

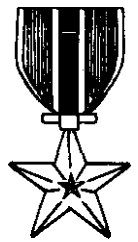


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# The Burman News

Official Newsletter

MERRILL'S MARAUDERS ASSN., INC.



SUMMER 1980

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**DING HAO** again Rangers! We're very pleased to report, as advised, that you sure don't forget nothin'.

MARAUDERS have been busting out all over getting ready to hit the trail to Dunfey's in Atlanta, Georgia. The response to our 34th Annual Reunion bugle call has been tremendous! So come on now, you procrastinators, don't get left out. Get busy and mail your reservation card to the DUNFEY ATLANTA HOTEL --- pronto! Don't YOU be the one to miss the fun!

Remember the all-inclusive Reunion Package of \$175.00 for double occupancy; \$120.00 for single occupancy; \$55.00 for each child rooming with parents; includes the following: Two nights' lodging; Friday night dinner; Saturday Brunch; Saturday evening Cocktail Hour and Banquet Dinner with Dance; Sunday Memorial Service; and Brunch & Business Meeting. (Special low European rate of \$30.00 daily - double - for all the extra days you'll need to see Atlanta. ) Transfers from airport to the hotel are available at \$5.00 per person via Dunfey Limousine Service.

A true host of activities await you, not the least of which is a pre-reunion trip to Ft. Benning, being arranged by Tom Martini. This special Ranger Department program will be hosted by our good friend and Ranger, Major-

General David Grange, now Base Commander at Ft. Benning, on Thursday 28 August. Many of you may therefore wish to make early reservations in order to catch the bus we are arranging to pick us up at The Dunfey at 8:00 AM on Thursday morning.

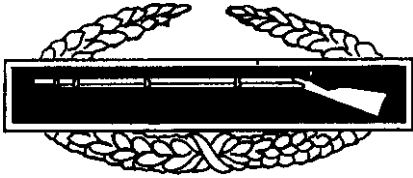
Atlanta itself offers something for every one! There's never a dull moment - day time or nighttime. The finest in amusement parks, theatres, mansions & plantations, big league sports, modern mega structures and nostalgic sites of the past, symphony and Dixieland jazz - the city abounds in things to do for the vacation-minded. Catch all the spirit of Atlanta with a Grey Line tour, or strike out on your own to discover good 'ole fashioned Southern Hospitality.

Finally, a special treat in store for us MARAUDERS. One of the great swing bands of our era (Remember? The 40's) and still going strong in Atlanta today will entertain us Saturday night with some of those 'Big Band' sounds we've never forgotten. One of the first band-leaders to enlist in WW II and with the 82nd Airborne, our guy has gone out of his way to make his group available for our Banquet Dinner Dance. His band has played on all the networks, at many famous hotels, Ivy League colleges, the Roseland Ballroom, and even at the White House . . . . So why not play for the ONE & ONLY MARAUDERS ASSOCIATION! So get into the grand Marauder

spirit of things too, and come on down to join in with all your Marauder buddies in Atlanta. We'll be looking for y'all!

Dave Hurwitt  
Reunion Chairman

(P. S.) Please keep those contributions rolling in. It's the only way there is that I know of to support the hard work our Executive Secretary is doing for us all -- newsletters like this one, and mailings, coordination of Association business, etc. , etc. , etc. . That's what it's all about.



## Ft. Benning trip *Tom Martini*

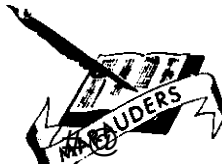
Regarding the planned trip to Ft. Benning on Thursday 28 August, inquiries indicate the cost for a 47-seat air conditioned bus would be approximately \$7.00 per person. It is about 117 miles from the hotel to Benning, about a 2½ hour ride, departing 8:00 AM and returning about 6:00-7:00 PM. The \$7.00 cost is likely to be cheaper than an individual car. and you'd be traveling with your Marauder buddies & ladies, so you could 'whoop-it-up' in song & chatter. Whether this trip jells is ENTIRELY UP TO YOU. How many buses will be needed depends on YOUR RESPONSE, so if you haven't already done so, send your poll slip to TONY COLOMBO; 3814 E. Poinsetta Drive; Phoenix, AZ 85028, so that proper arrangements may be made.

**DO IT RIGHT NOW & DON'T WAIT  
TIL THE LAST MINUTE!**

The program at Benning will include a Ranger Demonstration of their exceptional skills; a visit to the Ranger Museum; and the much larger National Infantry Museum (where some Marauder memorabilia will be on display. Lunch will be at the Ranger mess hall on a DUTCH TREAT BASIS.

## Secretary's Report

*Tony Colombo*



HELLO THERE MARAUDERS. . . . . We are saddened to report the passing of Marauder JOHN W. REDLY, on Saturday 10 May. John's former wife, Claire, called Tom Martini to give him the news. Although John and Claire had been divorced, they remained close friends because of two children - one of whom was mentally retarded.

Angela, wife of Marauder Joseph Ganci, 1257 Shaffer Ave. , Roselle, NJ 07203 - broke her right wrist on Thanksgiving Eve, also splintering several small bones. She is making a good recovery.

Marauder ARTHUR RICHARDS, 1123 Dartmouth St. , Scranton, PA 18504, underwent triply by-pass heart surgery on 21 March. He's making a good recovery and would appreciate hearing from some of his buddies.

Marauder JOHN C. KIDWELL, 312 Hardin St. , Greenville, TN 37743 - had many attacks of malaria & other diseases while overseas. Now having a tough time convincing the VA and needs affidavits to establish service connection. Anyone who recalls John's problems, please execute an affidavit. have it notarized, and send it to John to help him out.

### DEATHS:

ROBERT E. ATWOOD : Wisconsin Rapids, WI 54494 - On July 30, 1979

MALCOLM BURKE: Wakefield, MA  
On December 27, 1959.

RICHARD W. SMITH: Chicago, IL  
On July 24, 1978

JOHN W. REDLY: Condolence cards to Mrs. John W. Redly; 144-58 Sanford Ave. , Apt. #17; Flushing, NY 11355

# From the Mail Bag

Sally Lyons

JOHNNIE C. KIDWELL; 312 Hardin St. , Greenville, TN 37743, would like to get in touch with the following CBI friends, or any other men I served with in CBI during 1942-45 that remember me: 1st Lt. P. McDowell, 475th Infantry, Burma; Major E. T. Hancock, 5307th Provisional Unit; Asst. Adjutant Thomas J. Dalton; Willard C. Nelson. 475th Infantry. Need to hear from a Doctor or anyone who remembers me having malaria so many times while in CBI. Many of us have found that our medical records were destroyed and are having a hard time getting a record of our illnesses established. I had malaria 37 times in one year over there, and this wasn't put on my discharge. In order to file a claim, it is important that I get in touch with someone who can help me get this established.

Daniel P. McCarthy, South Boston, MA, advises MALCOLM BURKE, 54, a firefighter at Wakefield, MA for 22 years, died December 27 of a heart attack. He fought in CBI during WW H with Merrill's Marauders and was wounded by machine gun fire.

Mrs. Claire Redly advises that her husband, Marauder JOHN W. REDLY died on May 10, 1980, in Yonkers, NY.

Bob Siewert, 1251 N. Ash, Nevada, MO 64772, advises his father, Marauder WILMER R. SIEWERT died June 1, 1980. He is anxious to hear from any Marauders who knew his father.

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## FORT BENNING RANGER TOUR POLL

Thursday 28 August 8 AM

Do you plan to participate in the Ft. Benning tour?                      YES                      NO

Do you want to take the bus from Dun fey's ?                      YES                      NO

How many seats ? \_\_\_\_\_ (Cost is \$7.00 per person)

No-host lunch at the Ranger mess hall: (Number) \_\_\_\_\_

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

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Marauder TOM BOGARDUS, P. O. Box 1 269, Friday Harbor, WA 98250, has furnished a list of his library of books relating to the Marauders, their sojourn in Burma, etc. . Some have only a chapter or two, some the entire campaign. It is not known whether all are still available from publishers:

"THE MAGIC WAR" by Ian Fellows-Gordon; Scribners Sons: 1971

"WRATH IN BURMA" by Fred Eldridge; Doubleday: 1946

"WINDGATE'S RAIDERS " by Charles J. Rolo; Viking Press: 1944

"NEVER SO FEW" by Tom T. Chamales; Scribners Sons: 1957

"BEHIND THE BURMA ROAD" by Wm. R. Peers & Dean Brelis;  
Little, Brown & Co. : 1963

"THE MARAUDERS" by Charleton Ogburn, Jr.; Harper & Bros: 1956-59

"GIDEON GOES TO WAR" by Leonard Mosley; Scribner's Sons: 1955

"GALAHAD" by Col. Charles N. Hunter; The Naylor Co: 1963

"CRISIS FLEETING" by James H. Stone; Supt. of Documents, U. S. Printing Office for the Office of the Surgeon General, Dept. of the Army: 1969

"MERRILL'S MARAUDERS" by Alan Baker; Ballantine Books, Inc: 1972

"THE LEDO ROAD" by Leslie Anders; Univ. of Oklahoma Press: 1965

"MERRILL'S MARAUDERS" - American Forces in Action Series by Military Intelligence Div. , U. S. War Dept. : 1945

"STILLWELL AND THE AMERICAN EXPERIENCE IN CHINA-191 1-1945" by Barbara W. Tuchman; MacMillan Co. : 1970

"BEHIND JAPANESE LINES WITH THE O. S. S. IN BURMA" by Richard Dunlop; Rand McNally & Co. : 1979

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