



The Thoroughbred



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Command SGT MAJ Miles Wilson, left, Armor School command sergeant major, BG Thomas James, then-commandant of the Armor School, artist Jaime Warner and Bill Bewley, president of the 2nd Cavalry Association, unveil the “Dragoon for Life” print June 14 in the Cooke Conference Room at McGinnis-Wickam Hall. Bewley and Warner donated the original work of art, which symbolizes the heritage of the 2nd Cavalry Regiment, to the Armor School. “Dragoon for Life” will hang in Patton Hall at Harmony Church for future generations of Armor and Cavalry leaders to see.

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**2D CAVALRY ASSOCIATION
OCTOBER 2012
DEAR FELLOW DRAGOONS:**



Hello to you all and I hope you had a great summer!

In early June Ms. Jamie Warner and several local Dragoons participated with me in a ceremony at Fort Benning where we donated a framed copy of our “Dragoon for Life” print to the United States Army Armor & Cavalry Center. The art was presented to BG Tom James and CSM Miles Wilson, the Commanding General and CSM for the Center. The art will be displayed in Paton Hall just outside the recently dedicated 2D Cavalry Classroom for all Dragoons attending Fort Benning training to see. We are very proud of this opportunity and we were told we are the first Association to make just an effort in support of the Center and the future Armor and Cavalry Museum at Fort Benning, where the print will eventually reside. Jamie was very honored by this event. and we continue to be very proud of her for the work she has done for us and the great talent she possesses.

Our “Dragoon for Life” print project sales are doing well and our first print batch almost sold out. I urge each of you to please consider a donation to this project of \$165.00 so you, too, can become the proud owner of this unique piece of art that is dedicated to our Regiment’s heritage and service to our nation. Your copy of the print is a gift from us for your generous donation. This print is OUR print. It is about us and our service and I hope many of us will take advantage of the opportunity to make a donation soon. My thanks to those of you who have made your donation already. The really good news is that we have recovered all of our up-front costs for the project and 90% of the donations going forward will be deposited into our general fund in support of Dragoons and Dragoon families. This is our most significant money making project this year, and your participation is needed so we can keep pace with Association expenses in 2012.

I want to take this opportunity to announce to those of you who may not be aware that LTC(P) Douglas A. Sims, former 1/2 Commander, has been selected to the next Dragoon 6. D. A. will replace COL Keith Barclay in January 22, 2013 and will lead the Regiment back to Afghanistan in the summer of 2013. Congratulations to D. A. for his selection as the 77th COL of the Regiment, and please join me with our collective expression of gratitude and well wishes to COL Barclay for his leadership as the 76th COL of our great Regiment. Keith has commanded the Regiment during a challenging time for the Army and is preparing them well for the next tour “down range”. The mission in Afghanistan is far from done and the challenges the Regiment will undoubtedly face are real and dangerous. I urge our prayers for Keith as he leads the Regiment today and for the future when they once again face a determined enemy in defense of our nation. (Continued on page 3)

Last topic folks! **Our next reunion will be held 10-13 October 2013 in Gettysburg!** It is going to be a great event! You need to block your calendars NOW and plan to attend. Tim White, our new Reunion Committee Chairman, Frank Hurd and I did a visiting recon of Gettysburg in preparation for this event on 28-29 June. It was a fun trip and I assure you we are ahead of the power curve to make this another exceptional event for our Association. Tim will be communicating with us, as will Chris Golden, so we can all stay up to date on the plan. PLEASE seek out your Cavalry friends from the past and join us for at Gettysburg. Our reunions are successful and fun only if well supported by our membership and their families. I look forward to seeing many of you there!

Toujours Pret!

Bill Bewley
President

PS: If your membership has lapsed or you have some spare change, contact Chris Golden.



Artist - Jamie Warner



DRAGOON FOR LIFE



. The print may be ordered at the Association website (<http://dragoon.org/>) or by calling or writing Bill Bewley at:

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**Board of Governor Minutes
June 13, 2012
Telephonic Conference**

Members of the Board Present

Bill Bewley, President
Frank Hurd, Treasurer
Chris Golden, Executive Director
COL Tom Molino, USA, Retired 67th Colonel
Bill Barry, Member
Mike Davis, Vice President for Membership
Vic Martinez, Member
Tom Stewart, Member
Bill Heidner, Member

Other Invitees Participating

COL Keith A. Barclay, 76th Colonel
Ned Devereaux, Recorder

Invited but Not Participating

GEN John Tilelli, USA, Retired, Chairman
RCSM Malcolm D. Parrish, 76th RCSM
John Walker, European Representative
Jim Van Patten, Vilseck Chapter (Unable to Attend via Conference Call)

Introduction/Leader Comments

President Comments: Meeting was opened at 12:01 EDT and a quorum was established with nine board members present. Bill Bewley provided an update on a variety of Regimental Association matters; these will be included in the upcoming edition of *The Thoroughbred*. He further announced that due to his teaching workload, Rick Simmons has resigned from the Board; he may return sometime in the future as he remains committed to the Association.

Bill further went on to announce that he anticipated visiting the Eisenhower Hotel and Conference Center in Gettysburg along with Frank Hurd 28-29 June for a briefing from the hotel. He will notify the Board members via email with his report.

Bill and Chris Golden were at Fort Benning GA and suggested this was a good candidate for a future reunion.

Financial Summary: Income Jan-May \$6,630; expense \$10,337 resulting in an operating loss of \$3,977. Main issue is low membership for the first part of the year. Chris Golden is working to correct this. On the bright side we are \$3,320 to the good on print sales and all future print income is pure profit. Total assets for the Association are \$69,590 so the Association is in solid financial shape.

Status - Projects

Prints: Board members were reminded of their need to sell five copies of the Association print *Dragoon for Life*. Donation of \$165 (Tax Deductable) includes mailing. Currently we have 40 prints available; all funds received will be used to support Association activities.

While at Fort Benning framed Print Copy #2 will be donated on 14 June to the Museum through the Armor School and MG H.R. McMaster will receive the print on the Museum's behalf.

Ned was tasked with sending out an advanced copy of the story and pictures to Board members that will be included in the upcoming *Thoroughbred* to assist in Board members selling copies.

Fund Raising: Some discussion on fund raising and a theme for 2013-14. Mike Davis volunteered to work with Chris Golden on ideas for the Board.

Thoroughbred Newsletter

Next edition should be published and mailed in early July 2012. The edition will include June meeting minutes, and a message from the Association to non-renewed members receiving paper copies that unless the subscriber renews and pays dues in arrears, this will be their last edition.

We further discussed including a flier on the Cavalry and Armor Museum fund raising effort selling pavers in the upcoming edition. No decision was reached.

Membership:

Chris Golden addressed the steep drop-off of renewals and new membership. Only 24 new members with 7-8 of those through Stetson Hat sales.

76th Regimental Commander

The 76th Colonel Keith Barclay discussed several topics including commenting on the continuing Regimental focus from the basics to collecting training tasks to meet Army standards. The RCO reports feedback from Private thru Sergeant First Class indicates they are positively responding to the increased Optempo, training and sharing collective hardships.

The Regiment is doing well with Squadrons all over Europe.

He specifically mentioned the visit of a 1945-46 veteran Vern Schmidt to the Museum with his family.

Scholarship: Col (Ret) Molino reported a record 14 applications were made and the committee made a selection. Prior to making the one award this spring, the applicants will be vetted to insure their parent or guardian meets the Association membership requirement.

Spur of the Moment: Bill Heidner indicated he has ordered \$1,000 in new Stetson Hats to offer thru the store. He is ready to do business.

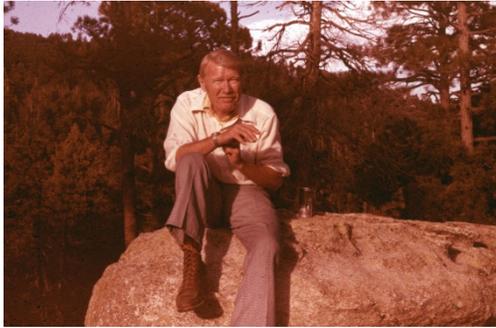
Next Meeting: Mid to late September 2012 as announced by the President of the Association. (Deferred to late September or October)

With no other business identified for discussion, the meeting was closed at 12:37 Eastern Daylight Time.

Ned Devereaux, Recorder

Fiddler's Green

The last article I write for each issue of *The Thoroughbred* is the hardest. It's the one where we say good-bye to Association Members who have passed on. Here are some names and their history and association with our Association. I thank the families for their patience in seeing these in print.



Richard Howard Wade, 85, Brownsburg, IN, entered eternal life on May 25, 2011. He is survived by his beloved family; wife, Jane Bernadette; sons, Dr. Steven Howard (Dr. Deborah Ann Ott) of Bethesda, MD., Neil Everett, and Brian Lawrence; granddaughters, Catherine Eva and Emily Christine, both PhD students in science; brother Robert M. (Joan); sisters-in-law Helen E. Wade and Margaret Orth; and many treasured nieces and nephews.

He was predeceased by his daughter, Carole Grace, a Merit Scholar at Indiana University; parents Claude Everett and Eva (McGlennen) Wade; in-laws Lawrence Benjamin and Grace Baird Moore; brother, Claude M. Wade; and brother-in-law, Col. T. Wm. Orth.

A graduate of Purdue University with a Bachelor of Science in Horticulture, his career included the University of Chicago - head of Grounds Department, and Melvin Simon & Associates - corporate Horticulturalist. One favorite project while at MSA was interior and exterior landscaping for the Mall of America in Minnesota, the largest retail mall in the United States of America.

Richard was a decorated combat veteran of WWII, European Theater Operations, from 1944-46. He distinguished himself while serving as Pfc. in a Chaffee M24 tank with the 3rd Army, 2d Armored Cavalry Group (Patton), and was awarded two bronze stars in addition to unit citations. By the time Victory in Europe was declared, 2d Cavalry Troop 'F' had penetrated well into Czechoslovakia, approximately 60 km south and west of Prague, engaged with their formidable opponent, the Wehrmacht's 11th Panzer Div. Coincidentally, Richard started WWII in the same area that his father Claude had ended WWI – Metz, France. Richard was born and raised in Silver Lake, IN.

He was a life member of the 2d Cavalry Association, founded in 1896 - the oldest veterans organization associated directly with a single US Army unit. He was a 1st Lieutenant and honorary Dragoon of that organization. The 2d Cavalry Group is the longest continuously serving mounted combat unit in the United States Army. He also was a member of American Legion V.F.W. Post 331.

Lt. Col. Robert Carroll McCaleb, AUS (ret.) peacefully passed away on Wednesday, June 27, 2012 in Scottsdale, Arizona. Born April 7, 1917 in Harrisburg, PA, to William C. McCaleb and Hilda McCaleb, Robert is survived by his sister Mary, his son Gary, seven grandchildren, and ten great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his son Robert and by his wife of 62 years, Lorma. Lt. Col. McCaleb enlisted in the Pennsylvania National Guard in 1938 as a horse cavalryman, later serving with the 2nd Armored Cavalry Regiment—"Patton's Ghosts"—in World War II, during which he was twice wounded and helped rescue the famed Lipizzaner Stallions. Wounded twice more in Korea, he finished the conflict as an interpreter at the truce talks. Upon retirement in 1961, he worked at Judson School and various civil engineer firms and was a long-time member of Scottsdale Bible Church. He was a Christian marked by integrity,

boundless love, and profound devotion. Memorial service was held on July 6, 2012 in Scottsdale, AZ.



McCaleb and his radioman in Czechoslovakia, about an hour after they received word that the Germans surrendered. The photo was taken by Bob Damon, a mechanic with C Troop.

Valda Marie Davidowicz

Val Davidowicz, a long time supporter of the 2d Cavalry Association in Jackson, Michigan passed away on May 16, 2012, age 80. Glen Back wrote: “The Michigan Chapter of the 2d Cavalry Association has lost one of our long time members. We will miss her very much. I met Val quite a number of years ago. I had my 2 ½ ton M35A2 with 2d Cavalry bumper markings at the Jackson, Michigan hot air jubilee. Val approached me and asked what right I had to have the 2d Cav markings on my truck. I told her I served in the 2d Cav 1954 to 1958 and at that point we became friends. Every year she would visit me at the Jubilee. Val served on the national board and was very active in the Michigan Chapter.”

Her friend Fran Burdick also wrote: “Valda...did a lot for the 2d Cavalry Association throughout the years, even serving in a national role...and then signed her note ‘in friendship.’”

Val is survived by her daughter Jo Lee (David) Coleman and her son Robert (Katina) Davidowicz; three grandchildren, Lauren, Megan and Caeli. Additionally she was survived by two brothers and one sister, plus several nieces and nephews. The obituary specifically mentioned her membership in the 2d Cavalry Association as well.

From the Editor: October 2012

Earlier this summer, with a number of articles already written and ready to be sent off to publisher Tom Stewart, my nearly brand new lap top was attacked by a vicious virus. It took my son, his wife and her employer, all experienced in IT, over a month to get the virus removed and basic programs re-started. Everything in my computer...files, email addresses, photographs...poof, gone.

Finally I got a laptop back I could use and then Portland Oregon was hit by summer. Over fifty days of sun-shine. With fifteen years of living without sun in summer in Germany, and Oregon being a rain state, you don't know what it's like to have sun in the summer. Hard to get motivated. Then the other day our Association President Bill Bewley called me from the road. I write this with *The Thoroughbred* almost done, Oregon and Oregon State on the "telly," and the sun shining. I got motivated.

The theme of this edition is looking back at the Regiment fifty-one years ago (one of the articles destroyed). I was in the Regiment then, and some of the names mentioned in the 3rd Squadron part, were people I knew, served under, and many, are friends today. That made the article work a lot of fun, and a lot of memories returned. We were a different regiment then...we trained to fight, and conducted active border surveillance operations, had extensive inspections, and for fun, fired tank gunnery in northern Germany.

After traveling with one of my best friends Ken Smith, an eight year border veteran in 3d Squadron, I've included some stories told while we were on the old border trace. Part II of these Cold War stories will also be in the next edition.

And the next edition will look back to 1962, fifty years ago. So why? Because retired Lt Col Moe Winter was kind enough to give me, and eventually to the Museum, Regimental yearbooks from 1961, 62 and 63. A good time to remind those who served then just how busy we were. Thanks again Moe for hosting me that day in Las Vegas. One of these days I will write about you and your golf clubs on the tank trail in Grafenwohr.

A second theme for this and the next edition will continue to be the print *Dragoon for Life*. A wonderful job by the artist Ms. Jamie Warner with a task taken on successfully by Doctor AI, and a great way for individual members to support the Association. My print waits being taken to my framers on the Oregon coast and will have a place where I write this newsletter to help motivate me.

And starting with this edition through to October 2013, we will continue to have information on the next Association reunion at Gettysburg with possibly a side trip to Antietam as September 2013 is the 151st anniversary of that bloody Civil War battle.

I continue to look for stories from those who served in the Regiment. You can reach me at neddevereaux@comcast.net or Tbrededitor@gmail.com. Toujours Pret from this Dragoon for Life.

The 2d Armored Cavalry Regiment in 1961: Do You Remember?

“An East German observation post team changes shift; a Czechoslovakian border guard fires a flare into the night; communist troops conduct maneuvers near the Iron Curtain – these activities are all observed and reported to higher headquarters where they become a part of a vast, comprehensive intelligence network. The observer is a highly-trained, skilled member of the U.S. Army. His name could be Stanley Pulaski, Akio Yoshihara, Santiago Rodriguez, or James Green. His unit is the 2d Armored Cavalry.”

So begins the 1961 125th Anniversary Edition of the 2d Armored Cavalry Regiment “yearbook.” For the next few pages we will high- light some of the regimental activities and the places where our Cavalry Troopers lived, worked and trained.

Nurnberg

Nurnberg was the home of the 2d Armored Cavalry’s regimental headquarters and supporting units located in Merrell Barracks. In addition to the Regimental Headquarters and Headquarters Troop, it also held the Regimental Aviation Company (formed on May 22, 1960), 3rd Armored Medical Company, 53d Ordnance Company, 84th Engineer Company and the (unauthorized) Regimental Band.

One of the high-lights cited, (and involving a soldier I later served with in Berlin), earned these remarks: “The rigors of cold and muddy weather during NATO FTX “Wintershield” did not prevent the (HQ) troop tank section from walking away with a 1st place in Seventh Army Tank Gunnery Competition at the NATO Ranges at Bergen-Hohne, Germany.”

Another was an “In Memoriam” to Caesar: “Members of Headquarters Troop paid a silent tribute to an old member of the 2d Armored Cavalry who passed away while on active duty in July, 1961. ‘Caesar,’ the huge Great Dane who ‘Gyroed’ from Germany with his owner...in 1955, and returned in 1957, was a veteran of over eight years with his Regiment.”

Bayreuth

Bayreuth, founded around 1194 AD, was the home of the 1st Squadron, physically stationed above the town of Bindlach. Parts of the post can still be seen as you drive out of Bayreuth on the autobahn on the right. The “yearbook” summarized the 1st Squadron year:

“1st Squadron made one of its many pilgrimages to the firing ranges in Grafenwohr during March and April 1961 where many of the newer members of the command were initiated to the famous mixture of mud and dust. Well laden with silver punch bowls as solid reminders and proof of their prowess, the travel-weary tankers returned from the NATO ranges at Bergen-Hohne about March 10, 1961.”

“A former commanding officer of “B” Troop, Lt Gen Gordon B. Rogers, visited the Squadron while making his farewell tour of the border as Commanding General VII Corps...SP5 Michael Alvaran (B Troop) mortar squad leader and a member of the 2d Armored Cavalry for 8 years, left for the States with his wife and 6 children – all 6 children having been born while he was with the Regiment.”

“Capt John E. Rodolph, “C” Troop Commander, had the honor of giving a border briefing to Secretary of the Army Elvis J. Stahr, Jr., on his recent visit to the Regiment. Colonel [Lawrence E.] Schlanser [48th Colonel of the Regiment], also present at the briefing, is also a former commander of “C” Troop, which at one time was the personal guard of General Ulysses S. Grant during the Civil War.

“A silver punch bowl, suitably engraved, was won by members of the 2d Platoon of “D” Troop for firing 3d place in the Seventh Army Tank Gunnery Shoot at Bergen-Hohne in January-February 1961. “D” Troop won the rotating silver trophy when they were high scoring tank company in the Regiment at Bergen-Hohne. The troop also took 2d place in the Seventh Army Tank Gunnery competition, upholding their tradition of exemplary skill in arms – “D” Troop having the distinction of being the oldest troop in the Regiment, its history dating from action against the Seminole Indians on July 19, 1836.

“During the Christmas season in 1960, Howitzer Battery sent a Santa and his helpers...to give out bags of candy and small gifts to children in Munchberg and vicinity.” Howitzer Battery participated in “a joint squadron Christmas party for underprivileged children from Bayreuth held in the EM Open Mess.

Other Howitzer Battery news includes this remark: “A ‘First’ which happened on the ‘Fourth’: Howitzer Battery fired the first 50-gun salute at Grafenwohr to commemorate Hawaii becoming the 50th state in the nation.”

Bamberg

Bamberg, a city like Rome, is built on seven hills, was founded in 1007 AD, and the 2d Squadron shared Warner Barracks space with several elements of the 4th Armored Division in 1961.

The Squadron summarized its activities as follows: “During the many convoys to Grafenwohr and Vilseck the troopers of the 2d Squadron...have come to recognize the 153 feet tall water tower of Grafenwohr with a sense of familiarity that they will never feel for the Leaning Tower of Pisa or the Eiffel Tower of Paris. Over-looking Camp Normandy and Camp Aachen, second homes of the men from Warner Barracks while on company and Squadron tests; this huge tower can be seen by the men firing on the tank, mortar and small arms ranges on the sandy reaches of this huge training area. The tankers of the Squadron made the long trip again this year to the NATO Ranges at Bergen-Hohne...where they won several of the silver punch bowl trophies for superior shooting.”

“Rounding out the year were the usual number of CPXs, FTXs and Wintershield II, where the Squadron started out in freezing weather and snow, and ended in mud and rain.”

Within the HHT, a couple of news items:

“CWO Carlos Payne, squadron maintenance officer, who began his career with horses and light scout cars 25 years ago, was awarded the 2d Cavalry Association Award during Organization Day ceremonies at Nurnberg on 23 May 1961...[Note: The other was F Troop 1st Sgt Cyril

Stirnkorb, an “old U.S. Constabulary Man, having served with the Regiment as far back as 1947 with “D” Troop, 42d Squadron, at Augsburg...”]

“Headquarters Troop has had 16 troop commanders since February “and received its seventeenth as the yearbook went to press.

“‘Glad to see my old desk’ said Sergeant Major Earl R. Moore upon his return to the 2d Squadron from the 3rd Armored Cavalry, as he seated himself at the identical desk he vacated to Sergeant Major Deems in 1958.”

“E” Troop high-lighted its German-American relations with this news item: “When a 10-ton boiler for a city school in Coburg proved to be too heavy for available German equipment, Sgt Sidney Beale and Pfc Frank Watson did the job with their VTR, adding to “E” Troop’s already high prestige in German-American relations.”

That was not all. “One of the most exciting German-American activities in 1961 occurred in June while ‘E’ Troop was pulling border duty. While on patrol, Sgt Donald R. Mathes observed 3 houses and outbuildings on fire in the vicinity of Oslau...” and took immediate action getting permission to suspend patrol activities, get help, provide with his patrol members assistance, and, back at the border station, his platoon sergeant grabbed six volunteers, and towing the units 250 gallon water trailer, went to provide assistance to the villagers as well.

“F” Troop, the yearbook reads, was also “a strong German American booster...led the way in 1960-61 with their ‘Operation Kaugummi’ which distributes free candy and gum to German children along the East German border in the squadron area.” But among “F” Troop accomplishments:

“Even on Border Duty “F” Troop is steady, proving this by achieving the highest overall average for the AG-CMI in July 1961.” [The word “steady” is a direct quote—Ed]

This item was too good not to include in this article: “Sfc Forest Brashear, veteran tanker with the M46, M47 and M48 models, has been with the squadron longer than any other member; joining it in the Constabulary days in March, 1946 at Fuessen, Germany; departing temporarily in 1950, and returning in 1951 to again don the Toujours Prets.”

“Troop ‘G’ won the Best Reconnaissance Troop Trophy in the 2d Squadron at Bergen-Hohne Seventh Army Tank Gunnery Shoot...’G’ Troop swept the field on Organization Day winning the tug-of-war, the three-legged race and the reveille race winning the overall trophy for the day.”

Continuing with Troop ‘G:’ “Any person with a mind for history can examine the troop guidon in the orderly room which bears the silver campaign bands for the following actions: Missouri 1861; Shiloh; Forts Henry and Donelson; Tennessee 1962; Wyoming 1866; Cheyenne; Montana 1879-80; and Aisne-Marne 1918.”

Another story that has to be included: “ ‘H’ Troop, formerly Tank Company, was unanimously

elected as contributing the most newsworthy story of the year during the recent FTX 'Wintershield.' A 50-ton tank, H-22, while under the command of the redoubtable Sgt George T. Harrison, accidentally enlarged the private entrance to a German house in the town of Hohenfels when a track suddenly broke, causing old '22' to veer and smack the front of the house. The occupants were eating their noon meal, but driver Pfc Jerry L. Knipper said that while the roast beef dinner looked appetizing, he didn't recall getting an invitation to share it with the shocked family. While not remodeling houses, the 1st platoon fired high platoon scores for the squadron in April in the Seventh Army Tank Gunnery matches at Bergen-Hohne."

"During the battery firing stint in April at Grafenwohr, Howitzer Battery fired over 1600 rounds of high explosive to a successful completion of the battery firing test, despite typical Graf weather of rain, mud and monotony. Howitzer Battery ended the training year by receiving one of the highest averages in the squadron during the combined CMI and AGI conducted in July 1961."

Amberg

The 3rd Squadron, located in the walled city of Amberg (founded in 1034 AD), overlooked the city and its then 3 German training kasernes, a military hospital, and the *Bundeswehr Panzerbrigade 12* on the outskirts south of town. In 1961, Amberg also contained two large settlements for Eastern Germany refugees, including representatives of all the Soviet Union controlled satellite countries and the then Iron Curtain.

From the 1961 yearbook, a description from a Squadron perspective:

"With 'Alerts' outmoded, and 'Readiness Tests' the new phrase, the 3rd Reconnaissance Squadron...sally forth from Pond Barracks for annual training at Grafenwohr, Hohenfels, and the NATO Ranges at Bergen Hohne. No sooner has one Reconnaissance Troop returned from Camp Pitman [Weiden] on the Border, than it is alerted for training and firing stint at Graf or Hohenfels. The new jeeps recently issued [M151s] the Squadron will receive their initial bumps and bruises along the Border Trail toward Camp Flossenberg and Burnau and the equally new aluminum personnel carriers [M113s] will thunder by the four German Kasernes of Amberg enroute to their field positions.

"During July the last of the 'Gyroscope' officers who came to Germany with the Squadron in 1957-1958 left for assignments in the U.S...Carving a career for himself out of his maintenance experience and initiative, CWO (then Sp5) Joe T. Welborn, a former VTR Commander, had his Warrant Officer bars pinned on by the Squadron Commander in August 1961.

"Known as the Most Athletic Troop in the Regiment, 'I' had a fast moving year..." and saw the departure of its commander Captain [and Association Life Member] William F. Wollenberg to the Squadron S-4.

"Led by the inimitable 1LT Maurice Winter, the Troop swept clean the Regimental athletic field: winning the Regimental Basketball Championship at playoffs at Bindlach in January; won Squadron level Touch Football for 1960..." and 1LT Winter was runner up in the Regimental

Golf Tournament in August 1961, losing by one stroke to Sp4 Ron Adams who lost by one stroke to Moe the year before.

“Proving that promotions are not always frozen, Platoon Sgt Harry Argeropoulos advanced from Recruit to his present rank while in the same Troop; enlisting in 1948 Sgt Argeropoulos served with the Regiment in Augsburg, was a SFC (E-6) by 1951, and SFC (E-7) by February 1960. A bachelor, Harry Argeropoulos is obviously immune to the lovely German girls living in Amberg and vicinity.

[SFC Argeropoulos went on to Fort Ord and 10th Cavalry in Vietnam among other assignments but never returned to the 2d Armored Cavalry. Now he is long retired from the Army as a Sergeant Major and is a life member of the Association. Lt Moe Winter served two tours in Vietnam, retired as a Lt Col in Las Vegas, and Captain Wollenberg served in Vietnam finally retiring as a full Colonel in Ft Collins, CO and is a life member of the Association. Having served with them in 1959-1962 in I Troop, each of them is a dear friend of mine today, and I thank them for their friendship--Editor.]

[Continuing on my personal notes, K Troop reported the departure of 1st Lt Bill Stokes (a welcomed contributor to this newsletter), the three month command of 1st Lt Mowton W. Waring (later nicknamed “Motongator” by his senior NCO’s when he commanded 3-35 Armor in Bamberg 1974-75), and their Troop Commander at the time, the late Joseph D. Posz, a former I Troop XO, who passed away a few years ago. They also reported the departure of 1st Sgt James Pope, a former I Troop ISG as well, who had been with the Regiment since November 1952. I can still see him yelling at me—Editor.]

“Each year the border station troops host numerous VIPs and ‘K’ Troop includes in its guest book Secretary Stahr, USAREUR CG Bruce C. Clark, and Army Chief of Staff Decker among others. ‘K’ Troop had the unhappy distinction of being the only Troop in 3rd Squadron to slosh through Wintershield while attached to the 2d Squadron.”

“‘L’ Troop was foremost on the firing ranges and proved this by winning the Seventh Army Reconnaissance Troop Trophy at Bergen-Hohne shoot in March 1961. A record number of tank gunners ‘maxed’ the 90mm tank gun course by firing the coveted ‘400’ score.

“Staff Sgt Don H. Carter, scout section leader, won a free trip to the States by virtue of being the hottest .45 cal. Pistol shot in the Regiment; Sgt Carter fired at the Little Camp Perry in USAREUR, and was competing in the National Matches at Camp Perry, Ohio at the time this year book went to press.”

[Do any of our readers know how SSgt Carter did? Nothing was said in the following year’s yearbook—Ed.]

Company M reported command changes, with former I Troop (then G Company) XO John Deitz giving up command to 1Lt Oliver H. Crittenden, who had left being a platoon leader in I Troop to be Squadron HHT CO. This comment caught my eye:

“One of the youngest, but competent platoon sergeants in the business, Platoon Sergeant (E-7) Troy D. Cox, 2d Platoon, M Troop, is 30 years old and has completed 13 years active service; was a tank platoon sergeant with the 32d Infantry Regiment in [the Korean War] and could retire at the spry age of 37.”

Howitzer Battery went through the same personnel turn-over as other units in the Squadron with their 1st Sgt Thomas McKinley and family departed in August 1961.

So there you have it. A short and sweet summary of what the Regiment was doing in 1961, fifty one years ago with this edition. So old timers..what do you remember and want to pass on? Thanks, The Editor.

Border Tales: Memories from the Cold War Days Border Camp Humor

Editor Note: Over the course of many years stationed in Germany, the Regiment saw its share of characters. Officers, noncommissioned officers and trooper, they were found in all ranks and positions. In the summer of 2011, in conjunction with a visit to the Regiment and a farewell to the 75th Colonel, two old friends traveled along the cold war border trace of the 3rd Squadron and of course, began trading stories focused on their times in the 2d Cavalry. One friend, Ken, started by remembering events from his eight years of being with the 3rd Squadron during two Germany tours.

During Ken’s first tour, the barracks at Pond Barracks were tagged for major renovations under a program called, actually sounded like, “Project Mousif.” Because the renovations were so wide spread and detailed, the nearly 900 troopers of the Squadron were farmed out to different locations. I Troop, in its entirety, was moved to a border Camp near the town Rotz, designed for a cavalry platoon but now expected to house, feed and sleep over 150 troopers with all home station property plus their personal gear. The result was tight quarters, idle time, boredom, and with idle hands, many funny incidents.

One of the senior noncommissioned officers gained the nickname “Bad Billy” and he was like a magnet for practical jokes at Camp Rotz. Ken wrote: “As I remember within a short time after we occupied Camp Rotz, it was SOP to have a camp alert and to be inspected by Regimental or Squadron Border Operations. “Bad Billy,” in preparation for the alert, had mounted his Load Bearing Equipment (LBE) on the end of his bunk. Another NCO saw what he had done, and locked the LBE to the bunk.

Then the whistle blew, and “Bad Billy” had to tear his bunk apart, disassemble the bunk end from the rest of the frame, and put on his LBE with the bunk end still attached, and run for the motor pool. We were issued at the time the M551 Sheridan Assault vehicle with its 152mm gun. So there stood “Bad Billy,” unable to do any further pre-operations checks on his vehicle, and standing half in and half out of his commander’s cupola, unable to get into the turret because of that damned bunk end, and restricted in overall individual movements. His face was beet red, and his troops worked hard to keep from laughing in his face, as he yelled and screamed at his fellow NCO’s threatening all sorts of revenge.”

Ken doesn't remember if anything was said by Border Operations evaluators...but "Bad Billy" was still looking for the person who did him in weeks later.

Once when "Bad Billy" was out on a night patrol, some of his fellow NCO's took his wall locker, turned it upside down, and put the door against the wall, leaving only the smooth end accessible. Early morning when "Bad Billy" came in cold, tired and wet, he tried to keep from wakening his roommates as he searched with his hands along the smooth surface looking for the lock and door handle. The more frustrated he became, the louder the hands and the profanity. His roommates tried harder and harder to keep from laughing. In complete frustration with more swearing, "Bad Billy" turned on the light to see what his fellows had done to him. As Sheldon might say in *Big Bang Theory* – "Bazinga".

Another example of "idle hands" gave creative minds many other opportunities to do in their fellow NCO's. The M-551 had a scavenger system on the main gun to clear the bore of debris after firing the main gun. One of those evil minds belonged to a young Sheridan commander named Tweedle. Tweedle's best friend Wagner was also his target for practical jokes.

Tweedle would take greasy and oily rags, stuff them in his gun tube, build up pressure in the scavenger system and wait. When Wagner would walk by, Tweedle, carefully locked inside his Sheridan turret (with c rations and water in case it was a long wait for Wagner to calm down), would wait until Wagner walked in front. Then Tweedle would let loose his scavenger system, hitting Wagner about the head and body with the debris.

Of course bored hands in the Regiment of today would never provide an opportunity for practical jokes.

Note: Next edition will include such cold war stories as "The Attack of the Pool Table;" "An Unforgettable Character: You Old Rabbit Choker;" and "The Palm Tree Incident at Camp May."

2013 Regimental Association Reunion

The 2013 Regimental Association Reunion will be held at the Eisenhower Hotel and Conference Center in Gettysburg, Pennsylvania, from Thursday, October 3, 2013 through Sunday, October 6, 2013. Events will include a pre-event golf outing on Thursday morning, a bus trip to Antietam National Military Park on Friday, and, of course, our dinner on Saturday evening.

Attendees can also avail themselves of many convenient activities within close proximity to the Eisenhower, including the Gettysburg National Military Park, Hershey Park for family entertainment and the Catocin Apple Festival. Stay tuned for more details about the 2013 Reunion next fall.

Just as a reminder, September 2012 was the 150th anniversary of the Battle of Antietam. The one day battle was the bloodiest day in our Civil War. Gettysburg next year will celebrate the 150th anniversary of the July 1-3, 1863 battle. Stay tuned to *The Thoroughbred* newsletter for historical factoids about the Civil War and the 2d U.S. Cavalry Regiment's participation.

Regimental Names in the News

Congratulations to the 75th Colonel, **Colonel Jim Blackburn** for a successful tour as the Executive Assistant to the Forces Command Commanding General. Colonel Blackburn, after a career successfully avoiding an assignment in Washington DC, has been reassigned as the Deputy Director for Joint Operations J3, The Pentagon. We wish the 75th well in this new assignment and a chance for his long suffering bride to not face a PCS move for a few years.

Congratulations to **Colonel Anthony (Tony) Agosto**, the former 4th Squadron 2d Stryker Cavalry Regiment commander during OPERATION IRAQI FREEDOM (OIF1) on his successful completion of command of the 11th Armored Cavalry Regiment (64th Colonel of the Blackhorse) at Fort Irwin, California. Colonel Agosto is a life member of our Association and was a gracious host in June 2011 during my visit to his Regiment at Fort Irwin as part of a greater numbered cavalry regiment association gathering.

There has been a long tradition of armor officers serving in two or more of the three cavalry regiments (2d, 3d and 11th). This was certainly true as we offer congratulations to **Colonel John “Lanier” Ward** who replaced Colonel Agosto as the 65th Commander of the Blackhorse on 26 June 2012. Colonel Ward was our Regimental S-3 during OPERATION IRAQI FREEDOM (OIF1) where he was wounded in Baghdad and spent a year recovering at the Brooke Army Medical Center.

As the Association President has noted in his message, congratulations to **LTC (P) Douglas A. Sims**, former 1st Squadron Commander, on his return to the Regiment in January 2013 as the 77th Colonel. He will join a special group of former Regimental Commanders, all of whom are proud of the Regiment and the Regimental accomplishments.

1st Lt Jeremy Gilbert also of 1st Squadron participated in the US Army Europe competition in Grafenwohr for Best Junior Officer. Gilbert, according to a Regimental Press Release, “has won multiple competitions to earn the right to represent 2nd CR and hopes to win the competition.” 1LT Gilbert was also quoted as saying: “I went into competition about three weeks ago [this was in early summer] with all the best officers in our regiment and there were a lot of very good officers there and I happened to come out on top.” Gilbert said. “I’m coming here and representing my regiment and I don’t want to let them down, I really want to come out on top so we can hold out as the reigning champions two years in a row.”

A report from the Regimental CSM about an Association Member visit to Vilseck. The RCSM wrote: We had a wonderful visit with **Vern, Donna and Chris Schmidt**; they are indeed one of our treasures. They were able to attend a SGT Morales Induction Ceremony that was attended by the USAREUR CG and CSM... LTG Hertling and CSM Davenport were able to spend a few minutes with them before returning to Heidelberg. We then went to the museum, memorial, museum annex, and motor pool to get hands on an ICV and MGS. We ended the day at the Regt HQs and put about 140 photos of their visit on a CD to take with them. Again a great visit with a great American!” Thanks RCSM



Association Scholarship Awarded

Stephen R. Newbauer (shown above in the middle), son of SFC (Retired) and Association member Michael Newbauer, was selected on July 11, 2012, for award of an Association Scholarship. Chair and former 67th Colonel of the Regiment Tom Molino wrote: “Congratulations! You have been selected as the winner of the 2012 2d Cavalry Association Scholarship. A check for \$2500 will be sent to your university for your benefit by our treasurer. “

His father wrote back: “Stephen is at LDAC for ROTC at Ft. Lewis, WA until the 28th of July...” and shortly thereafter, we received the following from Stephen:

” Sorry for the delay in response, I was evaluated as an overall S at LDAC with 7 E's and 5 S's in the 12 leadership dimensions and I was ranked 4th in my squad.

My intent is to become an Army Chaplain. Now that I have finished LDAC, the next step is to receive an Active Duty slot and be awarded the education delay. If both of these are granted, I plan on attending Denver Seminary for 3 years while working on my accreditation with a denomination, probably Baptist. I will also serve in a church and gain pastoral experience. Once that is finished, I plan on going Active Duty and serve out my MSO.

However, in the event I do not get the Active Duty slot and the Education delay, I plan on branching Signal Corps here in the Arkansas National Guard and work on my MDIV (Master of Divinity) on my own and work towards becoming a Chaplain while in the Guard.

As an Undergraduate student at John Brown University in Siloam Springs Arkansas, I am a Biblical and Theological studies major. I am about to start my senior year and will be commissioned and graduate in May 2013.

My Father is SFC(R) Michael Newbauer and served in 3rd SQD as S3 SGM, OPS NCO, Rear D 1SG, and Mortar Platoon SGT in Vilseck Germany

Thank you so much for the scholarship!
 Many blessings,
 Stephen Newbauer

We all congratulate Stephen and also thank his father for his service to our Regiment.



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