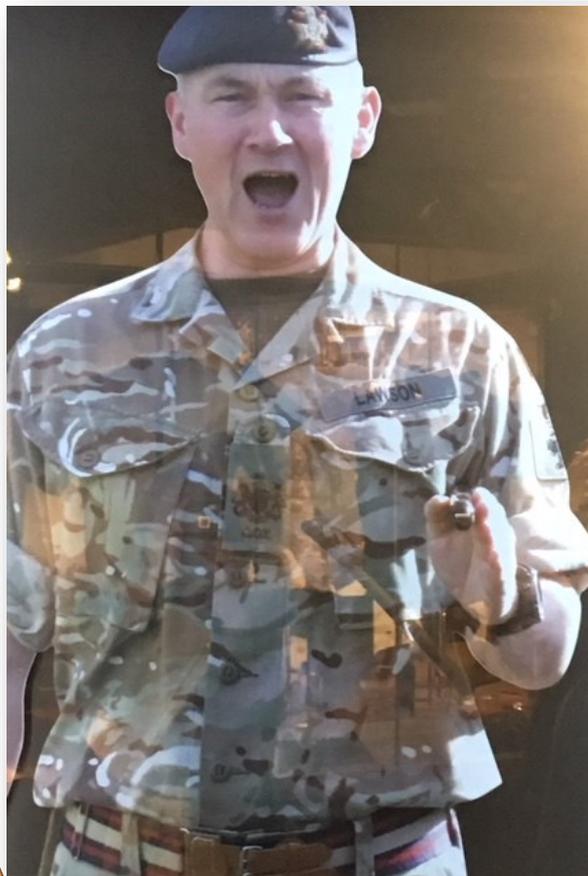
Look at the map of where you may be posted. Pick a place. Imagine what it might look like, smell like. What sounds might you hear?

What would you eat?

Where would you sleep?

Get your orders from the Sargent Major!

*"Chin Up!
Look Smart!"*



What would you use if you were injured?

What would you wear?

What would you do if you were bored?

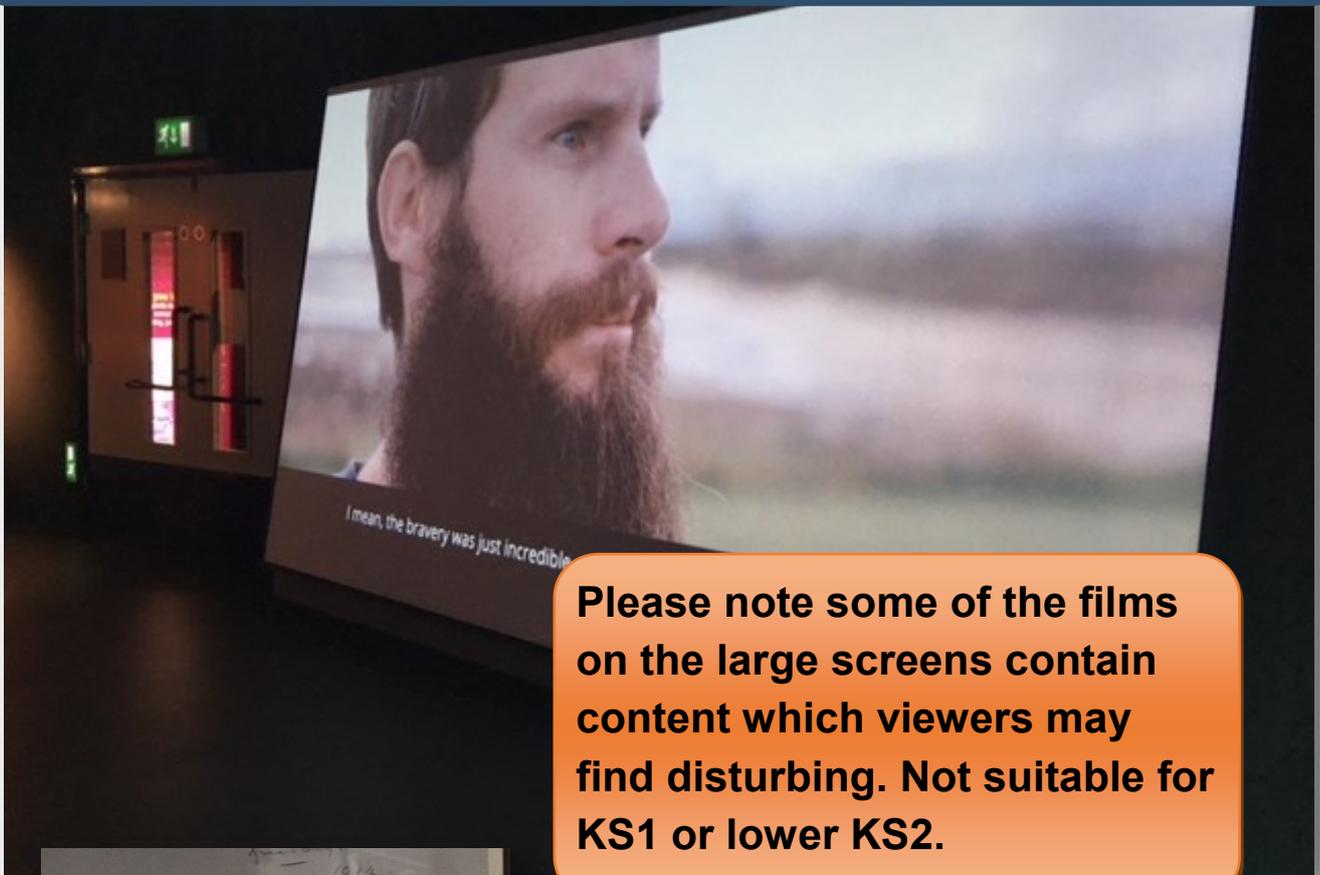
What do you need to put in your kit-bag?

How would you defend and protect yourself?

What would you smell like?

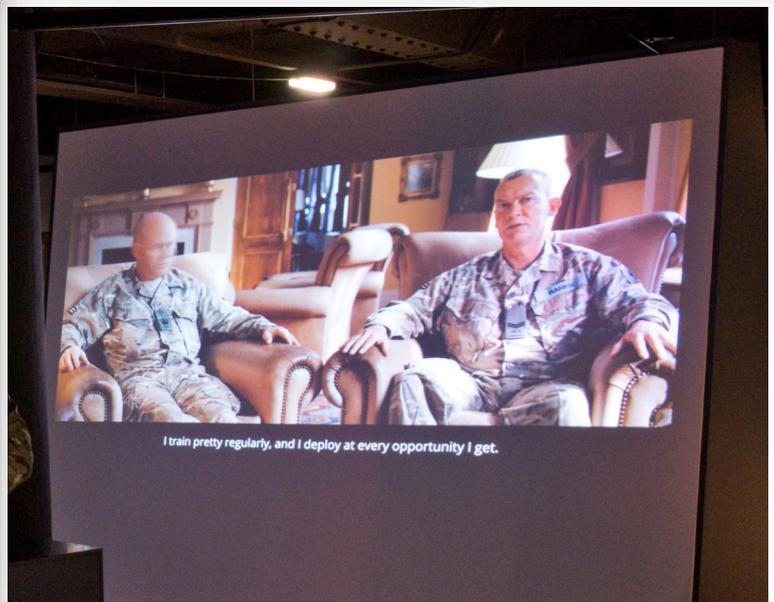
STORIES OF WAR

There are lots of stories in our exhibition. Some are written, some spoken and some filmed. They can be quite graphic and cover the horror, danger and truth of war, but many have hope. What did you feel when you saw/read/heard them? Which one do you think is important to tell?



Please note some of the films on the large screens contain content which viewers may find disturbing. Not suitable for KS1 or lower KS2.

1914
My dear Uncle E.
So many thanks for the Xmas Card. I hope by now you will have got us from me. The Regt is now quite immobile. most of the men asleep with an extra plum pudding inside him. There has been an unofficial armistice between the trenches. & they are walking about between the trenches unarmed. At one part of the line I am told some of the Rifle Brigade had a football match with the Germans. To-morrow I suppose man-slaying will begin again! & continue as far as we can see, for months yet awhile. I hope to get my leave before long. Personally I don't think we shall get a move on until we outnumber the enemy (about 6 to 1). Directly any one crawls out of a trench, & reaches the barbed wire he cannot fail to be shot - unless so many of you throw quick enough - many thanks for socks. Mother keeps me well supplied. To ever handle



COMMUNICATING AND KEEPING PEACE



How would you communicate to local people to show you are friendly?

How would you send messages to each other in secret?

How would you let your loved ones know you are safe?



ARMY INNOVATION

The local regiments have had many changes over their existence. Can you compare how and why they have transformed over the years? Think about areas like technology, medicine, uniform, weapons and transport.



INNOVATION

OLD

NEW



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