



A documentary series

Hussars

An Initiation

The breed of Light Cavalryman that emerged in 16th century Hungary. They were the most dashing soldiers that ever lived, loved or rode into battle. Their heroism, horsemanship and distinctive, elegant appearance makes them heroes for the ages. Dangerous but irresistible, they were in the thick of it for some of the most important military actions for three centuries. Hussar exploits away from the battlefield were almost as famous as their bravery on it. Their lust for life, even in rare times of peace, included gambling away fortunes, making love to other men's wives and fighting numerous duels. Pistols at dawn, you bet!

"Any hussar who is not dead by the age of thirty is a blaggard".

Comte de Lasalle, the so-called Hussar General (1786-1809)

3 x 48 min.