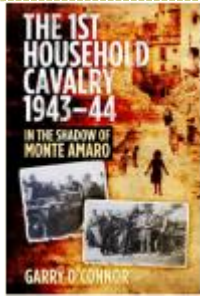


1st Household Cavalry 1943-1945: In the Shadow of Monte Amaro

Garry O'Connor



Published by the [History Press](#) is Garry's book exploring and showing the extraordinary family the First Household Cavalry Regiment was at this time, seen through the eyes of its junior officers for the most part aged only 19, when they ceased being boys and became men.

Hearing them talk in their own words, we get under the skin of these young officers, learn what their characters are, where they come from, how they look, speak, act – and how they feel about the death of their comrades, the dangers they face, and the conditions they live through.

The insights, humour and dramas multiply in depth and interest. They inhabit a very small corner of the total war, a very personal one, full of charm and humour, yet they are in the shadow of untold horror and destruction, where they find unexpected touches of comradeship and coincidences—as well as danger.

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