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17 June 1996

Mr. Louis Holz  
726 Mancill Road  
Wayne, PA 19087-2005-07

Dear Mr. Holz:

As I promised, here is the list of troopers who have distinguished themselves by winning various levels of recognition. I've highlighted the NCO/Soldier of the Year winners for FY 95 and as you can see, we're well on our way in FY 96. Great troopers.

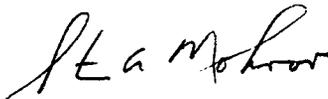
I don't know if you are familiar with the Sergeant Audie Murphy of Sergeant Morales Clubs. These individuals are the very best the Regiment has. They represent the epitome of all the Non-Commissioned Officer should be. Sergeant Morales is the 7th Army Club and was started first, Sergeant Audie Murphy is the FORSCOM copy.

I believe Ray Thomas is providing you the information on the Harvey Award winners, CPT Coffman and 1SG Roberson. He had a great visit and I hope he gives us a good report card. (\*\*)

This will probably be my last correspondence with you as the RCSM. I'm changing positions on 3 July with CSM Carl Christian of the 1st Squadron. I'm leaving for my new assignment as the Post CSM of Ft. Irwin, CA and the National Training Center.

Thanks for your support and guidance over the past two years. I've enjoyed my tour with the 2d Dragoons and they will always be near and dear to my heart.

Toujours Pret!



Steven A. Mohror  
CSM, USA  
Regimental Sergeant Major

(\*\*) 1995-96 HARVAY AWARD RECIPIENTS  
(Judged most outstanding Officer and Enlisted person in the Regiment, for the operational year cited.)

\* Captain Richmond COFFMAN, HHT 2d Sqdn/2d ACR  
Association LIFE Membership # A-133

\* First Sergeant Davis F. ROBERSON, E Trp, 2d Sqdn/2d ACR  
Association LIFE Membership # A-134

Chairman's Letter



The year was 1990. The place was Zinkovy, Czechoslovakia. The occasion was a pleased and happy Sandy FRASER. The reason was that Don HOLDER had engineered a return to the very spot on which the Regimental Command Post had stood on that very day on which WW2 had ended (and not a Russian yet in sight.) The Iron Curtain erected by tyrants had collapsed and all of Bohemia welcomed their true liberators for the second time.

Alexander G. FRASER Jr., Colonel of Cavalry, retired; Brigadier General of Dragoons; President-Emeritus of the 2d Cavalry Association, was a leader to whom other leaders gravitated. He had a sense of history, as well as a sense of relevancy and justice regarding each major event as it unfolded. He stepped aside as President of the Association in 1983 after one term (having succeeded the late Colonel REED) in order to open the door for a younger person, and to aid the late, great Grady BLACK (his successor) in defending himself against the cruel antagonism of some of his back-home neighbors with the added prestige of the Association presidency. FRASER was the Chairman's constant and closest advisor, and the person whose voice was always respected both on the Board and amidst the membership. We are showing you the Sandy we saw so often - in the middle of things with a smile on his face. When he was there, problems shrank in size.

Following the dedication of a monument to the 2d Cavalry, a local resident welcomed and congratulated the trio of original liberators, while the townspeople watched from the pathways. L-to-R: Colonel SWABODA, the Czech Escort Officer assigned to the American visitors; Prof. Henry J. EBREY Jr., current National President; Sandy at his best; Chairman of the Board Louis HOLZ. The gifts the visitors are holding? A pictorial history of the Zinkovy area written in Czech. That monument in that garden next to that Castle is still there, tended by some of those very townspeople in this 6-year-old photograph.

SOLDIER OF THE YEAR FY95  
SPC ROBERT A. GARRIS  
51ST CHEMICAL CO.

1ST QTR FY96  
SPC ROBERT HAACK  
HHT, 3RD SQD

2ND QTR FY96  
SPC ATTILA LETAI  
51ST CHEMICAL CO.

3RD QTR FY96  
SPC EDUARDO A. VELEZ  
84TH ENG CO

4TH QTR FY96

NCO OF THE YEAR-FY95  
SGT JOHN T. PHILLIPS JR.  
51ST CHEMICAL CO.

1ST QTR FY96  
SGT JERRY L. ATTAWAY  
HOW BAT 1ST SQD

2ND QTR FY96  
SGT CHARLES E. HALL  
87TH CHEMICAL CO.

3RD QTR FY96  
SGT STEVEN B. SWAFFORD  
B TROOP 1ST SQD

4TH QTR FY96

SERGEANT AUDIE MURPHY CLUB

SGT DARBY, ERIC U.  
SSG SNOW, CHARLES C.  
SFC STANLEY, ARTIS  
SSG ROBINSON, MICHAEL  
SFC KENNDY, KEVIN E.  
SFC GRUBER, DONALD  
SFC PERRY, WAYNE  
SFC SMITH, KENNETH  
SSG COBLE, RUSSELL  
SSG DUNN, EDWARD  
SFC MOMIYAMA, MATTHEW S.  
SSG KYLE, BOBBY J.

1/2 ADA  
51ST CHEMICAL CO.  
1/2 ACR  
2/2 ACR E-TROOP  
1/2 ACR A-TROOP  
M CO. 3/2 ACR  
2 HOW, 2/2 ACR  
K-TROOP, 3/2 ACR  
51ST CHEMICAL CO.  
HHT, 1/2 ACR  
MED TROOP, RSS  
A-TROOP 1/2 ACR

SERGEANT MORALES CLUB

CSM CHRISTIAN, CARL  
1SG EDWARDS, ANNIE  
SSG McGILL, DELMUS  
SSG ORITZ, ANGEL  
SSG PRICE, SIDNEY  
SFC GARRIS, VERNAL

1/2 ACR  
S&T, RSS  
K-TROOP, 3/2 ACR  
B-TROOP, 1/2 ACR  
M CO. 3/2 ACR  
51ST CHEMICAL CO.

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1. Well, first of all, who rated them? By whose standards is a Third-World country (is there still a Second World?) automatically a Third Rate Power? What are we comparing: apples, oranges, bamboo shoots, exports, submarines, men-under-arms, Big-Macs, or what? It makes a difference!

2. If you read the article below, reproduced from "ARMY MAGAZINE", "third-rate" and "third-world" are put into better perspective, especially when placed side-by-side with "eighth-rate". We, the United States of America, have the world's 8th largest Army. Even if it were all housed in the same garrison, it wouldn't be any larger. As it happens, it is spread out from Bosnia to Birmingham, and from Korea to Kalamazoo. In Korea, we could potentially face the 2nd largest army in the world - and they are all at home in their own back yard.

3. Also, if push comes to shove, does anyone believe that China with the world's largest army, is just going to remain neutral and watch from the sideline? They didn't do that over the infamous Christmas of 1950. Many of our readers, as well as your editor and others on the Board, were there; and to call it frustrating would use too gentle a word. The Battle of the Bulge was frustrating even with a glimmer of faith, hope and light at the far-away end of the tunnel.

4. Just thought we ought to talk about this topic because nobody else seems to. The fact that two good friends of the Association, GEN John H. TILELLI Jr. (Commander-in-Chief, U.S. Forces in Korea) and BGen Walter L. (Skip) SHARP (Executive Officer, Command Group) are there and so massively responsible for what transpires makes the matter something more of a personal one. Nobody can predict what may happen. Maybe something. Maybe nothing. But our friends still have one humongous worry on their hands.

5. On Tuesday, 15 October 1996, General TILELLI was to have visited the Pentagon for a Briefing/Debriefing. That was to have been followed by an award ceremony at TILELLI's alma mater, Weidner University (then Pennsylvania Military College) and a private luncheon with Association Chairman Louis HOLZ and President Henry EBREY over the following weekend before return to the Orient circa Sunday the 20th.

6. Instead BGen SHARP telephoned Louis HOLZ from the Pentagon to advise that TILELLI would have to cancel his campus schedule and his weekend luncheon plans as he was returning to Korea almost immediately.

7. HOLZ and EBREY tried to speculate how serious a situation would warrant such an abrupt change of plans, and concluded only, that speculation without facts is a stupid thing to do. They calmed themselves by recalling that in their own respective military careers, they had been involved in so many red alerts, and were in critical posts in act-up-top-secret crises several times, only to have everything turn out well in the end. (We didn't blink - they did.) So the moral of the story - and the ultimate bottom line - is that if you are in the readiness business, you had better be TOUJOURS PRET. It is so comforting to be able to report that we had a restricted look which reassured us that that was precisely the case with certain cavalrymen we all know.

## World's Eighth Largest Army

*Copied from Army Magazine*

According to the *Military Balance 1995-96*, the U.S. Army ranks as the eighth largest in the world behind China, North Korea, India, Russia, South Korea, Vietnam and Pakistan

In 1950, we got our tails thoroughly kicked by a third-rate, Third World army - North Korea. The poorly trained, badly outnumbered U.S. Army (with inadequate clothing, food, weapons, and ammunition) that held on so heroically until the United States could once again mobilize was considerably larger than the U.S. Army of today - and that is what scares me.

Eighteen months after North Korea crossed the 38th Parallel, there were still significant shortages of critical warfighting materials, most notably ammunition. In my 14-plus months in the war, the only thing that was never in short supply at one time or another was the enemy.

I ask everyone to *join me in writing their senators and representatives to ask:* How can the United States continue to be the world's policeman (like it or not, that is what we are) with the world's eighth largest army?

Must we again suffer a blood bath because we demobilized our army to the point where it can no longer meet the requirements imposed upon it?

Col. Kenneth C. Suhler, USA Ret.  
San Antonio, Texas

WILMINGTON, N. C.

WILMINGTON MORNING STAR / THURSDAY, JUNE 13, 1991

REALITY OF WAR

# From the battlefield come lessons of war

## Parts of battle used in computer simulation

By **ROBERT BURNS**

*Associated Press*

WASHINGTON — "Chaos, total chaos!" 18-year-old Pfc. Jason E. Kick screamed into a tape recorder inside his Bradley fighting vehicle. "One just got one of our guys."

It was Pfc. Kick's fellow cavalryman, Sgt. Nels A. Moller, whose Bradley took a direct hit from an Iraqi tank round — "like somebody hit us with a sledgehammer," one soldier said.

Sgt. Moller was killed. "Can't let this, can't let this affect us or get us down or we're all gonna die." Pfc. Kick said into his recorder. "And he wouldn't want that. He don't want that. But I'm scared."

Pfc. Kick and the other members

**Schwarz-  
kopf on  
Capitol  
Hill 5A**

of the 2nd Armored Cavalry Regiment managed to control their emotions and went on to a smashing victory in a little known but classic cavalry engagement that has come to be called the Battle at 73 Easting.

The violent clash on a featureless patch of desert just west of Kuwait lasted only six hours and its outcome was hardly in doubt from the opening shot. The Iraqis were taken by surprise and crushed. More than 2,000 surrendered.

Few Americans are likely to know of the battle, but the Army is taking an extraordinary interest in its most minute details.

With the help of the U.S. soldiers who actually fought it, the Army is reconstructing key pieces of the Battle at 73 Easting: the tank-on-tank firings, the helicopter assaults, the exploding Iraqi armor, the U.S. commanders' orders to their troops, even the deadly strike on

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# Battle

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Sgt. Moller's Bradley.

This is not history for history's sake. The Army intends to use the data to create a computer-driven simulation of the battle. From inside a training simulator, a soldier will experience the "reality" of war without actually being there.

Simulators, complete with full-color video displays, a sound system and motion devices, have been used for years in military training. But never before has an army attempted to design a simulation entirely from the details — including the weather, the terrain and the results — of an actual battle.

Col. Michael D. Krause, deputy chief of military history at the Army Center of Military History, said he expects the simulation to be finished in about six months.

In attempting to recreate the circumstances of the battle, Col. Krause and other members of the project interviewed soldiers of the 2nd Armored Cavalry Regiment, which fought the battle against the Tawakalna Division of the Iraqi Republican Guard.

Cpl. Krause incorporated the soldiers' comments in a report he wrote about the battle.

The battle on Feb. 26, the third day of the four-day ground war, was the first clash between allied forces and the Republican Guard.

The battle's name was taken from its location. The 73 Easting is a grid line on a U.S. military map of southern Iraq. Ironically, this stretch of empty desert was a peacetime training ground of the Republican Guard. It will, if the simulation is successful, serve the same purpose for the U.S. Army for years to come.

The 2nd Armored Cavalry Regiment had eight 150-man companies engaged in the battle, but to make the project manageable the historical recreation includes just three of them: Eagle Troop, Ghost Troop and Iron Troop.

Cpl. Krause and the others also

### POSTSCRIPT:

\* MAJ Daniel B. MILLER, who commanded Iron Troop, 3d Sqn, is Association LIFE Member L-667, with duty station at St. John univ ROTC Instr Gp \* Grand Central & Utopia Pkws \* JAMAICA NY 11439.

\* MAJ Hebert R. McMASTER, who commanded Eagle Troop, 2d Squadron, is Association LIFE Member A-125 and a recipient of the Association's 1992 Harvay Award; and is now an Instructor at the USMA with mailing address of 584-A Benedict Rd, WEST POINT NY 10996-1205.

\* PFC Jason E. KICK is not a member of the Association and his whereabouts are not known to us.

\* We do not index our members by era or unit; else we could research who commanded Ghost Troop during Desert Storm, and chances are we have met him and he is a LIFE member.

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# DEAR READER

Toms River NJ  
August 1996

Due to my wife's health, I am restricted in my travels. (However) I sure like reading the newsletter. You sure do a fine job. Thank you. Edward SCHNEIDER

Peoria, Illinois  
4 September 1996

Dear Lou:

When I saw a change in return address, I was worried. I thought something might have happened to you. Glad I called you. Glad you didn't let 'em wear you down. Glad you're with us a while longer - it will be hard to replace you. So happy you told me of all the help Hank EBREY has given you (and us) - setting up San Diego; setting up Alexandria; and setting up Norfolk 1997. Keep the faith - we've kept ours!

s/ Ferd  
Ferdinand P. SPERL

(ED: Norfolk 1997 will be a happy event - all the goons are gone!)

Copperas Cove, Texas  
8 November 1993

Dear Mr. Sortino,

Let me commend your staff for their dilligence in getting my copy of the THOROUGH-BRED to me. I moved to Texas and neglected to inform you. Your staff received my issue from the post office, relabeled it and reposted it. I am enclosing a \$20.00 donation to help defray mail costs such as this and in appreciation for your efforts.

Since leaving the Regiment in December 1991, I have been posted to Fort Knox, and now Fort Hood. Not a day goes by when I don't see a fellow Dragoon "veteran" down here. We pass on the street with a friendly greeting of "Always Ready", or simply "Toujours". Often we stop and talk about old friends or places and swap tall stories about life on "the grenze". It never fails to bring back good memories.

Your newsletter serves a good purpose in that it allows me to maintain contact with the one unit in the Army that I respect the most; the one I cut my teeth on as a new Lieutenant; the one I was proud to deply to Saudi with: the 2nd Cavalry. Keep up the Screen Line, and know that there are younger Cavalrymen who still care about the Regiment and appreciate your efforts in sharing the history and spirit of the Dragoons with us all.

s/ Joel C. DOTTERER, CPT Cavalry

Plant City, Florida  
31 July 1996

Dear Lou,

During our last conversation, I mentioned the East German-West German Border Museum. Enclosed is a picture of a monument erected in honor of the Regiment. It is located on what was the East German-West German border in the little village of MOEDLAREUTH. It is somewhat ironic that the picture was taken and provided to me by the former East German Border Guard Commander who commanded the Company that secured the border from the other side from where our Monument now stands. Warmly,

s/ Lonnie  
COL Lonnie M. DAVIDSON  
(Bindlach Chapter)

(ED: Lonnie sent other things as well, which we may be able to cover later on. A photograph of the Plaque-Monument may be found on page 11)

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to members and free to the Troops of the Regiment. Every little bit helps us carry on.

6. MOEDLAREUTH. That's the name of a little German town which very few non-Germans can pronounce properly. The town was cut in half by the Iron Curtain. The town is now whole again. And the people of Moedlareuth - East and West alike - thank the 2d Cavalry for this. Almost every Border Patrol of the Regiment, at some point in time, went through Moedlareuth. Almost every Border Tour taken by Association veteran groups went through Moedlareuth. Moedlareuth could be more familiar to some Americans than is Peoria. The reason it probably is not is that almost every American can pronounce P-E-O-R-I-A. And beside, the Association held a food-orgy national convention in Peoria in 1963. Remember that one, Ferd?

7. This issue deliberately tried to be top-heavy with mail received from the membership. Selection of material is always a judgement call, and the judgement call at the moment is that we ought to emphasize the 1,002 who react to dedicated labor of love in a positive manner instead of the two who delight in chronic negativism. We have received offers of support from everywhere - Dieter KAISER (APO, Europe), for example, on his own initiative, volunteered to be "Thoroughbred's" correspondent-at-large in Europe. The gobbling up of mail by a machanized postal service (more common to oversized flat pieces), brought up by Blair SMITH, is something we've wanted to talk about for some time. A horse cavalryman who helped form an Armored Division and who helped capture a bridge across the Rhine; and a female Ordnance Officer who served with the 2d Cavalry are, we feel, human interest stories. The final tribute to the late Ali BRIEGER turned out to be a very emotional experience to the many who knew him. A new member of the Association (Ken HORNBY) has the 2d Cavalry as an active hobby and seeks your participation. An ex-2d Cavalryman writes a technical textbook and dedicates it to his former commander. And Steve GRAVLIN's tribute to Corporal Janes MILLER, which made us so proud, is shared with you. None of this could be shared with anyone were there no "Thoroughbred". And there would be no "Thoroughbred" were there no Association.

8. We have enough material right now that we could put out a full 22-page issue # 101 tomorrow morning, but we must wait for a green light from the Treasurer. Some of the topics we could cover include:

- (a) Two pages of some of the Comments regarding the 1995 Reunion by members who were there.
- (b) Our two Tom STEWART's: one recovering from a delicate operation; the other writing a history of the last half-century of the Regiment.
- (c) A lot of VA information applicable to most ex-GI's.
- (d) Historic photoes by the dozens.
- (e) The 2d Cavalry passes in review for General EISENHOWER.
- (f) Lots more general comments from the general membership.
- (g) News dispatches from WW2 involving the 2d Cavalry.
- (h) Life members "lost" by a postal system and its address correction "system".

**Grin & Pay It**

Said one taxpayer to another: "You shouldn't be grumbling about taxes. Just think how wonderful it is to live in a country like ours. You should pay your taxes with a smile."

Replied the second taxpayer: "Well, I'd be glad to, but do you think the government would settle for that?"

**Close Company**

When Winston Churchill asked a general to plan logistics for a battle, the general said he doubted he should be involved in such technical matters. "After all, you know, they say familiarity breeds contempt," said the general.

Churchill responded, "I would like to remind you that without a degree of familiarity, we could not breed anything."

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**Legislatively Speaking**

Overheard in the Louisiana state legislature:

"I am not sure I understand the questions, but I agree with you."

"I don't want to beat a dead horse to death."

"This mortality rate is killing us."

"All I can do is explain the bill for you. I can't understand it for you."

- (i) More - including topics suggested by you, the members.

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# NEWS & NOTES

## ITEM \* HONORARY SQUADRON OF DRAGOONS - 1995:

Following 1987 - the year the Host Chairman of a national reunion insulted a visiting Regimental CO and was severely reprimanded and ultimately expelled - the organization experienced a surprising degree of division. We always knew that we had a massive majority of law-and-order people and veterans who believe that nothing should obstruct their right to meet old and dear friends at nationally organized events at least every 48 months. A deluge of recent mail and phone calls proves that we still do. But back then, we were amazed at the size of the fringe element which proclaimed that the unruly and the boatrockers had "rights" too, un-dis-ir-regardless of the maliciousness and severity of their damage. We have to refer to this long buried bone to show that some things had changed as the result of one corrupt chapter and why.

Up to that time, the Regiment inducted three or more nominees into the Honorary Squadron of Dragoons every 48 months to coincide with national conventions. The last persons so inducted - in 1987 - were then-Treasurer Samuel SORTINO and then-Secretary John SERAFIN; one of whom still devotes an incredible amount of time to book-keeping and correspondence chores. There were no Dragoon Inductees in Louisville in 1989 and we were backlogged by three(3). There were no Dragoon Inductees in Charlotte in 1991 and we were backlogged by six(6). There were no Dragoon Inductees in San Diego in 1993 and we were backlogged by nine(9). Now having said all this, let it also be said very clearly that the Regiment did nothing wrong in all of this and that the Association did not even resurrect the issue again until 1995.

As a reciprocal gesture up to that time, the Association had awarded two or more Harvay Memorial Awards every year to personnel of the active Regiment EVERY year. We still do - every year! At General HOLDER's request, for example, we awarded 18 for specific actions during the Iraqi War.

A former Squadron Commander, then still on Active Duty, had been elected to the Board for a 6-year term of 1983-89. An interim post of Chairman Pro Tem was created expressly for him and for the last four of those six years, a photocopy of every document received by or dispatched by the Chairman of the Board was provided to him in his understudy role. As a result of the 1987 internal cleavage on the subject of discipline/anti-terrorism, our Pro Tem declined to run for reelection and an in-place schedule to turn the rein of leadership over to a younger generation is now seven years behind schedule. He just was not a disciplinarian, which is just as well because in the last seven years our gentle administrator would have been devoured alive by the frequency and viciousness of the assaults by the 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ % against the 98 $\frac{1}{2}$ %. This, too, is an essential part of the story.

By 1995, when we would have been backlogged by 12 Dragoon Inductees, we submitted a list of 12 potential awardees. The request in that form was disapproved by the Regimental C.O. Three were granted, and nine were not approved "at this time", which for some may mean not in their life-time. Had all of this not happened when it did and as it did and for the reasons it did, some of our people would have been Dragoons much sooner (i.e. - 1989), for example: long-time supporter, Ben FELICE.

The three Cavalry veterans who were inducted into the Honorary Squadron of Dragoons in 1995 were:

Henry J. EBREY Jr.	.....	in the rank of Colonel
Ben FELICE	.....	in the rank of Captain
Robert C. LINDQUIST	....	in the rank of Captain

Our congratulations on a belated honor well earned.

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The photograph on the left of the Plaque at Moedlareuth (the town visited by most veterans and alumni of the Association) was submitted for the edification of our readership by COL Lonnie DAVIDSON of the Bindlach Chapter. the words on the plaque (first in English and then German, read:

"IN HONOR OF THE 2d ARMORED CAV-ALRY REGIMENT SOLDIERS WHO PAT-ROLLED ALONG THE IRON CURTAIN TO PROTECT FREEDOM AND PEACE IN WESTERN EUROPE. THIS PLAQUE IS PRESENTED ON THE RETURN OF THE REGIMENT TO THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA AFTER SUCCESSFUL COMPLETION OF THE MISSION."

15 July 1992 - Little Berlin (Moedlareuth)

As an aside to our reunion goers, it might be remembered that a plastic bag containing crushed bricks from the walled border at Moedlareuth, donated by Mrs. Phyllis HOLDER, was presented to a lottery winner at Charlotte in 1991 by Louis HOLZ on behalf of the Association and General Don HOLDER (in person) on behalf of the Regiment. If the winning party is no longer interested

in preserving historic crushed bricks, the Reed Museum will take them off your hands.

Lockport, New York  
30 August 1996

Lou,  
Keep up the Good Work. Toujours Pret.

s/ Stephen Z.  
Stephen P. ZURENDA

APO Army Europe  
August 1996

Mr. Sortino:  
Keep up the great work! Wish you continued success!  
s/ Dieter KAISER

(ED: Application for LIFE membership was enclosed. In a subsequent letter, Dieter provided a second copy of the Moedlareuth Plaque photograph.)

"AGE IS  
SOMETHING  
THAT  
DOESN'T  
MATTER  
UNLESS  
YOU ARE A  
CHEESE."

—Billie Burke

There are more letters, but no more pages in this issue. The Treasury will try to get out the next issue fairly soon.

President EBREY, Treasurer SORTINO, and Ye Olde Ed thank the readership for their kind words of encouragement.

LETTERS TO THE ASSOCIATION:

Bountiful, Utah  
5 September 1996

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Dear 2nd Cavalry Association,

Frank G. STONE and I, Merle S. STONE, have enjoyed many reunions with you during these last 20 years. Frank was a 'Life' member. We appreciated the opportunity of attending your great Reunions and becoming acquainted with all the welcoming, sociable members present at each Reunion. Our last Reunion was to North Carolina, 8 October 1991, a beautiful and interesting place. At each Reunion, Frank looked for fellow horse cavalry veterans whom he knew, but found none

I was hospitalized off and on for the next two years. Frank was ailing (at age 95). He fell at home, was hospitalized and passed away January 16th, 1995

I just received your Newsletter # 99. I thought perhaps Colonel James R. SPURRIER might be interested in a Bountiful, Utah newspaper of 22 November 1991 with a whole page article and pictures of Frank and his World War I experiences in Europe with the 2nd Horse Cavalry, but with French horses. Could you send me Col. SPURRIER's address so I can write to him? (A stamped envelope is enclosed.) I am sure Frank would feel he was contributing to the Horse Cavalry history.

Sincerely,  
s/ Merle S. STONE  
age 91 years

P.S. Would you be interested in Frank's diary written to 1960 when he retired from the Forest Service?

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(Reply) Ms. Merle S. STONE  
1233 N. 700 East \* Bountiful UT 84010

Dearest Merle:

We all do so appreciate your thoughtful letter of 5 September. We do remember you and Frank so very fondly and did miss you terribly in California and Louisiana. We are all sorry for your misfortunes but so terribly grateful for the grand times our various three and four generations had together.

I am certain Colonel SPURRIER would be delighted to learn of Frank's WWI horse cavalry experiences in the 3rd Squadron, as would this Association and as would the Reed Museum. The addresses of Colonel SPURRIER and his daughter, Patricia, who does such a wonderful job of keeping all these archives for the U.S. Cavalry Association are:

- |                           |                          |
|---------------------------|--------------------------|
| (a) COL James R. SPURRIER | (b) Ms. Patricia BRIGHT  |
| 4601 Leeds Avenue         | U.S. Cavalry Association |
| EL PASO TX 79903-1211     | P.O. Box 2325            |
|                           | FORT RILE KS 66442-0325  |

I have written to Colonel SPURRIER and sent him a copy of your letter. What I suggested to him was that either he get both Frank's WWI articles and pictures plus his

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**Eating a high-fat Sunday dinner** may increase your risk of having a Monday morning heart attack. It is believed that fat in the diet triggers the production of a blood-clotting protein called factor VII, which has been associated with a greater risk of heart attack in men.

It follows that eating a low-fat dinner will decrease your risk. Low-fat meals provide immediate protection against heart attacks.

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Forest Service diary, or that I get them both. Then whoever gets them will photocopy and extract for the other party that which is historically pertinent. On this Association's end, we would also consider reproduced archives for the Museum and/or articles for the 'THOROUGHbred'. You make the decision, dear. SPURRIER seems to have been your first choice.

It was so very gracious of you to write and to make these generous offers. I never did thank the late Stephen PLOWKIO for introducing Frank to the Association.

Most Sincerely,  
s/ t/ Louis T. HOLZ, Chm  
Board of Governors

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Newport News, VA  
7 October 1996

Dear Lou,

I'm writing to ask if it is possible to get another copy of the last newsletter. My copy got destroyed in the handling equipment at the Post Office. All they finally delivered to me (in a plastic bag) was the cover sheet with my address on it. They claim they don't know where the rest of the newsletter may be residing. Photocopy enclosed of what I got. Thanks,

s/ t/ Blair E. SMITH

(ED: I'm glad you wrote in on this topic, as it is a recurring problem. "THOROUGHbred" has occasionally gotten back its own remnants in a plastic bag because the addressee designation was ripped off and only the identity of the sender was left. On one such occasion the Association was charged \$1.93 postage due for its return. I have long suspected that almost all of this damaged stuff is discarded as waste - as opposed to being delivered as it is supposed to be - and therefore almost nobody ever suspects what really happened. Also, it seems to be rare that only one piece gets gobbled up - often it is a small batch until the jammed machine shuts itself off. Over the years, a pattern seems to be emerging - Virginia has been one of the "good guys" - with more complaints of damaged and/or missing mail originating in Michigan, Florida, and North Carolina. This does not necessarily suggest that those postal workers are less competent than the norm /is that possible?/ and may only reflect the law of probability in that these states have high membership concentration areas.)

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postmarked: Kalamazoo, MI  
4 September 1996

Thanks Lou:

Although we're few in number, we are the finest in the land.  
Toujours Pret! s/ Warren  
(Warren E. VAN ZANDT)

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Maryland Heights, MO  
4 September 1996

Keep sending me the "THOROUGHbred" as I enjoy it but I wish there were some news of the 40's. I was in Special Weapons Troop, 2d Cavalry Regiment, 2d Cavalry Division and served with them for 18 months. Then we were put into the newly formed 9th Armored Division and fought in the Battle of the Bulge and also took the Remagen Bridge over the Rhine River in Germany. My address is the same (1227 Glenmeade Drive, Maryland Heights, MO) and my ZIP

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The fastest way to lose weight is to cut calories drastically.

**NOT TRUE!** According to new research, dieters lose weight faster with only a modest cut in calories. That's because severe calorie cutting causes the body to switch to a "starvation" mode: the body conserves energy and begins to burn up muscle, and weight loss slows.

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Criminal Police Trainee and rose from routine patrol duty to command that force. He retired in 1982. Influenced by his experiences under the Nazis, BRIEGER cherished the promotion of understanding among different nationalities, including the founding of the German-American Friendship Society, as a result of which the Bayreuth population and police got along better with American forces than in most other German cities. BRIEGER also founded the White Ring Society, a service organization that helps victims of crime. For his many achievements, as his fight back from the deepest depression of human cruelty, he received many honors. For his inspirational German-American fostering of understanding he was awarded the "U.S. Medal for Exemplary Achievement" - the highest award for civilians the U.S. Army can bestow. His own country had already awarded him the German "Federal Service Cross". But of a long litany of recognitions, the one which impressed Ye Olde Ed the most - knowing what it takes to envision and plan and coordinate and execute something so huge, and knowing there will be at least one self-annointed who will be there to tell you how dreadfully needless your project was - is the "Ali BRIEGER Day" at the home of the 1st Squadron in Christensen Barracks on Bindlach mountain wherein one thousand troops in uniform, American Cavalrymen and German Armored Infantry, assembled to honor the man who honored the best in both. The legacy of Alois BRIEGER will live for as long as civilization lives. May the Association live as long. Had there never been an Association, none of you - 1800 strong - would now be reading of Alois BRIEGER.

A personal letter told of just returning "from Ali's funeral." The services (Catholic) took place in a small chapel at the Bayreuth city cemetery, a small but beautiful building built in the 1700's, packed to overflowing. General CROUCH and his wife, Vickie, were here, an honor Ali would have loved. (They also had visited him in the hospital.) Graveside services followed the chapel service. The custom here is that people pass by the open grave, throw flowers in, say a silent prayer, and walk on. I have never seen so many people wait in line to pay their last respects. He was loved by everyone. I doubt that there was a single soul there for whom he had not done something along the way. Aren't we fortunate to have known him?

(Newspaper photograph on page 16 )

South St. Paul, MN  
13 September 1996

Served with H Co (Tank Company), 2d Squadron, 2d ACR in Bamberg from May 1986 to November 1987 as driver/gunner on M-1, and as assistant patrol leader during border tours at Hof. I am interested in any available history (books, periodicals, etc.) on the Second Cav in general. Also uniforms, personal equipment used during the unit's service, and photos of vehicles used during WWII. Any help anyone can give me in these areas will be greatly appreciated. Thanks,

s/ Ken HORNBY

Kenneth Peter HORNBY  
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**Eating lots of carrots** and spinach can dramatically lower your risk of stroke, at least if you're a woman. According to a Boston study of 87,000 female nurses, those who ate five or more servings of carrots a week were 68 percent less likely to suffer a stroke than those who seldom ate carrots. Spinach also helped, though not as much.

Both vegetables are rich in beta-carotene, an antioxidant that is believed to fight heart disease and stroke via a series of biochemical changes that prevent cholesterol from sticking to artery walls.

**General and Mrs. William Crouch join other police and military leaders at the funeral of Alois Brieger in Bayreuth.**

BT 2 □ Nordbayerischer Kurier □ Dienstag, 24. September 1996



Eine Ehrenformation der Polizei führte den Trauerzug für Viersternegeneral William Crouch, der Oberkommandierenden früheren Kripochef Alois Brieger an. In der Bildmitte Foto: Pfändler

A Police Honor Guard escorts the funeral procession for the former Chief of Police, Alois BRIEGER. Four-star General William CROUCH, Commander-in-Chief of U.S. Forces in Europe is in the center of the picture.

Bindlach, Germany  
190800 September 1996

To: Virginia & Frank WILLIAMS

According to Ali's sister, who was present, Ali passed away quietly in his sleep at 181430 (ET) September 1996. Funeral is scheduled for Monday 23 September at the Bayreuth City Cemetary. She says Ali could no longer focus nor recognize things toward the end, and was in and out of half-sleep consciousness comas. There was no pain.

s/ Dieter  
t/ Dieter KAISER  
1/2 ACR OP, LTA Bindlach

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**Milk in plastic jugs** may be easier to carry, but it probably doesn't taste as good and isn't as nutritious as milk in paperboard cartons.

That's because translucent plastic jugs let in light, which can cause off-flavors to develop and can destroy vitamin A and the B vitamin, riboflavin. Vitamin losses are especially high for low-fat milks. A translucent jug of skim milk sitting in a lighted dairy case for just one day can lose 90 percent of its vitamin A.

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(From the old files. Other news some-  
times squeezes out space for letters.)

Forked River, NJ  
28 July 1988

Dear Louis T. HOLZ

Just a line to let you know I am still alive, although diabetic and getting over a stroke. I have worn the Toujours Pret emblem on my cap for a long time. It goes where I go, so you see I have never forgotten the outfit. I am always glad to read the news. Enclosed find check for \$18.00. I sure would like to see my old friends again. The "THOROUGHbred" is my only news. Thanks.

Your old M/Sgt,  
s/ Leo  
(Leo PEZET)

Inkom, ID  
11 September 1996

Dear Louis:

Enclosed is the information you requested. Sorry to hear about Sandy's passing away. He was truly an Officer and gentleman - he will be missed. We are looking forward to the reunion in Norfolk, VA. Toujours Pret,

s/ Wayne  
(Wayne W. WALTMAN)

P.S. We enjoy the "THOROUGHbred". Thanks for all your efforts.

Universal City, Texas  
25 August 1996

Dear Sir,

... send me the current address of Col. Joseph L. KRAWCZYK Jr. (who) was the commander of 3rd Squadron, 2nd ACR, Amberg from 1988 to 1990. I am currently writing an Emergency Medical Handbook for Physician Assistants to be published by W.B. Saunders Co. ... in November. Part of the acknowledgement is dedicated to him and I would like to send him a copy of the book. I believe he retired in Vermont or New Hampshire about 2 years ago. Sincerely,

s/ t/ Steven W. SALYER

(ED: Thanks to the assistance of COL Stephen ROBINETTE -  
COL Joseph L. KRAWCZYK Jr. \* RR #2, Box3938-Rice Lane  
Bennington VT 05201 \* (802) 442-6549

Galley layout of Acknowledgment page of book appears on page 18 )

Pensacola, FL  
August 1996

... If this Dick BENN (page 10) is the Richard BENN noted as died (page 1), why pick on the Dead?

Charles McGAW

(ED: Richard BENN was a contemporary of mine whom I have known for half-a-century. These passings have a singularly eerie impact upon me. I don't like any of them, but they happen. As was explained on page 1 (of issue # 99), pages 2-thru-17 were already completely written and typed when, as is the usual practice, pages one and 18 were written as "wrapper sheets" to try to tie everything together. No deliberate disrespect was intended, and no one else seems to have interpreted it that way.)

**If you use sunscreens**, you should know that they can prevent you from getting enough vitamin D. That's because sunlight normally triggers vitamin D production in your skin, and sunscreen blocks this. One option is to drink vitamin D-fortified milk, but your best protection is to take a multi-vitamin supplement that contains 400 International Units of vitamin D.

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I would like to thank a few special people who helped me along my journey in life and as an emergency medicine physician assistant. To Major Peter Forsberg, PA-C, United States Army: thanks, Pete. You have done more for Physician Assistant Emergency Medicine than we will ever be able to thank you for.

A special thanks to Dr. David McMicken and the other physicians, PAs, and nurse practitioners in the ED at The Medical Center, Columbus, Georgia, during 1992-93. You gave me the love for emergency medicine, thanks guys!  
Thanks to the staff and residents at Brooke Army Medical Center, Fort Sam Houston, Texas, during my residency 1993-94. You taught me the "art" of emergency medicine.

To those who were staff and residents at Darnall Army Community Hospital, Fort Hood, Texas, 1994-1996, who put up with me the past 2 years while I wrote this book. Thanks!

And a very, very special thanks to Colonel Joseph L. Krawczyk Jr. (Ret.), the finest leader I ever served. You taught me fairness, frankness, understanding, compassion, and leadership and to never be too busy to listen to anyone. Rank not only has its privileges but also its responsibilities. Always trust in your people to do the job they are trained for. Thanks Joe.

Steven W. Salyer

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### THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS OF THE 2d CAVALRY ASSOCIATION

takes pride in announcing the appointment of James H. O'RORKE, SGM (Ret) as National Treasurer Pro Tem and accountable Custodian of Memorabilia. Mr. O'RORKE will serve as the assitant to National Treasurer Samuel V. SORTINO Jr., and be a non-voting member of the National Board of Governors. Jim served with the 3rd Squadron in Europe from 1953 to 1955.

His mailing address (when ordering memorabilia) is:

RR #6 - Box 251-A \*\*\* ALTOONA PA 16601-9773

A list of available inventory and their prices will be published in the next issue.

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The only other unfilled position on the National Board is now that of Secretary Pro Tem, which may be filled by appointment by the National Secretary at his own option. The vacancy caused by the death of President-Emeritus Alexander G. FRASER Jr. cannot be filled at this time because the Association has no living former National President or former National Chairman.

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Adding mayonnaise to a salad will increase the risk of food poisoning.

**FALSE!** Most commercial mayonnaise contains acid and salt, which slow bacterial growth. It's the protein-rich meat, poultry or eggs in a salad that spoil first. In other words, a dish of tuna will spoil faster if mayonnaise has not been added!

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(Letter Abridged)  
West Point NY  
23 November 1993

Dear Mr. Holz:

I was honored recently be being asked to speak (as a Gulf War veteran in lieu of the Superintendent of the Military Academy who was not available) at the dedication of a sculpture honoring Persian Gulf War veterans at the FDR Veterans Hospital in Montrose NY. The ceremony was held the day after Veterans' Day and was well attended. I am enclosing a copy of my speech memorializing CPL James MILLER of HHT, 2d ACR, whose story personifies as well as anything can the Persian Gulf experience and I was proud to tell his story and that of the Regiment as a way of remembering all Gulf Veterans' contributions. Sincerely,

s/ t/ Steven C. GRAVLIN  
Major (now LTC), U.S. Army

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THE GULF WAR, CORPORAL MILLER, AND VETERANS' DAY

Congressman FISH, Director KAUPER, Distinguished Veterans of America's wars, Ladies and Gentlemen:

On behalf of LGen GRAVES, Superintendent of the U.S. Military Academy, thank you for your kind invitation to participate in this ceremony. I am very proud to represent the hundreds of thousands of Gulf War veterans you will honor today with the dedication of a sculpture in your garden. I admit that I am somewhat intimidated to stand here in the spiritual and physical presence of so many heroes from our nation's past conflicts. As a student of history, I am well aware that yesterday was the 75th anniversary of Armistice Day, the day that ended World War I, a war that claimed over 100,000 American lives. It was the 48th Veterans' Day our country has celebrated since the end of World War II, which claimed over 300,000 Americans in four long years of war. It was the 40th Veterans' Day since the Armistice which ended the fighting in Korea after three years of combat and 54,000 American lives. It was the 20th Veterans' Day since the Paris Peace Accords ended American involvement in Vietnam at a cost of almost 60,000 dead.

To speak of the "Gulf War" in the same context as these wars seems almost to be blasphemous. My "war" lasted a mere month and a half. Less than 200 American lives were lost - seemingly a victory unworthy to be measured against our earlier wars. Not long after we returned from Southwest Asia, a grateful citizenry feted and paraded us in every city and town in America - a situation which Gary TRUDEAU lampooned so effectively in the comic strip, "Doonesbury". The cartoon I remember shows a World War II veteran and a disabled Vietnam vet watching a "Desert Storm Welcome Home" parade, both commenting on the hoopla from their unique perspectives. The WWII vet remarked that these newest heroes hardly saw any action at all, in comparison to his four long years overseas. The Vietnam vet reminded us that at least WWII got a parade when he came home, unlike the Americans who spent 12 months in 'Nam and then had to sneak back into their own country. The strip concluded with the World War vet saying, "But you guys lost. These clowns are going to expect free drinks!" Whether you like Mr. TRUDEAU or hate him, it seems to me that his special brand of irreverent, flippant humor has shone the harsh light of truth upon some of the excesses of revelry in the aftermath of the Gulf War. Certainly we won a victory and a powerful argument has been made that the Gulf War opened opportunities for peace in that region that otherwise might never have come. But many could also argue that we left the job unfinished and the opportunities are still not yet entirely realized. The Gulf War victory could perhaps be placed in that context which could give it, in the words of TRUDEAU's WWII vet - "a sense of proportion."

I leave it to others to argue whether the Gulf War was a "war" or not, or whether we succeeded in our policy goals or not. Having said all this, let me make clear that I am proud of my service in the Gulf War and I make no apologies for our having won a ground campaign against the fourth largest army in the world in 100 hours. We fought in keeping with the finest American military traditions; our doctrine was sound, our equipment

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was the best, and our soldiers were magnificent. I want to tell you about one of those soldiers. CPL James MILLER was a supply clerk assigned to Hqs & Hqs Trp, 2d Armored Cavalry Regiment, stationed in Nuernberg, Germany. I did not really know CPL MILLER. I was the Regimental Adjutant assigned to the same unit, but certainly operating in a different sphere of activity. No doubt I ran into CPL MILLER many times at our kaserne. I probably returned salutes from him as we exchanged our Regimental greeting, "Always Ready, Sir -- TOUJOURS PRET!" I probably drew and returned my equipment into him at the troop supply room. He was by all accounts a good, if not spectacular soldier.

When our Regiment deployed to Saudi Arabia in December 1990 in the vanguard of the VII Corps movement to Southwest Asia, CPL MILLER was no doubt busy requisitioning and packing needed supplies as well as readying his truck and own equipment. Once in Saudi Arabia as the Regiment trained for its expected mission of leading the VII Corps attack into Iraq against the Republican Guard, MILLER maintained his supply truck, repaired equipment, issue supplies, and prepared through hard training for the uncertainties of war. He spent his time doing the 1,001 mandane things that all soldiers have had to do in the field since there have been soldiers and war - he dug latrines, put up tents, pulled guard. He spent Christmas away from home and, only a guess, probably prayed for peace. On February 24th, 1991, when our Regt'1 Hqs followed the leading squadrons into Iraq, CPL MILLER was probably driving the troop supply truck at the back of our formation. Over the next five days, he was a minor participant in the war, like many of us. He pulled perimeter guard and drove. He might even have helped capture the four Iraqi soldiers who walked into our perimeter that second morning anxious to surrender. CPL MILLER no doubt watched with the rest of us as our leading cavalry troops found and engaged the security elements of the Tawakalna Division just over the darkening horizon from us on the evening of 26 February in a battle that has since become known as the Battle of 73 Easting. Later that night, the 1st Infantry Division passed thru our positions to finish the destruction of the Iraqi division.

On the morning of 28 February, the 2d ACR was following the 1st Infantry Division's attack as the Corps reserve. The war appeared over for us; there was already talk of a cease-fire. The day before, we had removed our chemical protective suits for the first time since the ground campaign had begun. President BUSH had announced that the Iraqis had agreed to the conditions of the UN resolutions. Later that morning, as our Regiment prepared to move into Kuwait, we were ordered to halt in place. Scores upon scores of Iraqi vehicles, destroyed in their path, were within view.

CPL MILLER got out of his supply truck to set up when we stopped and immediately stepped on an explosive device that mortally wounded him. It may have been an Iraqi mine. More than likely, it was an American Air Force-delivered cluster bomblet, originally intended for the previous Iraqi occupants of that position. I was 200 meters away helping to set up our Armored Carrier Command Post when I heard the explosion. A medevac helicopter was called, But CPL MILLER died before it arrived. He died in the arms of the Hqs Trp XO while medics tried valiantly to save his life. CPL MILLER was not an infantryman, not a cavalry scout, but a supply clerk. In all the 100 hours of ground war before that, no one had come close to firing a shot in anger at him. 48 hours after his death, the Iraqis agreed to an unconditional cease-fire. He was the only man killed in Hqs & Hqs Trp, and one of only six killed in our entire 8,000-man Dragoon Battle Group. Nothing in my admittedly limited experience illustrates better in my mind the impersonal uncertainties of war.

CPL James MILLER was 20 years old when he died. He left behind a wife and two children, including one son he never saw, born after he deployed. He was posthumously awarded the Bronze Star. Our victory in the Gulf perhaps did come cheap - cheap except for the loss of CPL MILLER and 200 American and allied servicepersons like him. Personally, I don't think any victory where an American soldier dies carrying out the orders of the Commander is a "cheap victory". And I wanted to tell you CPL MILLER's story today because I hope it will help you appreciate the cost of this Gulf War a little better; and because, except for the fact that HIS Veterans' Day has come 20 or 40 or 50 years after yours, CPL MILLER was a lot like you. Thank you especially for honoring Gulf War veterans today with the dedication of this sculpture.

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