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### Abstract

The British Army's regular Mounted Infantry was arguably one of the most important innovations of the Edwardian armies. This thesis explores the regular Mounted Infantry model from its origins in extempc detachments overseas to its formal organisation as non-cavalry mounted troops before the First World organisation and changing roles with its fractious relationship with the cavalry. Using four campaigns a provides a comparative assessment of the Mounted Infantry's military effectiveness that culminated in successful archetype for the British soldier in South Africa in the years 1901- 02. The Mounted Infantry's other nations' armies is considered and the thesis identifies how other armies satisfied the requiremen The Mounted Infantry was abolished in 1913 prior to the First World War. The reasons influencing this indicate that the Mounted Infantry's abolition owed more to politics than lack of military utility. The than an impecunious alternative to an inadequate cavalry, the Mounted Infantry paradigm satisfied a p of colonial campaigning.

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