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IN

AMERICAN ENDURANCE RIDE HISTORY

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A six-year-old bay Arabian gelding made equine history on September 21, 1969. Grandson of *WITEZ II and *ZARIFE, son of WITEZAR (1965 Arabian Horse of the Year), WITEZARIF 25667 romped his way across

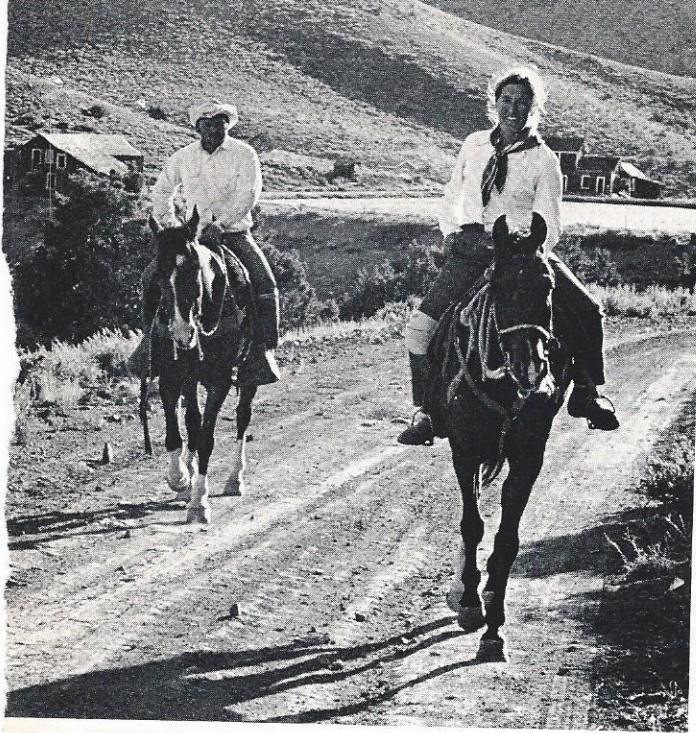
one hundred miles of Nevada desert in ten hours and fifty-nine minutes of riding time to win a double award unique in the annals of endurance riding. Crossing the finish line simultaneously with Cliff Lewis on his

Tied for First Place on the 1969 Nevada 100-Mile One-Day Endurance Ride were Australian Susan Scantlebury on WITEZARIF (purebred) and Cliff Lewis on BLACK JACK (half-Arabian). WITEZARIF also won the Best Condition award — first time on any American 100-Miler for such a double win.

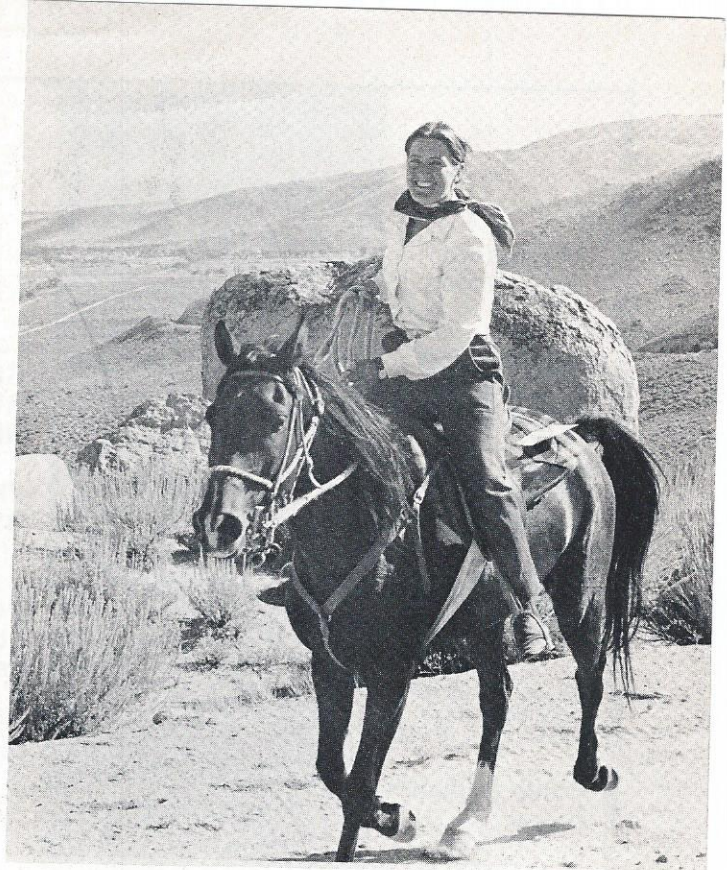
half-Arab, BLACK JACK, WITEZARIF shared first place honors.

But from then on it was the little bay's day. What makes him stand out among the great Arabians who consistently win endurance rides was winning the Best Condition award. This award, which is presented to the horse judged by the veterinarians to

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Cliff Lewis and Sue Scantlebury, on the trail.

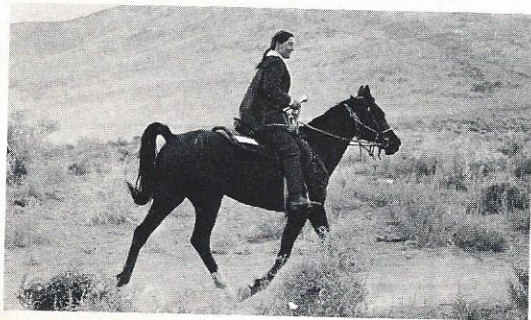
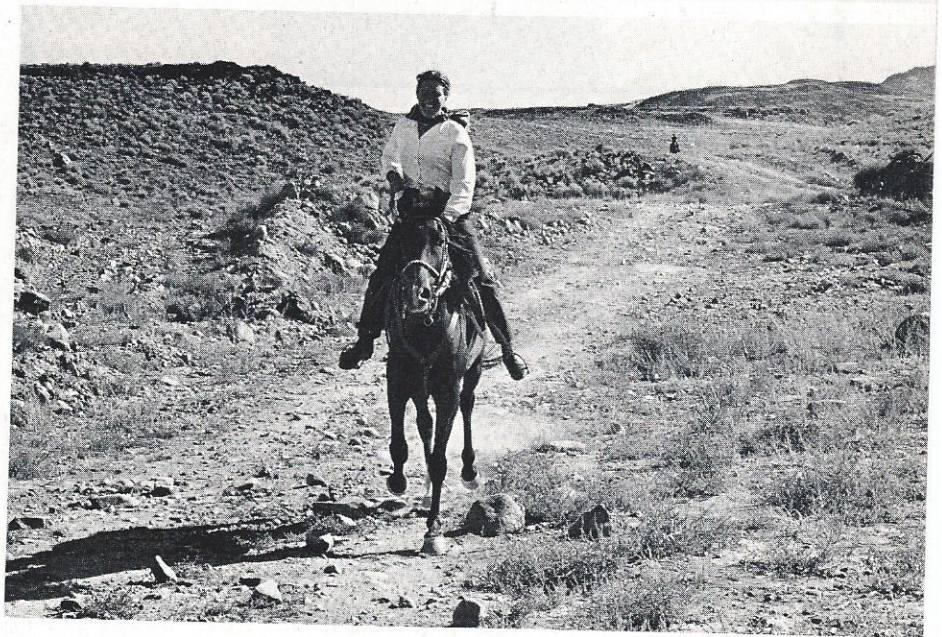


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be in the best physical condition of the first ten to finish, has never before been won by a first place horse in a one hundred mile one day ride.

Bred in Colorado, raised in Nebraska, trained by owner Pat Fitzgerald in California, WITEZARIF was contested in Nevada ridden by an Australian. Miss Susan Scantlebury of Queensland, Australia, came to America to endurance ride and WITEZARIF gave her a ride that may never be equalled in endurance riding again.

Entering the 1969 Nevada All-State Trail Ride, which follows a one hundred mile loop trail out of Virginia City, Nevada, Susan has the gallant little bay horse to thank for the First Place Trophy, Blue Ribbon, Mapes Hotel Best Condition Perpetual Trophy, Arabian Horse Association plaque for the first Arabian horse to cross the finish line, western saddle Best Condition prize, silver and gold belt buckle for finishing the ride and the First Lady to Finish Trophy.



(Left) Sue and WITEZARIF.



(Right) Sue and her seven awards.