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*Greetings my brothers, and thanks for once again looking at these missives. It continues to be my honor to be your scribe. However, I'm a little on the light side for stories in this issue, would love to have you help me with that. Please feel free to reach out with any of your stories and/or ideas that can be placed in one of our future columns. All stories are welcome! I would also welcome information about any of our brothers that is noteworthy; are you moving, have you recently retired, celebrated an anniversary, received an award, either military or civilian.*

*Recognizing 1/7 Cavalry Troopers with long-overdue awards. The following was reported in the Killeen Daily Herald on 9 March 2018. The article was written by David Bryant.*

*A Korean War Veteran and 12 Desert Storm Veterans of Garryowen 1st Squadron, 7th Cavalry Regiment received recognition for their combat service in a long overdue ceremony Friday at the unit's headquarters on Fort Hood.*

*The Veterans were awarded their gold spurs, a U.S. Army cavalry tradition inducting the former Troopers into the Order of the Spur. The gold spurs indicate the Troopers served in combat with a cavalry unit and are worn at ceremonial functions, according to LTC Kevin Bradley, the squadron's commander. The unit is a part of the 1st Cavalry Division's 1st Armored Brigade Combat Team. "It's easy to say it's an honor (to recognize the Veterans), but it's what they deserve," said MAJ Jason Walsh, squadron executive officer. "It's doing the right thing. I know what it's like to serve, they served, and we're connected by that bond." For former PFC Jess Freeman, receiving his gold spurs was nearly 70 years overdue.*

*The Korean War Veteran served with the squadron in battles such as the Pusan Perimeter, one of the first major battles of the war in the fall of 1950. "It wasn't any fun when we went over there, but it sure was nice when we finally came home," Freeman said, adding that it felt "really good" to know his old outfit had not forgotten him.*

*All the Desert Storm Veterans were members of the unit's Echo Troop, which was later reorganized as Comanche Troop following Desert Storm. The squadron led the 1st Cavalry Division's assault into Iraq at the beginning of the ground war, Bradley said. "They went 250 kilometers in 24 hours, leading the charge into Iraq, destroying multiple enemy positions along the way and capturing about 500 prisoners," Bradley said. For those Veterans receiving their spurs, the event held a lot of meaning. "It's an emotional event and I think it's long overdue, it's been 27 years," said former CPL Julio Marin, who currently works with the National Desert Storm War Memorial. "When we heard the Colonel (Bradley) was going out of his way to take care of us old Veterans ... It's a very special day, for a lot of us."*

*After awarding the spurs, Bradley reminded the Troopers that they were always welcome to return and visit as they would always be a part of the unit. "It is an absolute honor for us to be able to do this today, to honor your service in combat with the gold spurs," he said. I received a request from Steven Schierman for information about his great great uncle who served with 2nd of the 7th in Korea. Here is his story.... My name is Steven Schierman, I'm a college student from Washington State, and I hope I can ask for a few minutes of your time on the off chance that you might be able to help me. I've been researching my family history lately, as I'm trying to learn more about those who've come before me, and to hopefully preserve what information I'm able to find, before it's lost to time. One of my great-grandfather's brothers, SFC Theodore Schierman was a member of Company G, 2nd Battalion, 7th Cavalry Regiment, 1st Cavalry Division during the Korean War, in which he was posthumously awarded the Distinguished Service Cross for his actions during the Battle of Pusan Perimeter in early August 1950. He was killed in action a few days later. My great-great uncle's short life and early death made a profound impact upon his family-- my family-- but unfortunately most of my family members who knew him have passed away too, so I don't know a whole lot about him beyond basic biographical details. I would really love to find out more about him. I hope to reach anyone who may have served in 7th Regt. 2nd battalion in 1950 and would be willing to share their experience, that of their battalion, and potentially even shine some light about Uncle Ted and his time in the war, on the off chance they knew him. I know the chances of this are vanishingly small, given how long ago these events transpired. I feel that I have to try, regardless. The minuscule chance of first-hand information aside, I'd also be greatly interested in any second hand information about the history of the 7th Cav. Regt. 2nd Battalion, its members' experiences in the early stage of the Korean War. Anyone who might have any photos, documents, memoirs, interviews, or company/battalion rosters or anything else of interest regarding the 2nd Battalion and its members during that time, or knows someone who might, please contact me. If anyone does have information of this kind, which they're willing to share with me, feel free to contact me by email at , or by phone at (253)-651-7169 if they'd prefer to talk over the phone. SFC Schierman's Distinguished Service Cross citation:*

*The President of the United States takes pride in presenting the Distinguished Service Cross (Posthumously) to Theodore A. Schierman (RA39482804), Sergeant First Class, U.S. Army, for extraordinary heroism in connection with military operations against an armed enemy of the United Nations while serving with Company G, 2d Battalion, 7th Cavalry Regiment (Infantry), 1st Cavalry Division. Sergeant First Class Schierman distinguished himself by extraordinary heroism in action against enemy aggressor forces near Tuksong-dong, Korea, on 10 August 1950. Sergeant First Class Schierman was in command of a combat patrol en-route to establish an outpost when it was pinned down by a hail of deadly semi-automatic and automatic- weapons fire. Realizing that the lives of the men in his patrol were in danger, Sergeant Schierman, without thought of his own personal safety, moved through the enemy fire to a new position. From there he deliberately laid a heavy volume of fire on the enemy in order to draw all of their fire on his position. This selfless act enabled his comrades to withdraw to safety. Artillery was called for and directed on the enemy position, neutralizing their fire. Sergeant Schierman then regrouped his patrol and again led his comrades into enemy territory. Once more the patrol was pinned*

down, this time by fire from an anti-tank gun. Courageously, he maneuvered to a position from which he single-handedly destroyed the anti-tank gun, permitting him to move forward with his patrol and accomplish his mission.

Did you know? The newly appointed United States Secretary of State, Mike Pompeo, is a 7th Cavalry Trooper. Pompeo graduated first in his West Point class, was commissioned a second lieutenant in the Armor branch in 1986 and spent five years on active duty. He rose to the rank of Captain and, according to his official CIA biography, served as a cavalry officer patrolling the Iron Curtain before the fall of the Berlin Wall with the 2nd Squadron of the 7th Cavalry. It's good to know some of the top leadership of the country is in the hands of a Garryowen Trooper.

News from Fort Hood: The following, written by CPT Scott Kuhn, was published in the Fort Hood Sentinel, and illustrates how active units and National Guard units are working together for the betterment of both.

1st Cav Unit Trains with Guard Partner The Soldiers of 2nd Battalion, 7th Cavalry Regiment, "Ghost," 3rd Brigade Combat Team, 1st Cavalry Division along with elements of 3rd Brigade Engineer Battalion conducted rail operations on Fort Hood March 14 in preparation to support the brigade's Army Total Force Partners, the 155th Armored Brigade Combat Team of the Mississippi National Guard.

The battalion is responsible for acting as the opposition force to the 155th. They will be a part of a much larger training force that includes the 177th Armored Brigade from Camp Shelby, Mississippi, and elements of First Army Division West. During their time there, they will conduct situational training exercises in conjunction with the 155th at platoon and company levels. They will also provide OPFOR to the battalion-level field training exercises. But they plan on maximizing their time within the Fort Bliss training area by conducting their own training as well. "We are still working on our own maneuverability. We are still working on our lethality. We're not there just for their (155th ABCT) purpose, we're there for our own too," said SFC Aaron Keen, battalion master gunner. T

he Greywolf and Dixie Thunder Brigades have partnered for over three years as part of the Army's Total Force Partnership. Not only has Greywolf provided them with training support, but the 155th ABCT has returned the favor. "We have had a fruitful partnership with the 155th," said LTC Will Wade, commander of 2nd Bn, 7th Cav Regt. In January, the brigade, to include the battalion commanders, were able to provide lessons learned from Greywolf's recent deployment to Kuwait in support of Operation Spartan Shield. The 155th ABCT is training in preparation for their deployment to Kuwait to assume the same mission Greywolf completed in November. According to COL Jack Vantress, 177th Armored Brigade commander, "The 155th Armored Brigade Combat Team will be the first Army National Guard Armored Brigade Combat Team to train and deploy prepared for decisive action operations that include operating all along the continuum of conflict." This training mission included moving Bradley Fighting Vehicles and Abrams Main Battle Tanks to Fort Bliss. The movement was coordinated and completed by the 96th Transportation Company, 553rd Combat Sustainment Support Battalion, 1st Cavalry Division Sustainment Brigade .

So, my friends and brothers, here ends this issue of the 7th Cavalry column. Don't forget to send me stories that you want told about your combat days or stories of others that should be told. This is indeed the forum for all stories about the 7th Cavalry Regiment. Hope to see you all at the reunion!  
Karl Swenson