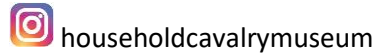




THE
HOUSEHOLD
Cavalry
MUSEUM

Horse Guards, Whitehall, London, SW1A 2AX

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Cavalry Quiz

QUESTIONS

1. The Household Cavalry are the Monarch's Mounted Bodyguard, but which Monarch founded the Life Guards in 1661?
2. The working stables of the Household Cavalry can be seen through a viewing window in the Household Cavalry Museum set in the Horse Guards Building, but why are our horses black and a minimum of 16.2 hands in height?
3. What grizzly site does the Horse Guards Building overlook on Whitehall?
4. In 1894, angry at the Household Cavalry for not performing their Royal duties properly, Queen Victoria insisted the Queen's Life Guard on duty at Horse Guards have a uniform and bedroom inspection at 4pm. How many days do you think the punishment went on for?
5. Modern technology has enabled the Regiment to serve in some of the most advanced armoured vehicles in the world, and they do so all over the planet; but what is the most important piece of kit in any armoured vehicle?

ANSWERS

1. King Charles II. After the death of his father King Charles I he wanted to ensure his own safety so created his own bodyguard.

2. Because King Charles II said they had to be. These were the biggest horses he could find and he wanted his new Mounted Bodyguard to look as powerful as possible when riding their noble steeds.

3. The site of King Charles I's execution - yuki! On the Horse Guards Building clock there is a dark mark next to the '2' to remind us of the time of the king's death on 31 January 1649.

4. Every day for 100 years! When the century had passed Queen Elizabeth II extended the punishment... forever. Can you imagine cleaning your bedroom every day?!

5. The kettle. The first thing you do whenever you can is boil water for cups of tea and to warm up your ration pack. A good soldier always fuels their body as a top priority.

Now you know the answers, why not challenge your family and friends to guess too?