

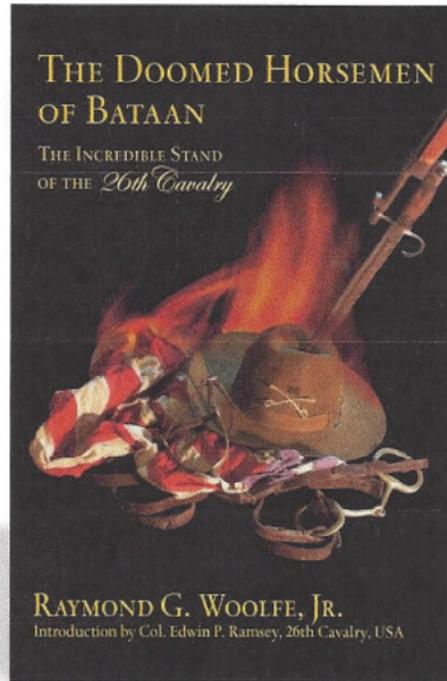
## The Doomed Horse Soldiers of Bataan

### The Incredible Stand of the *26th Cavalry*

This is the story of the last mounted American troops to see action in battle, when, in late 1941, six-hundred men and their horses held off the Japanese invasion of Luzon in the Philippines just long enough to allow General Douglas MacArthur's forces to withdraw to Bataan. The 26<sup>th</sup> continued to fight on horseback until late February 1942 when, tragically, they were ordered dismounted and their horses and mules transferred to the Quartermaster's center and slaughtered for food for the defenders. It is on record that the 26<sup>th</sup> troopers refused to accept meat rations from their animals, regardless of their own starvation. This stirring account of a little-known aspect of the Philippine campaign is military history at its best.

#### *Highlights*

- Includes detailed descriptions of the fighting places of the 26<sup>th</sup>
- Falls within the range of the 75th anniversary of the beginning of World War II
- Provides a unique perspective on mounted troops by a man who has equestrian credibility
- This history shines through a rich, page-turning narrative



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