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Dear Friends,

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Zoltán Pinczés, the editor of the *Csendőrségi Lapok*, wrote on the first page of the 1 June 1926 issue, "With each word, with all our strength and affection, we serve the gendarmerie's cause. Our goal, first of all, is to provide our gendarmes a noble and worthwhile pastime, facilitate their self-education, and to aid in their personal development..." The leaders did not only seek to develop the gendarmes professionally, but their character as well. They did not want their professional life separated from their private life, as the gendarmes represented the law both on and off duty. There were no exceptions; there was no leniency.

I am pleased to inform you of the release of a new book in Hungary titled *A Magyar Királyi Csendőrség (The Hungarian Royal Gendarmerie)*, by Dr. József Parádi. The author is a well-respected historian-professor, the president of the prestigious Szemere Bertalan Hungarian History of Law Enforcement Academic Society (Szemere Bertalan Magyar Rendvédelem-történeti Tudományos Társaság). We have worked closely with him in developing the gendarmerie's bibliography and also in securing access to the three major libraries in Hungary for the digitalization work. His book is an objective description of the Hungarian Gendarmerie from its inception in 1881 to its forced demise in 1945. He originally planned the book to serve as a high school textbook, so its language is reader-friendly for non-academic audiences, but he supplied it with thorough references, satisfying professional standards. The book also contains many illustrations from our website. With our financial help, it was possible to price it to make it accessible to everyone. I highly recommend this book for your reading. The text is in Hungarian, and may be ordered through us, in Hungarian book stores, or at the following websites:



<http://varmegyehaz.hu/a-magyar-kiralyi-csendorseg>,
http://www.animakonyv.hu/index.php?BODY=Browser&OP=listContent&CAT_ID=307&n=magyar-tortenelem
<http://www.anemzetikonyvekboltja.hu/konyv/tortenelmunk?p=10>
<http://www.puskikiado.hu/book/6588>

We recently achieved a significant milestone by adding every single year's *Gendarme Pocket Reference Book (Zsebkönyv)* from 1887 to 1944 on our website. This is a tremendous repository of information on the individual gendarmes, as well as the gendarmerie's geographic distribution and work.

Our next significant milestone will be the completion of the collection of the *Csendőrségi Lapok* (Gendarme newspaper) on our site this coming year, God willing. We already have 25 years' volumes on the website, with "only" eight more years to go. We have unfortunately not been able to locate any issues of the 1907 volume. If you should know of a copy of this volume, please notify us so that we may make arrangements to have it digitalized.

We have recently placed the first installment of György Perjesy, gendarme 1st Lt.'s monumental bibliographical library onto our site. There is still a vast amount of material from his life-long research yet to be processed.

Another major project will be the digitalization of the *Bajtársi Levél* (the newsletter published by the gendarmes in exile). We are still missing the issues between 1951 and October 1964. Again, we ask that if you know of a possible location of these missing issues, please let us know so that we may copy them.

With the completion of copying of the gendarmerie's books at the Military Institute's Library and the National Széchényi Library, we recently started the copying at the Országközi Könyvtár (Parliament Library). This will consist of approximately fifteen books. This is the last of the libraries, to our knowledge, that contain a significant number of books on the Hungarian Gendarmerie.

Many copies of the *Csendőrségi Lapok* and *Csendőrségi Zsebkönyv* in my possession are falling apart. These books are sixty to one hundred years old, and time has taken its toll on them. I was able to locate an outstanding bookbinder, and I have had a number of these volumes repaired. We now have not only preserved these important historical editions by placing them on our web site, but we have also been able to restore and preserve some of them physically.

As you can see, God has tremendously blessed us in the development and expansion of our web site. We did not even dream six years ago of what has already been accomplished. I know it is having an impact on righting a tremendous wrong perpetrated against the Hungarian Gendarmerie by an oppressive dictatorship, remnants of which to this day continues to spread its hateful lies and propaganda.

We thankfully acknowledge all those who desired to help in all this work with their contributions: Advocate: Kálmán Beothy

Patron: László Pásztor

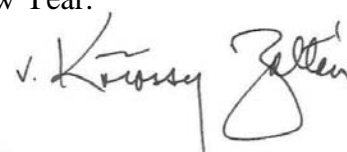
Supporter: Ilona Kostka

As always, it is my sad duty to report our recent losses. Károly Döme gendarme 2nd Lt. 14 Nov. 2012, Titusville, Florida, USA; József Zólyomi gendarme, Hungary; and Ilona Tamáska, wife of Endre v. Tamáska gendarme captain, 12 Oct. 2012, Florida, USA. I extend our deepest condolences to their families.

Please continue to inform us of any events or news that might be of interest to the friends of the gendarmerie, and we wish you all a blessed and peaceful New Year.

Best regards,

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