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Attn: W.H. Faulkner, Secretary/Treasurer
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Re: Ronald W. Bracken
D.O.B. 11/14/21
Died: 8/29/91

To whom it may concern:

It has taken me almost 12 years to write this letter. Ronald died August 29, 1991 with a heart attack that took him instantly. He always said that he was going to live to the limit and then die, and he did.

At the age of 69 years, he was still doing endurance riding in races of 60 miles, 50 miles, and a few years he rode 100 miles on his horse, Topper. He didn't know he was getting older. You who knew him in the Army may have called him Sergeant Bracken. After basic training, he went from P.F.C. to Tech Sergeant in the battle of Okinawa. After forty days on the front lines, he shaved his beard off and his buddies didn't recognize him. Some thought he was an old veteran. When he was on the ship heading overseas, he had a dream of his baby girl being born. When he got my next letter, his buddies reminded him that our daughter had been born the same day he had the dream. He said the dream felt as though he had been with us the day she was born.

Christmas 1945, he was home again at the age of 24. Two years later, we had our second son. We had a happy family and prosperous life. We were given wonderful children and they are doing well in the St. George area. We have twelve grandchildren and eighteen great-grandchildren and many more to come.

Sincerely,

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