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The Post Office tells us that if your address does not include a nine digit ZIP (so-called "ZIP + 4"), that they cannot deliver your "THOROUGHBRED". Well, they almost said that, but not quite. Read on.

It used to be that a piece of mail would be delivered if it were identified with a city and state. ZIP Codes came much later. My state, for example, has two Springfields and two Unionvilles, and I now wonder how the postal sorters told them apart. Now each town (or section of a large town) has its own 5-digit ZIP Code. And in much of the country, each house has its individual "plus four" ZIP added, making for 9-digits. On top of that, coming soon, like it or not, once you get your "plus four", someone will decide which carrier route includes your house, and you'll get a tenth and eleventh digit added to your ZIP. The full eleven-digit ZIP for this publication, "THOROUGHBRED", for example, is 190-2005-07. As the song says about Kansas City, "they've gone about as far as they can go!" Or have they?

Those areas, mainly rural, mainly in the South, which do not yet have "plus four" will get them soon we are told. Those areas which do not yet have the emergency dial 9-1-1 system, will have their "plus four" added to tie in with automated location identification. To find out what your "plus four" is, simply ask your carrier or telephone your local post office. It may be a bother to them, but they wouldn't have invented it if they didn't intend that we use it.

So we went from words on mail, to numbers on mail; and now we progress to hieroglyphics on mail. The Post Office calls it a Barcode, and defines it as: "A series of vertical bars and half bars that represents the correct ZIP Code information for the delivery address on the mailpiece." It goes on to explain that: "The barcode facilitates automated processing by barcode reader equipment. The delivery point barcode (DPBC) allows automated sortation of mail to the carrier level in walk sequence."

They want us to start using the barcode. TO DO THIS, WE NEED TO GET A FULL 9-DIGIT ZIP FROM EACH OF YOU. If you don't have one yet, we are told it won't be long before you do. For those items with a barcode, we will be charged the standard bulk rate for our mailings. For those items without a barcode, we must pay a different rate, which is seven cents (7¢) per item higher than the standard bulk rate - which was just increased on 1 January 1996, and which is rumored to be going up soon again to cover the cost of all this automation. Fear not: We are not thinking of a dues increase just yet. We first want to see how bad it will get. For one thing, we will have to buy - or rent this barcoding equipment for our labels, or hire a service which does that sort of thing.

But step number one falls to you, the reader. If your address label (Check it now, please!) does not now have a 9-digit ZIP, we ask that you provide us with it. A postcard please. Your full name. Your full street or route address. Your town and a nine or eleven digit ZIP. (We don't need it to send you your mail, but a phone number would be convenient to have.) THANK YOU!

But it doesn't end there for your Newsletter Committee. Writing these pages may soon turn out to be the easiest part of the job. This "Classification Reform", as the Post Office calls it, takes a lot of the sorting chores from the postal system and gives it to the mass mailer - corporations, associations, and the like. We used to sort and bundle by State. Now we must sort and bundle by Area Distribution Centers (ADC). New York State used to be one banded bundle. Now there are eight ADC's. Pennsylvania used to be one banded bundle. Now there are five, and one of them (Pittsburgh) includes parts of West Virginia - so we're already out of ZIP Code sequence sorting. Smaller states are omitted altogether and lumped with their neighbor which happens to have a large ADC Post Office. On the other hand, larger states can be nightmares. California has nine ADC's plus an APO. At least the ZIP code sequence (the order in which our labels are printed) is maintained.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY
 HEADQUARTERS, 2D ARMORED CAVALRY REGIMENT
 FORT POLK, LOUISIANA 71459



1 June, 1996

Office of the Commander

Dear Friend of the Regiment:

Greetings from Fort Polk, Louisiana. As always, your Regiment is moving at a fast pace and in many directions. All the Regiment's proud Troopers have safely returned from our deployments to Haiti and have focused on our scheduled rotation to the National Training Center in December 1996. The "War Eagles" of 1st Squadron have completed retraining from their Haiti peacekeeping deployment to conventional mission requirements. The 2d Squadron "Cougars" have completed their redeployment from Haiti and will complete their retraining in August. The soldiers of the 3rd Squadron "Wolfpack" have completed their training at Fort Chaffee. The Regimental Support Squadron "Muleskinners" continue to provide superb sustainment operations to the 2d Dragoons.

In March, President Clinton visited Fort Polk and honored the Regiment's participation in the Haiti mission as part of several different Joint Task Forces and the United Nations Mission in Haiti. I believe our Troopers' performance in Haiti was instrumental in securing free and democratic elections in that country. The Commander-in-Chief was saluted by a 21-gun salute from 3d Squadron's own Howitzer Battery. After the formal ceremony, the President met with the families of the 502d MI Company's soldiers who have deployed to Bosnia to secure peace in that region. Truly, our Dragoons continue to achieve great things, in Haiti and around the world. I am extremely proud of their service.

The training plan for our rotation to the National Training Center this fall is already underway. The first Regimental CPX since Operation Agile Provider in May 1994 brought together all the elements of the Regiment (including 4th Squadron) in a field exercise driven by computer simulation. The completion of the CPX coincided with 2d Squadron's arrival from Haiti, allowing for the first Regiment-wide stable call since our departure from Germany.

The Regiment also celebrated its 160th Birthday on 23rd of May with a spectacular Organization Day that gave our Troopers a well-deserved break. This unit remains the longest continuing serving outfit in the Army and its tradition of excellence continues.

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In January, LTC Bill Weber led his "War Eagles" to Fort Chaffee, Arkansas for OPERATION EAGLE TALON II. This month-long training density included intermediate gunnery Tables V-VIII, TOW gunnery, and platoon- through squadron-level maneuver training. The training culminated with live fire from the 1st Squadron Howitzer Battery and a platoon Table XII combining live fire from all Squadron resources. EAGLE TALON II concluded with a joint Air Force-Army exercise that returned a portion of the Squadron to Fort Polk.

In March, the War Eagles participated in Regimental CPX #1 and enhanced their war-fighting skills within Troop, Squadron, Combat Trains and Field Trains Command Posts. Later that month, the War Eagles participated as opposing forces in JRTC Rotation 96-05, where it further enhanced these skills and its platoon maneuver capabilities against the 82d Airborne Division. In May, the War Eagles played the other side in JRTC Rotation 96-07, augmenting the Blue Force unit of the 25th Infantry Division and holding an airfield lodgment until their relief in place. After several months of refocusing their efforts from the peacetime duties of Haiti to its regular wartime mission, the War Eagles are intensively preparing for Fort Irwin and the NTC.

At the start of 1996, 2d Squadron, under the command of LTC Dennis Szydloski, continued to execute peacekeeping operations in Port-au-Prince, Haiti. Their missions included conducting day and night patrols, protecting both the new and old presidents of Haiti, providing convoy escort, furnishing fixed site security, and most importantly, serving as the United Nations Mission in Haiti Quick Reaction Force. The Cougar Squadron also served as the main effort for the Joint Task Force's support to the Haitian presidential inauguration on 7 February 1996. The ceremony represented the first democratic transition of power in Haitian history and was a measurable indicator of the United Nations mission in Haiti's success. The "Cougars" finally returned to their families at Fort Polk on 4 March 1996, having represented their Nation and Regiment honorably and well.

Upon their return from Haiti, the Cougars conducted intensive recovery operations and began focusing on retraining warfighting tasks following a much needed block leave in April. Their training over the last month included section evaluations, gunnery, and a CPX to prepare the Cougar Squadron for its training density at Fort Chaffee in late July.

The 3d Squadron "Wolfpack" picked up the pace after the Christmas holiday. Already looking ahead to our December 1996 date at the National Training Center in California, Third Squadron began its NTC trainup with a focus on the building blocks of combat effectiveness -- the individual soldier and crew. Continuing support of rotations at the Joint Readiness Training Center provided additional training opportunities for the Wolfpack. The Wolfpack Squadron

Pictured in the dining room of the Springfield (VA) Hilton Hotel on the occasion of the Regiment's 160th Birthday, 23 May 1996, are (seated) Colonel Dennis E. HARDY, new (69th) Commander of the 2d Cavalry, and his welcoming entourage:



(L-R) Louis T. HOLZ, Chairman of the Board, 2d Cavalry Association; Dean Henry J. EBREY Jr, National President; MGen Lawrence E. SCHLANSER and COL Thomas M. MOLINO, both former Commanders; and Ray THOMAS, Honorary Regimental Command Sergeant Major. It was also Ray THOMAS who represented this group and the Association at the change of command ceremony at Fort Polk some three weeks later.

On 23 May 1996, a pleasant sunny Thursday, and the 160th anniversary of the founding of the Second Dragoons, Lou HOLZ picked by Henry EBREY and Ray THOMAS and had a comfortable three hour cruise to Springfield, Virginia. (That traffic in and around the District of Columbia isn't getting any better - and probably never will - so one just grins and bears it. Good company and good conversation helps!)

The trio had a pre-arranged rendezvous to meet and greet Colonel Dennis E. HARDY, the Commander-designee of the 2d Armored Cavalry Regiment, the 69th in a succession of excellence. Joining them in Springfield were MGen Lawrence E. SCHLANSER and COL Thomas M. MOLINO, both past Commanders; Tom having made the arrangements and playing the role of unofficial host.

Lively exchanges ensued over a good meal, and it was evident that Dennis HARDY looked forward to his new and challenging assignment. He had already recently visited Fort Polk and was readying himself for his "permanent" return for his official assumption of command only three Thursdays hence.

Some of the conversation was inevitable: Cavalry service in the "olden" days. General SCHLANSER, as unique a Dragoon as you will find, devoted parts of four

**The Troopers & Officers of the
2d Armored Cavalry Regiment
Invite You to Attend
the Regimental Change of Command**

**Between
Colonel Walter L. Sharp
68th Colonel of the Regiment
&
Colonel Dennis E. Hardy
69th Colonel of the Regiment**

**Thursday at 0900, 13 June 1996
Honor Field, Fort Polk, Louisiana
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decades of his life to the Regiment: Horse Cavalry in the mid-thirties straight out of the USMA; a return to the 2nd as a Troop Commander in the early (pre-mechanized) 1940's; and a return to the Armored Cav in the late 1950's as Regimental Commander, with a spill-over into the 1960's. As a general grade officer, he gladly served nearly four years as "Honorary Colonel of the Regiment", a very prestigious, honorific ceremonial position reserved for the very special. Along the way, he married a previous Regimental Commander's daughter.

Henry EBREY and Louis HOLZ saw service with the Regiment during WW2, and remained with the unit for Constabulary duty. Ray THOMAS, a bit younger, joined the 2d Constabulary Squadron in Lenggries in 1946. All three saw combat service in Korea but a few years after the peace in Europe. Tom MOLINO is no stranger to these pages of our news-

magazine. Before becoming Regimental Commander in 1992, he saw troop and staff duty in 1968, and was a Squadron Commander in Bamberg in 1983. He graced our 1993 San Diego convention with his presence. A good friend from w-a-a-a-y back.

All these quasi-true tall tales and tales of woe and indescribable hardships and difficulties did not phase our guest of honor. He was the hardy-type (no pun intended), and spoke enthusiastically of the anticipated preparedness to be demanded of the Army in general and his Regiment in particular in the near-years between now and the turn of the century. All based on the world remaining unpredictable for the next five years until 2001. Then we also spoke enthusiastically of the Association's near-years between now and the turn of the century. What we said was basically what we had reported to General Don HOLDER earlier, to wit: that the WW2-types as a majority of the leadership positions would be phased out by the year 2001, so that a majority of later era alumni (particularly of Desert Storm) could be phased in. This plan (less Desert Storm) has been publicized in "Thoroughbred" for over a decade. Taking into cognizance the organizing efforts of the Spanish War and WWI veterans since 1899, and the fledgling attempts of

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the early WW2 organizers between 1945 and 1953, one feels the incumbent WW2 leadership is responsible for perhaps 85% of the successes of the last four-plus decades; while less than 2% of the WW2-types are responsible for 100% of the disruption, terrorist phone calls, criminal pranks, and just plain bad mouthing. In spite of all the successes, the cavalry community will be happy to see the Nameless/Shameless and their puppets neutralized; as surely they will be, our guest of honor was assured, so that we can start a new relationship and a new century with a clean slate. Colonel HARDY, we were told, is a stern disciplinarian. Whether he is or not, we don't know. But we told him non-the-less that we would take care of all the demented dissidents within a year so that the next national convention could breathe free air once again.

One of the points we were trying to make was that the Desert veterans were not yet ready to assume Association leadership roles, partially because many if not most are still on active duty, and primarily because the correspondence between them and us was deep-sixed by the APO-level of performance ("Return to Sender - APO Closed"). Theirs never arrived; ours was returned. We felt at that meeting, exactly as we had commented to General HOLDER, that the Desert vets will have to wait another 10-25 years beyond 2001 before the could take over leadership duties by democratic means from the Border Vigilantees.

We didn't have figures at that meeting, but we have researched it since. Based on a random sampling of eleven of the 26 letters of the membership indices alphabet, we find the following ratio of membership by decade. If a person overlapped a decade or returned ten years later, each decade is credited with one member. (Bud SCHLANSEK, for instance, fattens up the tally in the 30's, 40's, 50's, and 60's.)

1990-1996: 20.7% of total membership. This represents all of Desert Storm. However, the lion's portion must go to Tom MOLINO's recruiting efforts at Lewis and Polk.

Decade of the 80's: 26.5% of total membership. All Border Vigilantees.

Decade of the 70's: 06.6% of total Membership. All Border Vigilantees. None of the six commanders of this period were ever hostile toward the Association, but many were perfunctary. It shows.

Decade of the 60's: 08.3% of the total membership. A 1965 two-busload visit to the Regiment helped somewhat - for both visitor and visitee.

Decade of the 50's: 05,6% of the total membership. This low percentage may well be due to lack of aggressive recruiting on the part of the Association, even though the veterans met on Regimental turf (USA) twice that decade.

Decade of the 40's: 31.6% of total. A whole trunkated history inside ten compact years. (a) The last days of the horse. (b) Conversion to mechanized and a whole new training. (c) World War II combat. (d) The underapplauded U.S. Constabulary. (e) Conversion to Armored Cavalry. We don't have it broken down, but horse and armored memberships are negligible for the period, and of the remainder, the combat veterans outnumber the Circle-C by a wide membership margin. Their day in the sun was great. Now it's another generation's turn. Now the pranksters can look for their

kicks elsewhere - maybe like burning Black churches or bombing olympic stadiums. All pranksters have the same sickness.

The 1930's and Earlier: 00.8% of the total membership. Yet they still come. At the 1995 reunion, there were more horse cavalry present than there were aviators.

Okay, food for thought. Want to know how your elected Board breaks down now?

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- * ALLMENDINGER: 1957-61 Bindlach
- * CASTAGNA: 1949-52 Bamberg
- * DAVIDOWICZ; 1940's
- * EBREY: 1940's
- * FRYMIER: 1940's
- * HOLZ: 1940's

- * LANGLEY: 1940's
- * LINDQUIST: 1940's
- * MASSEY: 1940's
- * SERAFIN: 1940's
- * SORTINO: 1940's
- * WADE: 1940's

Phase out time begins in 1997 (Norfolk); continues thru 1999 (Fort Worth); and will be fairly well concluded by 2001 (site to be announced). By that time the majority on the Board and the Officers they elect, should be youngsters. One may even be named Jack BENNY, age 39.

Colonel HARDY has had no previous service with the Second. He has no reason to have heard of Colonel REED, or Lou HOLZ, or Bob ROSS, or anyone else. We only know that once he gets to his Regiment and starts discussing things with his in-place staff, and they confer regarding the Association, somebody will most likely say that a delightful group of veterans and alumni and their families visited Fort Polk last autumn; all of which is absolutely true. And others in the know, with whom we were coordinating rather closely, could add that they went to a lot of trouble to keep the mouthy trouble-makers away from the Regimental trooper; which is also true.

If there were no trouble-makers to begin with, nobody would ever have to say that.

We hope and pray that that is the last we ever have to write on that subject matter. We know it does not make for pleasant reading.

VISION POWER

Sure, our eyes change as we age—but a little care will keep their future looking bright

Most of us have seen that moment of truth—*or, rather, not seen it:* that moment of panic when we picked up a menu and suddenly realized that, no matter how we adjusted the distance, the chef's specials just wouldn't come into focus. Unfortunately, too many people take the natural, age-related diminishment of vision as a sign to slow down. The powerful eyes most of us have as children begin to change noticeably in midlife, and continue changing as we age. But if you adjust to new realities, there's no reason not to go on enjoying life to the fullest.

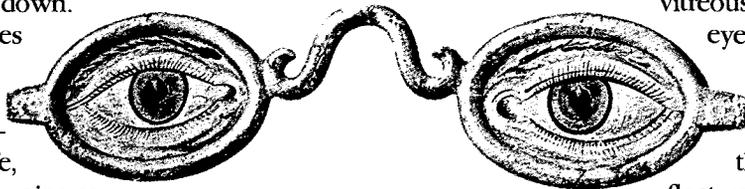
Diminished vision isn't the only surprise that our eyes deliver during a lifetime of service. Dry eyes trouble a good many people in their mid-fifties and beyond. The simple solution: Keep eyedrops handy, and use them frequently. With age, our eyes also tend to become more light-sensitive. The average 60-year-old without any form of eye disorder can require twice the illumination that a 20-year-old does to accomplish close work—yet at the same time, you may feel that your eyes are under greater strain from sunshine and bright lights. A hat with a brim and sunglasses that block UV rays are helpful in preserving good sight. As for those annoying head-

lights on the road, you're not alone in finding them more glaring. Nearly all cars built in the last 10 years have halogen headlights, which are difficult for any of us to deal with.

Older people also frequently report seeing "floaters" (small flecks of dark matter) or sometimes flashes. Both are caused by changes in the vitreous gel inside our eyes. As the gel degenerates, clumps or strands form that we see as floaters. When the vitreous gel pulls at the retina, located at the back of the eye, it can cause flashes. As a rule, floaters and flashes are not a cause for alarm—but sudden onset and frequent occurrence of either may signal a more serious problem, and seeing an ophthalmologist right away is wise.

As long as there are no indications of problems, you should visit your ophthalmologist every two years to make sure your eyes remain healthy. Conditions such as glaucoma, cataracts, and macular degeneration, all common among older people, are slow to progress. Caught early, all of them can be dealt with effectively.

For more information on vision and aging, write to The Lighthouse, 800 Second Ave., New York, NY 10011.—*Martin Brown*



Why Half Measures Don't Work

There is a basic difference between a concept, and its birth and implementation. The concept takes a dreamer. The birth requires a midwife and a joyful retinue of welcomers. The implementation demands an army of dedicated workers, willing to toil for sustained periods of time. Like 220 years after the founding of the republic, for example.

If there were no dreamer and no midwife, there would be no past - no history; and the present could be devoted to something else be it a demanding career or a nap. (Both are something.)

If there were no workers and no loyalty and no support, there would be no future - no posterity; and the present would be a void, and the dreamer and the midwife would have inspired and officiated in vain. Back to the nap. Or is the nap what started the problem in the first place?

But if there is to be a future, there must be an unwavering present. There can be no wavering directions. There should be no splinter groups. There may not be any self-annointed pranksters; certainly not ones with organized cult followings - much like an opium gang.

What are we talking about?

The last issue of this publication (#98/March 1996) was simultaneously the best received and most praised, and the most maligned in over a decade and a half; all at the same time, which makes no sense at all. So there is good news and bad news. Which should we favor, or is a balanced mixture a fairer idea?

* THE BAD NEWS: The Nameless Shameless One had been warned for many months that he would not be permitted to visit the Regiment at Fort Polk last October along with the rest of the Association because he could not or would not control his tongue and because he was defiantly unrepentant for the way he had publically defied a previous Commander of the Regiment to the utter humiliation of all the Cavalry family who had spent hundreds of travel dollars in the hope of better recollections of the trip. He sent in his reservation anyway. ("Well, that's where you told everybody else to send it.") He was chewed out most firmly over the phone, and still unrepentant, demanded his money back. He got it most promptly. In any court of law, that terminates a contract. In spite of which, Joe RHYNE, a close aider and abettor ally, invaded the Board Room (he was not on the Agenda) to announce that the poor abused creature wants the world to understand that had it not been for the hurricane, he would have been there non-the-less. We note that nobody else was kept away by "the hurricane", although many drove or flew through some awful weather. Even when he loses, he struts like a winner, and the circus goes on and on for another round. Half Measures Don't Work! So why not chop off his head and be done with it?

* THE GOOD NEWS: More people telephoned or wrote in to compliment the Editor on his balanced reporting - 8 items of bad news because it happened, and because it was news to which 98.3% of the membership were entitled; even though the remaining 1.7% (the dissidents) could find no joy at all in the remaining 32 items of (or any) good news in a long, long time. We don't put together a publication which takes time, energy, and effort at no pay just to pacify the trouble-makers. We cater to the good guys and that makes

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Our minds are
constantly
wandering to the
past and the
future, and it
takes some
discipline to learn
to concentrate on
the present.

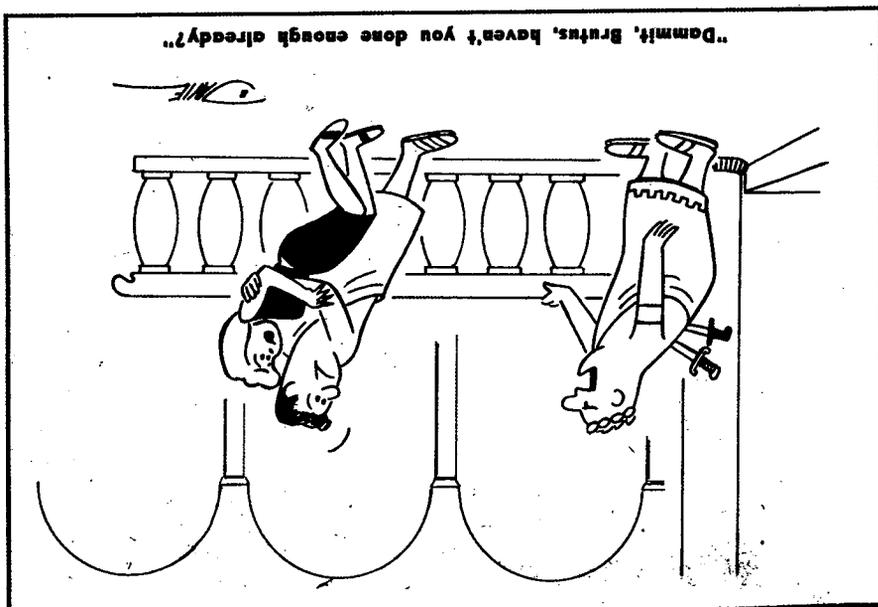
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the bad guys even more alienated. But nobody is stopping them from leaving.

* THE BAD NEWS: The same motley mob of 14 (Bob ROSS provided the figure) who one reunion earlier organized a boycott against San Diego, met again to sign a letter of protest against all the acts of the criminal element being reported -- such as the boycott, which is neither forgotten nor forgiven. Harry EBREY traveled over 6,000 miles round trip to go to the west coast to check out hotels and area attractions (his first such assignment) and did a remarkable job of it only to come home to receive a phone call that his efforts would be boycotted. A return phone call to the head prankster elicited his justification as a certain Charlotte invoice not having been settled. It was explained to him for the umpteenth time that Secretary John SERAFIN had received a written receipt for having turned in several hundred dollars in cash to the Woodlawn Inn, but that that amount was not credited against the balance due. It took the national headquarters of the Holiday Inn in Atlanta to straighten out the mess, after which the corrected balance was paid in full. The head prankster admitted that he already knew all of that, "but the others didn't". That criminally mischievous mind isn't even honest with his compatriots. If two sides played that way, it would be the simplest thing in the world not to put together a newsmagazine. And if there is no newsmagazine, there can be no reunion. And if there is neither a newsmagazine nor a reunion, there is no organization. Joe CIVITELLO of Connecticut wrote in several months ago asking for more frequent reunions. And a splinter cult boycotts them. And is incensed when all this is reported to the 98.3% of the remaining membership. If no criminal act were ever committed, then no news story of that act could be written. Who is right and who is wrong -- the criminal or freedom of the press?

* THE GOOD NEWS: Treasurer Samuel SORTINO advises that the last issue brought in more new and renewed memberships and more voluntary contributions than any issue since the Reed Obituary 16 years earlier. What is one clown's reason for disruption is another man's reason for support.

* THE BAD NEWS: If it never really happened, let's pretend it did. Dick BENN of Michigan wrote to every member of the Board of Governors (except its Chairman) to protest that at a meeting which they attended and he did not, the Board had relieved the current "THOROUGHbred" editor of that position, and yet continue to allow him to publish. First of all, if he did not publish, nobody else could or would, certainly not Dick BENN. Secondly, this never happened. Who made such a motion? Who seconded it? What were the main points of the arguments? What was the final result of voting? And thirdly, the Board neither elects nor relieves an editor. Never did. The President appoints all Committees. The Chairman of the "Publications and Publicity Committee" which is responsible for "Thoroughbred" selects an editor. A few years ago, the Board was advised that we are looking for a new Editor, and please to search and report. Valda DAVIDOWICZ dutifully replied that Michigan had no qualified candidates. The three Governors from the Nameless/Shameless' home area failed to respond, which presumably means that the two Carolinas had no qualified candidates either. Why do people propagate these factless fantasies? (Must be the opium.) Not too long ago, Bob ROSS started the rumor that Valda DAVIDOWICZ was the new editor. Only trouble was that nobody on the Board including Valda knew (CONTINUED ON PAGE 11)



PLAYING WITH FIRE

WHY HALF MEASURES DON'T WORK

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a thing about it. Always remember that the guy who is rowing the boat has neither the time nor inclination to rock it.

* THE GOOD NEWS: The Board often has to waste a lot of time discussing these pranks and their boycotts, protests, and other acts of sabotage and disruption. It did so again in Louisiana, this time taking the positive step of issuing a warning statement which declares that we are all sick and tired of one demented oaf who won't let the rest of us enjoy ourselves. The resolution which passed the Board proclaimed " ... that any organization which has the right to organize itself, to name itself, to declare its reason for being, and to define who shall be eligible for membership therein, shall also have the right to discipline any member who disrupts the efforts and aims of that organization. ... " The same resolution was later ratified by the General Membership by a counted vote of 64-1. That's the usual 98% of the good guys. The Association has always had that right, but now it is publicized so that nobody need act surprised if or when the axe must fall.

* THE BAD NEWS: When Joe RHYNE invaded the Board Room, he spouted the exact same dribble which the Shameless One had vented at us over the telephone earlier - even down to the same historical inaccuracies. The Board sat and listened. They had no questions of the witness. They did not define or debate the issues after he left or discuss them in any way. They adjourned, sorely annoyed at the presumptuous interruption. Yet Joe RHYNE or somebody went back home and told the local folks that the Board passed a resolution endorsing everything the Shameless One had told him to say. Once again, if it never really happened, let's pretend it did. The big lie technique did not die with Hitler. If obfuscation is the order of the day, these clowns are experts.

What does it all mean? All this feudin' and fussin' is draining the energies of the leadership figures. And the General Membership doesn't like to hear of it either, even vocalizing that point of view by telling us that "that's your problem - you solve it." The Association was once viewed as a beautiful maternal figure which embodied our gratitude for coming home alive, our pride in what we had done, our delight in seeing others perpetuate our military alma mater, our good fortune in having gathered good friends and good memories, and our joy in regularly rendezvousing with those wonderful comrades in pleasant settings. If all that goes away because the Association was fatally sabotaged, then those who still care will have to say:

//She was not killed by an individual, but by the silence of many.//

If you have something to say before it is too late, write in to tell us what it is. We'll read it. We may even print it. Certainly 98% should have more to say than the 2% who never shut up.

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MEMBERSHIP NOTES TO THE ASSOCIATION

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Dear Sam:

Appleton WI

8 May 1996

I've been a member of the Association since about 1954 and am still proud as ever to be a member. The newsletters are informative. Continue the good work. You have my continued support and best wishes.

s/ Bob

Robert J. Damon

Dear Sam:

Spotswood NJ

24 May 1996

Would it be possible to have this in a future issue ??
"12th annual reunion of "C" Company, 1st Bn, 2nd A/C, Bindlach Germany 1957-59. Buffalo NY. Contact Gene GUNIA 908-251-1324, or Jim SOBEZAK 716-823-7589."

s/ Gene

Eugene M. GUNIA

(Ed: Happy to oblige. BUT! Why not consider every other year, so that you can participate in national reunions in the autumn of the alternate - i.e., odd: 7-9-1 etc - years? Think about it. Talk it over. There'll be an awful lot of other Bindlachers there as well!)

Dear Troopers:

El Paso TX

23 February 1996

This letter is to inform you that a staunch member of the 2d Cavalry Association, LTC Levin L. LEE, rode to "Fiddler's Green" on 1 February 1996 in El Paso, Texas. Trooper LEE was a former commander of the 1st Bn, 2d ACR stationed in Bayreuth, Germany in 1953-54. Trooper LEE was a true cavalryman, believing in the preservation of history, traditions and heritage of this historic branch of the service. He did what he could to promote, and to have the service of cavalrymen recorded thru such organizations as the 2d Cavalry Association. It is with much sadness that I report his passing.

s/ J. R. Spurrier

James R. SPURRIER

(Ed: Colonel SPURRIER is the President of the United States Cavalry Association, an organization which encompasses all former horse cavalry units, and which has contributed massive support to the Cavalry Museum at Fort Riley.)

Savannah GA

2 August 1996

I forward my change of address. We retired from Ft. Riley and moved to be near Steph's family. Really miss the fine publication. Keep up the good work. TOUJOURS PRET!

s/ R. L. N.

COL (Ret) Richard L. NOEL

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spearheaded a Motorized Infantry Regiment attack against the 101st Air Assault Division, achieving an impressive breakthrough.

Staff planning and individual skill training came together for the Wolfpack Squadron in March with the execution of Operation Swift Saber II, a squadron gunnery exercise done at Fort Polk. M-2, MK-19 and TOW crews successfully conducted individual, section, and platoon live fire tables. More recently, the Wolfpack completed a month-long deployment to Fort Chaffee where they focused on training individual platoons and troops, finally putting together all the pieces in a Squadron FTX.

As always, the Regimental Support Squadron is constantly busy supporting the Regiment in all of its endeavors. The year started off with a bang as elements from the RSS formed an OPFOR Forward Logistics Element (FLE) during JRTC Rotation 96-03. The RSS surprised many people with its "warrior mentality," including the 2nd Brigade, 101st Airborne Division. The FLE wholly decimated one light infantry company and part of another. The RSS received many accolades for its tremendous effort, but most importantly, it proved to the infantry that even our support soldiers can fight.

The Support Squadron's NTC train-up is also in full swing, with the Muleskinners conducting a Regimental Support Area FTX from 24 April to 4 May. The Support Squadron also recently sent a support element to Camp Blanding, Florida in support of the Special Operations Forces and Operation Royal Dragon. The Regimental Support Squadron looks forward to the coming quarter and all of its challenges.

Coming up in the immediate future, I will change command on 13 June and head to Korea; COL Dennis Hardy will become the 69th Colonel of the Regiment. If you are near Fort Polk's Honor Field on that day, please come and join us.

The Regiment's fast pace training schedule can place great strain on soldiers and families. Our Family Support Groups have proven their worth throughout the Haiti deployments. We continue to rely on their unfailing support and I would like to thank them for all their efforts during my command.

COL Hardy inherits a dynamic training plan that will culminate in the Regiment's rotation at the National Training Center beginning in November. The Regimental staff is now planning the details of our trainup for this rotation along with the daily business that make the Regiment run. These events include a Regimental CPX in July that will bring together all elements of the Regimental Combat Team, a series of gunnery exercises in August, and the deployment of the entire Regiment to Fort Irwin in October to fine-tune its warfighting skills at all levels.

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THERE IS SOME GOOD NEWS. THERE IS SOME BAD. THIS PAGE IS A MIXED BAG.

(Preface: We have over 1800 members of record. Once we held over 7200 index cards, members or not, just so we could provide their address should anyone ask. Now, when that card/person has not seen any action for over ten years - twenty for lifers, we discard that index, lest we develop into a worthless directory of names with obsolete addresses.

Now, we noted that we have over 1800 valid members of record. Yet we mail out less than 1600 newsletters. The difference represents members without a valid address. We've "lost" these members. Won't you try to help reunite an old friend and the Association? And also, please, to send in your own change of address promptly. Thank you!

LIFE MEMBERS SWALLOWED BY THE POSTAL SYSTEM AND/OR OTHER CARELESS THINGS
PLEASE PROVIDE ADDRESSES IF KNOWN

1. L-653 * AGUSTIN, 1SG Wencesla * Desert Storm w/ R Trp. No HOR provided. May 91 APO 09092: "Remained in Bavaria". No address provided. Presumed retired and living overseas.
2. L-824 * AHERON, 1LT William J. * Joined Mar 92 while Regt1 HHT (ASAC). No HOR provided. May 93 APO 09093: "APO Closed". Lazy man's way out.
3. L-694 * ARROWOOD, SGT Jerry W. * Joined Jun 91 while I Trp. No HOR provided. May 92 APO 09452: "APO Closed". Lazy man's way out.
4. A-088 * BARNES, SSG Oscar W. * 1989 Harvay Award. Mail to HOR Vicksberg MS ret Jun 93 "Addressee Unknown/Return to Sender"; yet still has a non-published area 601 telephone number.
5. A-048 * BAUMGARTEN, SSG John * 1980 Harvay Award. No HOR provided. Mar 82: "No Record APO 09139", No Record 2d Sqdn 2d ACR". Had been Trp F.
6. L-284 * BIAS, James E. * Cbt Avn Trp. No HOR provided. Mar 82: "Attempted - Not Known APO 09093".
7. L-373 * BRIGHAM, CPT Pete C. * No HOR provided. Ex-Trp C. Aug 91/Ft Lewis: "Attempted Not Known".
8. A-046 * BROCK, SFC David L. * No HOR provided. Harvay Award 1979. Aug 84: "Attempted Not Known" (70th Armor, Ft Stewart).
9. A-102 * CAUDILL, SSG David A. * Harvay Award 1990. No HOR provided. Was E Trp 2d Sqdn Scout Platoon Sergeant. One more time: "APO Closed"; lazy man's way out.
10. A-103 * CERVARICH, 1LT Andrew * Harvay Award 1990. No HOR provided. Was HHT 1st Sqdn Exec. Ditto above: "APO Closed". (Not even the same APO!) Did anybody really care?
11. L-565 * CHAVIS, CPT Randolph J. * Had been 2d Sqdn staff. Apr 91, APO's replied: "Not Desert Shield - Not Rear Detachment". (That war took less time to fight than for the mail to be sorted.) So, redispached it to HOR in East Spanaway WA. May 91, PO/WA: "Forward Order Expired. Unable to Forward". Since there was a Forward Order on file, albeit "expired", there also was a forwarding address on file. They could have provided me with that address for a fee, and forcing me to pay another 55¢ postage to remail, and everybody would have been happy. Now, nobody is. Mail and morale start with the same letter.
12. L-711 * CLARK, Keith B. * Joined Jun 91 after "Storm" troopers had returned from Iraq. Made the judgement error of not providing a HOR. Inevitable result: "APO Closed". Had been L/3rd Sqdn in the desert.
13. L-739 * COLE, Thomas A. * K/3rd during Desert Storm. Joined Jun 91 after war. Followed him thru six changes of address, to Baton Rouge LA. Mar 95, he telephoned to volunteer to work on the Host Committee in Alexandria. Next mailing returned because "No Forward Order on File." Phone disconnected and no 'Thomas A.' in entire 504 listing area. Mail to HOR in Wappingers NY also returned: "Attempted Not Known. Not here." (Never did come to the reunion.)

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- 14. L-627 * COLLINS, Bruce F. * Joined Nov 89 out of Q/4th with valid HOR. Maintained communication until Mar 93 when mail to Logansport IN was returned: "Forwarding Order Expired". For the \$1.29 postage due charged for the return of the original piece, they could have provided something more useful.
- 15. L-349 * COLLINS, CSM Jimmy L. * Joined Sep 81 as E8 in C/1st. Followed him to Texas, to a German civilian address, back to the Regiment (1984), to class # 25, US Army Sergeants Major Academy at Fort Bliss. Two months later, his mail was returned: "Attempted Not Known USASMA", "No Record Postal Directory". The RSS at Regiment was asked to check this out and one month later replied that he was "believed to be back in Germany" - but could provide no address. Even with an address, mail is not always delivered. Rumor has it that he retired to Bavaria.
- 16. L-374 * COMBS, SFC Roger D. * Was Trp G in 1975; Trp F in 1980. No HOR provided. Eventually had to happen: "Attempted Not Known - 2/2 ACR Mailroom."
- 17. A-104 * Coslo, Joseph J. * 1990 Harvay Award - How Btry 1st Sqdn Fire Direction Specialist. No HOR provided. One more lazy man's way out: "APO Closed". We lose some almost as soon as we record them.
- 18. A-023 * CROSBY, CPT Ralph D. * 1971 Harvay Award. No HOR provided. Ditto all of the above, except that telephone # in Charleston SC sent in by someone proved not to be the proper number.
- 19. L-494 * DALLAS, CSM Charles T. * Joined Mar 86. Followed him to 64th Armor AE; 3d Bde then 4th Bde of 3rd ID AE. Aug 95: "APO Closed" (APO 09162). I don't believe this. General MEIGS took over the 3rd Inf Div from General HOLDER not that long ago and they are still over there. Also, was charged \$1.36 for the return of the document and some worthless information.
- 20. L-674 * DALTON, SGT Kerry R. * Joined Jun 91 after Iraqi War without providing a HOR. You guessed it: "APO (09452) Closed". We use the Home of Record address only when the mail is returned.
- 21. L-416 * DAVIS, Thomas E. * Constabulary Horse Platoon 1946-47. Followed thru eight changes of address. Feb 93/Crawfordville IN: "No Forwarding Order on File" for which information we were charged 72¢. Area 317 telephone number same name but not same person.
- 22. L-727 * DAY, Charles M. * Joined Jun 91 after return from Iraq. Had given a HOR. Jun 92/Boone NC: "No such number/street." Area 704 has no Charles listed - telephone possibly under parents' name.
- 23. A-039 * DEMPSEY, 1LT Martin E. * 1976 Harvay Award. Correspondence never acknowledged. Current whereabouts unknown.
- 24. A-121 * DOOM, SGT Richard E. * 1992 Harvay Award. Correspondence never acknowledged. Current whereabouts unknown.
- 25. A-016 * DORNIK, CSM Frank * 1967 Harvay Award. Represented Regt at 1967 Reunion in SC. Then dashed off to West Point chasing an assignment (which never materialized) and has not been heard from since.
- 26. L-370 * DOYLE, 1LT Timothy L. * Joined Aug 82 while HHT/1st Sqdn. No HOR provided. Mail forwarded by Sqdn to Fort Knox KY and returned "Unclaimed."
- 27. A-063 * SGT DUNAWAY, 3d Sqdn (full name never provided.) 1986 Harvay Award. Jul87/APO 09452: "Attempted - Not Known". Very sloppy handling that year
- 28. L-533 * EATON, CPT George B. * Joined Mar 87 from S&T/RSS. Did give HOR to which mail was sent until Aug 91 when Minneapolis PO indicated: "Attempted Not Known."



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- 29. A-105 * RESEARCHED 612 phone # had same name but wrong party.
 * EKBERG, 1LT Peter was 1990 Harvay Awardee while 3d Sqdn Mtr Ofc. Correspondence to him returned: "APO Closed." The disruption of the Iraqi war was less of a problem than the ineptness or indifference (choose one) of the Army postal network.
- 30. L-271 * ELDRIDGE, MAJ Robert Brooke * Joined Apr 79 as Regt'1 Sl. Followed him to Fort Leavenworth, Dallas, and Savannah (HOR). Dallas 214 telephone was no longer a working number. Savannah 912 had no ELDRIDGE at that address. Where else to look?
- 31. A-122 * ERICHSEN, 1LT Sven * 1992 Harvay Award. Correspondence never acknowledged. No forwarding address.
- 32. L-505 * FERGUSON, MAJ M. E. * Lost him in one year. Joined Jul 86 from 2d CAS. Proceeded directly to C&GS College; did not pass 'GO' - did not collect \$200. After graduation, mail to his Kansas City HOR returned: "Premises Vacant" - "Addressess Unknown." Also, within 816 area, no "M. E." at all.
- 33. A-028 * FITE, 1SG Frederick L. * 1964 Harvay Award. Correspondence never acknowledged. No forwarding address.
- 34. A-022 * FRANK, 1SG Leed * 1970 Harvay Award. Correspondence never acknowledged. No forwarding address.
- 35. A-031 * FRANKS, CPT Tommy R. * 1975 Harvay Award. Correspondence never acknowledged. No forwarding address.
- 36. L-649 * FROST, John W., Col 1G * Ex 3rd Sqdn '68. Followed from San Antonio to Carlisle PA to St. Charles MO. Finally Mar 96 St Charles: "Forward Order Expired" & no telephone listing. Never a HOR. (Sometimes a Trooper has none.)
- 37. A-073 * GAMACHE, SSG Stephen P. * Harvay Award 1987. Mail to HOR (Valdez AK) six years later: "Not deliverable as addressed - Unable to Forward." Also, no Stephen listed in Valdez or surrounding 907 area.
- 38. A-054 * GARCIA, SFC Juan D. * 1983 Harvay Award. Transferred from 2d ACR to 24th Inf Div, Ft Stewart GA. "No Record Fort Stewart GA 31314."
- 39. L-369 * GEIGER, 1LT W. Barrett * joined from B Trp/1st Sqdn in Aug 82. No HOR provided. After mail returned from APO 09411, asked office of RCSM (which had helped with so many 'lost' cavalrymen over the years) for assistance. "No address or information available."
- 40. L-454 * GOFF, SGM Theodore * Joined Jan 85 from Regt'1 Hqs. One year later was with 3rd ACR at Bliss. Two years after that: "Attempted, Unknown 3/3 ACR 4 Apr 88 Postal Directory." Never had a HOR to which could revert as a last resort.
- 41. A-076 * GORAM, SGT Donald G. * 1987 Harvay Award. Mil Add 84th Eng - HOR Loxly AL. Beautiful for 8½ years of mail. Oct 95/Loxley: "Forward Order Expired". That is criminal. They are supposed to forward these things for a year (in some other earlier cases they did) AND provide an address correction for a 50¢ cost. However, they did charge \$1.36 postage due for the return of the last item mailed when there was nothing more they chose to do. Also, there was no Donald telephone listing in area 205. In all cases, a routine change of address card would help.
- 42. L-306 * GORDON, CPT Larry L. * Joined May 80 from L Trp/3rd Sqdn with Deros of 1983. No HOR provided. "No Record - 3d Sqdn/2d ACR 16 Mar 82." Short shrift, indeed.

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Do you favor stricter gun-control laws? Favor _____ 70% Oppose _____ 27%
Do you favor mandatory registration of all guns? Favor _____ 78% Oppose _____ 21%
Do you favor a law which would make it illegal for any private citizen to own a handgun for any purpose? Favor _____ 23% Oppose _____ 74%
Do you have any guns of any type in your home? Yes _____ 48% No _____ 50%

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 PLEASE FURNISH US A CURRENT ADDRESS IF YOU CAN

COL (Ret) Alexander G. (Sandy) FRASER Jr died

July 20 after a brief illness. He was born in Scotland and had lived in Philadelphia PA where he was an honor graduate of the Wharton School of the University of Pennsylvania. He was also a graduate of the Armor School Fort Knox; Command & General Staff College Fort Leavenworth; & Command Management School Fort Belvoir. Associated with Fidelity-Philadelphia Trust Co until entering the U.S. Army. Graduating OCS as a 2d Lieutenant of Cavalry, FRASER served w/ 2d Cavalry Group in WWII earning Battle Stars during the campaigns of Normandy, Northern France, Rhineland, Ardennes, & Central Europe. 2d Cavalry was General PATTON's spearhead unit to enter Czechoslovakia and link with the Russians.

They also rescued the Lipizzaner horses of the Spanish Riding School of Vienna then sequestered in Hostau Czechoslovakia. After the war the 2d Cavalry served as the prototype and nucleus of the U.S. Constabulary Force, established 1945. FRASER stayed with them until reassigned to the United States in 1947. Served at Hqs 8th Army in Korea for three years until reassignment as Commander Combat Command 'B', 3rd Armored Div Gelnhausen Germany; and later as Commander 12th Cavalry Sqdn 3rd Armored Div Buedigen Germany. He was then transferred to Hqs 3rd Armored Div Frankfurt Germany where he served as Intelligence Officer (G-2) on the staff of the Commanding General, the late Creighton W. ABRAMS, who later became Chief of Staff of the U.S. Army. He returned to the U.S. in 1960 to work at Hqs Continental Command, Fort Monroe VA as Plans & Finance Officer. He was then assigned as Personnel Officer (G-1) in Okinawa. He was later advanced to Chief of the Army and Air Force Exchange in Okinawa, and in 1966 was sent to Dallas Texas as Chief of the Advance Party of the already skeletal (as compared to now) Army and Air Force Exchange Services from New York to Dallas. He remained in Dallas thereafter, and the expanded Patron-oriented Exchange Services bear his brand unto this very day. Naturally, he had to be kicked to the top, and would have stayed on except that he had completed thirty years of service. He concluded his career as Deputy for U.S. Operations (#2 Slot). In addition to the five Battle Stars mentioned above, his other major awards include: Legion of Merit, Bronze Star, Korean Service Medal, ROK Presidential Unit Citation, and others too numerous to mention. Retired in 1968 FRASER joined the Texas Employment Commission as Supervisor until 1980. Having spent most of his life abroad as a representative of his government and his countrymen, FRASER continued to travel extensively. When the Iron Curtain disintegrated FRASER as only three of the original Cavalrymen who were there was invited to accompany the 2d Cavalry Association to reembrace the 1945 friendship with the Czechs in Zinkovy - the eastern-most penetration of American Forces into what was later the Communist Empire. FRASER was present in 1983 in White House Ceremonies when President REAGAN was presented with a Lipizzaner Stallion ('Amadeus') by the Austrians on behalf of the rescuers of the famed horses. He was one of the invited Guests of Honor in Koetzing Bavaria as the 11th German Panzer Division, an old adversary, observed the 50th anniversary of the end of WWII and the start of a half-century of European Peace FRASER, in no small measure, had helped to orchestrate. He was a Life Member and a former President of the 2d Cavalry Association, as well as an Emeritus member of its National Board of Governors until the day of his death. Survivors include his wife, the former Clare MONAHAN; sons, Ian FRASER of Albuquerque NM, Douglas FRASER of Arlington TX, daughter Suzanne LAUGHLIN of Dallas, and sister & brother-in-law, Mr & Mrs Blaine YOUNG of Grayslake IL. Chaplain Mark JUMPER presided over Memorial Services held in Dallas, followed later by interment services at Fort Sam HOUSTON National Cemetery in San Antonio TX. Not many persons still alive can remember Sandy FRASER as a Lieutenant, for he rose to the rank of Major within the 2d Cavalry with such speed that he seemed to have set a new Olympic record. Very few people realize that the famed General PATTON never went anywhere in WWII unless the 2d Cavalry - with reconnaissance as their job - had gone there first. Which meant that Sandy FRASER and Hank REED (his boss) had plotted the famed leader's footsteps most of the way. Thank you, Sandy. So many came back alive because of you.