

## Hussars Personalities

Major C.J. O'Shaughnessy, 8th Hussars

O'Shaughnessy was in Canada at the outbreak of World War 1, when he returned to the United Kingdom with the 1st Canadian Expeditionary Force. He then transferred to the Royal Field Artillery, and served with them in France from 1915-18. During this time he was awarded the Military Medal, and Croix de Guerre and MID.

In early 1919 he re-enlisted into the 8th Hussars. He served with them in India, Mesopotamia and Egypt, and returned to York with the Regiment in 1923. In 1931 he was promoted to RSM, and was commissioned onto the General List in 1940, as Movement Control Officer. In defiance of authority, he persisted in wearing the Regimental badges of the 8th Hussars.

O'Shaughnessy was in Tobruk, North Africa, when it was cut off in the Second World War. He was awarded the George Medal and Military Cross for his brave conduct throughout the siege. After Tobruk he joined the SAS, operating in the Balkans. For his exploits in raids on the Dodecanese Islands he was awarded the MBE.

After the war, he joined the Kenya Police, and was awarded the Kenya Police Medal. Major O'Shaughnessy died in April, 1965,