



## **The North Irish Horse**

The North Irish Horse is a yeomanry unit of the British Territorial Army raised in the northern counties of Ireland in the aftermath of the Second Boer War.

King Edward VII approved the formation of the North of Ireland Imperial Yeomanry and the South of Ireland Imperial Yeomanry in 1901.



Recruiting for the North of Ireland Imperial Yeomanry began in 1903, with four squadrons raised: RHQ and 'A' Squadron in Belfast, 'B' Squadron in Derry, 'C' Squadron in Enniskillen and 'D' Squadron in Dundalk.

They became a special reserve regiment in 1908 and the name changed to the North Irish Horse following the formation of the Territorial Force. In 1914 the North Irish Horse and its sister regiment the South Irish Horse were the first non-regular troops to land in France and be in action in the First World War.

The 'one-man regiment' of the 1930s converted to tanks early in the Second World War. In 1943, a troop of Churchills climbed the Djebel Ang to support the Irish Brigade.

The unit supported the Canadians at the Dieppe Raid and the battle of the Hitler Line in Italy, May 1944.

In 1947 the North Irish Horse reconstituted as an armoured car regiment of the Territorial Army equipped with Daimler armoured cars and Dingo scout cars, and recruited all over Northern Ireland with TA centres in Belfast, Londonderry, Lurgan, Ballymoney and Enniskillen.

The North Irish Horse survived the major re-organisation of the TA in 1956 and 1961 and from 1961-1967 was one of the only three armoured car regiments to be retained.

The unit survives in the modern Territorial Army as B Squadron (North Irish Horse) Queen's Own Yeomanry where personnel have been deployed to Kosovo, Bosnia, Iraq and Afghanistan.



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Car F132526 / 13ZS26 at the Lord Mayor of Ulster show ,1956 Cpl beardmore



Lolworth circa 1969  
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SSM Moorland & Cpl Bailey at Ballyedmond circa 1948  
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Dingo F207034 / 01ZS17 or F207021 / 04ZS17 at the 'Old Comrades Day' circa 1960  
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Lulwort training Area circa 1961  
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Lulwort training Area circa 1961  
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Lulworth Cove Training Establishment circa 1961  
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Brig RH Maxwell inspecting the troop and car numbered F329625 at Thetford circa 1962  
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Princess Alexandra inspecting the troops at Lolworth circa in car F47962 02ZS75  
Circa 1969

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Daimler Scout Car F206996, 19 ZS 24  
Princess Alexandra inspecting the troops at Lolworth circa 1969



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Daimler armoured car 49 ZU 15



Royal Irish Horse at kircudbright camp 1952



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Daimler armoured car 72 SR 58 and another named GUNNER  
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Daimler armoured car 72 ZR58  
Royal Irish Horse – A squadron Antrim hills



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Daimler armoured car 37 ZU 86



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