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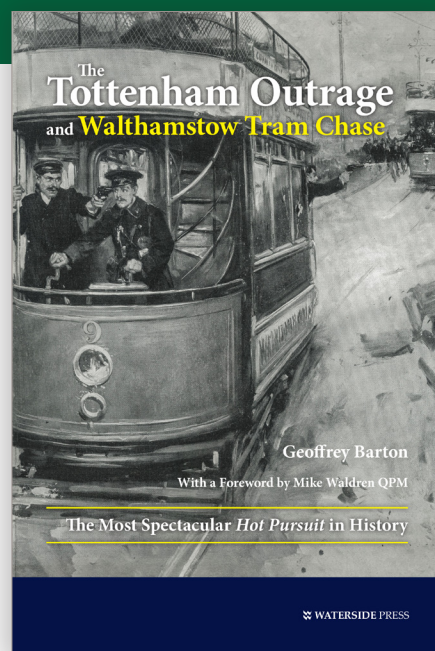
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## Advance Information

<b>Title</b>	<b>The Tottenham Outrage and Walthamstow Tram Chase</b>	
<b>Subtitle</b>	The Most Spectacular <i>Hot Pursuit</i> in History	
<b>Author</b>	Geoffrey Barton	<b>Foreword</b> Mike Waldren QPM
<b>Publisher</b>	Waterside Press	
<b>Format</b>	Paperback 234x156mm, 216 pages	
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<b>Category</b>	Crime and Punishment, Criminal Justice, Legal History, Social History, Policing.	
<b>Subjects</b>	LAZ=Legal history; HBJD1=British and Irish history	
<b>Who will buy it?</b>	Legal & social historians, people connected to the area, relatives of the police officers & citizens involved, libraries, students.	



Not since the days of highwaymen and footpads had armed robbery been seen in London. Geoffrey Barton explains the political backdrop to the arrival in the UK of armed revolutionaries driven by their own frenzied missions, causing citizens to go in fear. Laws were passed to deal with aliens and terrorism but as the author explains the civil police were ill-equipped to deal with the problem.

Although well known to local people, the Tottenham Outrage of 1909 when two Latvian robbers, Jewish refugees, intercepted a payroll has been comparatively hidden to the wider world (unlike the notorious Siege of Sydney Street which took place two years later). Resulting in the most spectacular police pursuit in history it involved a hundred police officers and up to a thousand citizens in running to ground two desperate police killers. The book follows every inch of the six-and-a-half miles and minute of the two-and-a-half hours of the chase. It also pays close attention to the people and places involved as well as the aftermath.

As former Head of Firearms Training Operations for the Metropolitan Police Service, Mike Waldren writes in his Foreword, 'The officers... did their best relying on guts and determination to see them through an unprecedented incident.'

### Key Selling Points

- **The first in-depth account of an iconic event**
- **Fascinating police, social and local history**
- **Based on extensive first-hand research**

### Reviews

'The Tottenham Outrage 1909 has been part of my life, from childhood... as a retired London police officer, I believe I'm uniquely qualified to say that this account is the most comprehensive and enjoyable read' — Peter Lawrence, History Lecturer and Tutor, ex-Royalty and Diplomatic Protection Squad, Scotland Yard.

### Author

Geoff Barton is a skilled 'thief taker'. Joining the MPS in 1975, he learnt his trade in Brixton and Walworth, where his size, strength and power soon made him a fearsome adversary. Selected for firearms training he focused on tackling dangerous robbers, murderers and serial killers. This makes him an ideal person to describe the dilemmas faced by the police as they and the citizens involved deployed a motley collection of dormant firearms, cutlasses and makeshift weapons in running to ground two desperate killers.



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