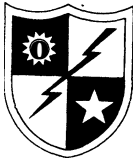


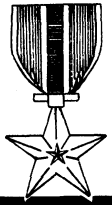
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# The **Burman News**

Official Newsletter

MERRILL'S MARAUDERS ASSN. INC.



WINTER 1980-81



## AH NARDE KOS



HAPPY DIVALI!!!

HAPPY HANNUKAH!!!

MERRY CHRISTMAS

AH NARDEKOS ! Soon it will be that time of year when the holidays for all of us, regardless of race or creed occur, so this editor wishes to extend warm holiday greetings for all the holidays, no matter where you worship or celebrate ! So when you dig into your pile of kyats (6. 80 K's to the American dollar) and purchase your favorite bamboo juice or Mandalay Beer on your favorite holiday, hoist one and say AHNARDEKOS! We'll be doing likewise and thinking of you KOS!

### A BIT OF BURMESE LORE

The Government of Burma does not encourage tourism. Limited to one week only, visas, few travelers are not visiting Burma. The government places severe restrictions on the areas which may be visited, due the danger from one or another of the many insurgent groups. In spite of this, the people are polite, kind, fun-loving, happy to see you and will be willing to show you around. Burma is still untouched by Western life; you will not be engulfed by hordes of tourists taking photographs and monopolizing the time of your guides. Both Burmese men and women have retained the ir traditional dress. The men wear a cotton or silk pa-see (sarong type dress) over a collarless shirt, a very smart short-length jacket known as the ingyi. Women wear a similar style of longyi (sarong) in assorted colors; whereas men stick to either plain colors or checked type of patterns. With the longyi, the women wear ingyi (blouses).

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Two of the most popular words heard among the Burmese are zat (dance) and pwe, which means a celebration.

The kyat (pronounced jut) is divided into 100 pyas. At the official rate of exchange there are 6.80 K's to the dollar, although on the open market people are willing to give K\*s 15-18 for a dollar.

Cezutimbade (thank you) and thwah pah tau may (goodbye) AH NARDE !

Lou DeMarino

## Secretary's Report

*Tony Colombo*



Reunion 1980 - Atlanta; A Smashing SUCCESS! Head Count at the Saturday banquet was 455 !

Speaker Dean Rusk, former Secretary of State, and an officer in Gen. Stillwell's command during the war, made a short, non-political talk making the point that things have looked as bad in the past but this great nation has the will to prevail.

My thanks to Dean Rusk, and regards from a mutual friend, Art Heenan, Editor of the C. B. L Roundup in India during the war years.

The Board of Directors met on Saturday morning and while we could not solve the problems of the world, we addressed ourselves to the policies of the Association. For the first time in our history, we provided guidelines for our continued existence. This meeting was presided over by our 1979 Chairman, Ralph Kouroyen, and Historian Ray Lyons recorded the Minutes.

The General Meeting of the Delegates on Sunday morning was the best run meeting ever and there were a hundred - plus delegates present. The gist of which you can get by reading the Minutes provided with this newsletter. Dave Hurwitt presided and Ray Lyons recorded the Minutes.

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I'm sure that those Marauders who attended the reunion join with me in agreement that it proved to be one of our best reunions, both in attendance and display of our regard for each other.

Things on my list for this year; Order more supplies (beret%, patches, etc. ) since we are completely out. And we're planning a Membership Directory for distribution in early 1981. In order to insure that your listing is accurate, please complete and return the enclosed information card immediately.

I am entering the names of two great guys as Honorary Marauders, Lou De Marino and Don Lane. Lou researches the information on Burma, and Don represents Eastern Airlines. His help and contributions to Reunion '80 were greatly appreciated.

To all of you, may you enjoy the Holidays in good health together with your loved one's.

Tony Colombo  
Executive Secretary

## Reunion '80

Our 34th Annual Reunion has come and gone, but its memories linger on. For this I am immensely grateful to all of my Marauder buddies who made our reunion in Atlanta the record breaking event it was.

Dunfey Atlanta Hotel  
Atlanta, Georgia

Nobody, but nobody, can match the unquenchable spirit that our Marauders bring to these convening, and truly it is for me, as I know it is for many of you, the highlight of my year. My one regret in Atlanta was that the demands of time for keeping the various functions running with as few hitches as possible kept me from spending much more time with my good buddies as I would have liked to. Still, it was good to learn from the many of you who were kind enough to say so, how much you enjoyed the Atlanta reunion. Although everything came in for its share of kudos, the two "Deans" - Dean Rusk and Dean Hudson - seemed to elec it the most praise from you. Well, Ted McLogan must be given credit for arranging to have the Secretary

of State with us; I'll take some of the credit for the "big-band" sound.

In any case, I want to thank the officials of our Association: Phil Piazza, Tony Colombo, Herb Clofine, Ray Lyons; all the members of our Board -- particularly George Rose, my co-chairman; and finally those marvelous Marauder gals, Dee Rose, Emma Piazza and Sally Lyons for their unstinting help. Without their tireless work, Atlanta would never have been the success you've told me it was.

But most of all, I want to thank each and every one of you Marauders for refusing to allow the great Marauder tradition to die. By supporting your Association, by making an annual pilgrimage to our reunions and by maintaining your pride in the heritage for which our outfit has always stood, you make Merrill's Marauders a part of the legacy of our nation -- something the Rangers of today who carry our colors, proudly honor, and in their time, hope to add to.

God bless and see y'all next year in St. Louis.

Dave Hurwitt

*The Mailbag* \_\_\_\_\_ Sally Lyons \_\_\_\_\_

FROM THE EX-C. B. L. ROUNDUP: One of the original MERRILL'S MARAUDERS who formed the 5307th in September 1943 - COTTON FUNDERBURK - 16835 San Bernadino Rd. ; Covina, CA 91722.

WAYNE BECK, (548 - 12th St. ; Tell City, Indiana 47586) who was part of the 5307th Composite Unit, comprising components of MERRILL'S MARAUDERS, Col. Greenleaf's Combat Engineers, etc. , and commanded by Lt. Col. Osborne, would like to hear from his buddies.

SICK CALL;

CARDOZA, Wm. "Sweet Pea"

39 Royal Street; N. Randolph, Mass 02368 (Triple by-pass heart surgery - 27th August).

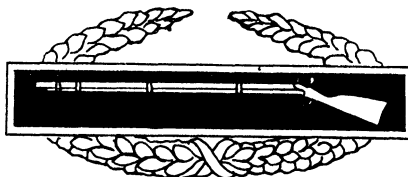
AGNER, FRED

6753 Lebanon Rd. ; Charlotte, N. C. 28212 (Forced to cancel Atlanta Reunion reservation due to bout of Rocky Mtn. spotted fever and subsequent strokes).

MAY THEY REST IN PEACE:

- (July 80) KIRMETH BUCKNER  
209 Meadow Lane; Marion, N. C. 28752
- (8-10-80) MARSHALL W. HURLOCKER (PEANUT)  
35 Sherwood Court; Concord, N. C. 28025
- (Jan. 80) ROBERT E. BORVEN  
22420 Doxtator St. ; Dearborn, MI 48128
- (1980) PARLMER EASTWOOD  
P. O. Box 2156; Barstow, FL 33830
- VARDIC GOLASH  
Kingsley Ave. ; Haydenville, Mass. 01039
- (1980) CAPT GORDON E. MERENESS  
Route 3, Box 875; Arcadia, FL 33821  
MC CO CUTOR  
IN BETRND, 1944  
A 1110
- (5-10-80) JOHN REDLEY  
22 Bellair Dr. ; Dobbs Ferry, N. Y. 10522
- ROBERT TREMBLA  
91 Rolf Ave. ; Chicopee, Mass. 01013

HALLIMAU—in Somerville, October 30, Thomas E., beloved son of the late Thomas and Florence (Bushey) and brother of George of Somerville. Funeral from the E.L. Kelleher Funeral Home, 67 Broadway SOMERVILLE, Saturday at 10 a.m. Blessing in St. Benedict's Church at 11:30. Funeral Mass in St. Benedict's Church Monday at 9 o'clock. Relatives and friends invited. Visiting hours Fri. only 2-4, 7-9 p.m. Veteran WWI, late member Merrill's Raiders Assoc., DAV and VFW 8800.



MINUTES OF 34th ANNUAL REUNION BUSINESS MEETING  
Dunphy Hotel  
Atlanta, Georgia  
Sunday, August 31, 1980

Meeting began 11 :03 AM, Ralph S. Kuroyen, Chairman of Board Pre-  
siding. Meeting began with the reading of four motions, favorably  
recommended by the Board of Directors, for consideration by the  
membership to be included in the By-laws.

The first mot ion proposed by Clofine, seconded by Piazza that the  
Reunion Chairman will obtain prior approval from the Executive  
Secretary, the Treasurer and the President, as to the amount to be  
expended on guests of the Reunion. The above mentioned three  
officers will jointly decide the amount of expend it ure.

The motion was unanimously adopted.

The second motion proposed by Martini, seconded by Pliska that an  
Annual F inane ial Stat ement to be obta ine d from the Treasurer and re -  
ported by the Executive Secretary by letter to the members of the  
Board of Directors.

There was discuss ion on the motion. Adopted by majority vote. i  
no. The third motion proposed by Hurwitt, seconded by Clofine that  
the Board of Directors will make itself available any t ime of year to  
ass ist in preparation and presentation of reunion proposal at no ex-  
pense to the association.

The motion was unanimously adopted.

The fourth motion proposed by Colombo, seconded by Clofine that  
membership directories be mailed to donation - making members  
“ and/or issued at Annual Reunions.

There was discussion on the motion. Adopted by majority vote. 1 no.

Election of C? f ficers of the Association followed.

For Treasurer, Herb Clofine. Nominated by George Hose. Seconded.  
No other nominations. Unanimously elected.

For Executive Secretary, Tony Colombo. Nominated and seconded.  
No other nominations. Unanimously elected.

For Historian, Ray Lyons. Nominated and Seconded. No other  
nominations. Unanimously elected.

Treasurer's Report by Herb Clofine:

General Treasury Account:	\$ 2,909.72
Executive Secretary Impress Fund Account	1,847.31
Executive Secretary Savings Account	<u>2,500.00</u>
Combined Total	\$ 7,257.03

Motion made to accept report. Seconded. Unanimously adopted.

At this point, the Incoming Chairman of the Board, Dave Hurwitz  
took over the Chair.

He announced the attendance at the Dinner was 438 plus 15 on Dais.  
The next business was the selection of the Reunion Site for 1981. Tom  
Martini proposed the St. Louis, Mo. area. \$175.00 package. A  
Luncheon instead of Brunch on Saturday. \$116.00, single rate. \$32  
lodging rate per night. At the Henry VII Inn and Lodge. There will be  
a Bus for shopping. Near Airport. Ten miles from downtown.  
Meals only will be \$45.00. Children under 12 - \$22.50. Supportive  
comments from Bill Brown of the St. Louis area. Mentioned that  
there will be two room suites available.

Tony Colombo proposed the Phoenix area. The Scottsdale Registry  
Resort offering a \$176.00 package. \$27.00 room rate. He also  
offered to arrange a Reunion at either Reno or Las Vegas in Nevada,  
using the Del Webb Corporation Hotel Sahara. Estimate \$180.00

Colombo stated that prices not quoted on food today because of inflation. Price quoted excluded entertainment, liquor, etc. Sam Hapisarda proposed the Cleveland, Ohio area -- outside of city. No information available.

Motion made to vote on the three areas by Bob Passinis. Seconded. The vote to go to Southwest area, counted by Clofine - 52 votes. To go to the St. Louis area, counted by Kuroyen - 67 votes. To go to Cleveland area, counted by Hurwitt - No vote, agreed to dissolve and voted for other areas.

Next year's Reunion to be in St. Louis.

New Business: Reference made to claiming of Reunion expenses as an Income Tax Deduction. For individual only. No expenses allowed for wife. Expenses should be kept to a reasonable figure. Avoid challenge.

Herb Clofine called for a Standing Vote of approval for the job done by Hurwitt on this year's reunion.

A Motion made by Martini and Seconded by James R. White that two members of the association be our guests at the next Reunion. There was a discussion on the motion. The vote was divided. Majority voted to approved. Adopted.

A Motion made by Lawrence Lew and Seconded by Kuroyen that the names of needy Marauders who are to be guests of the Association will be submitted by a member to the Board of Directors for screening and final approval. There were two votes opposed. Majority approved. Motion adopted.

A motion to adjourn by Kuroyen. Seconded by Henderson. Unanimously approved.

Meeting adjourned 12:30 PM.

Minutes by Historian Rev. Lyons



We now have a negative obtained from an old photo kept by Charles Lettieri. It shows 16 men including Charles Lettieri, Bruce Lambertson, Jack Crowley, Johnny Allen, T. J. Dalton, Farrell, Shortwave McGurk, and the rest unidentified. It was taken at a Christmas Eve party, 1943, Deogarh, India, 3rd Bn. , Khaki CT. Copies available at cost - 3 1/2 X 5, 8 X 10. It was noted at the last Reunion, that a lot of us, including your Historian, were taking pictures. Send us a copy of each of yours. please including names of those in picture, we will make up an Album 1980 Reunion.

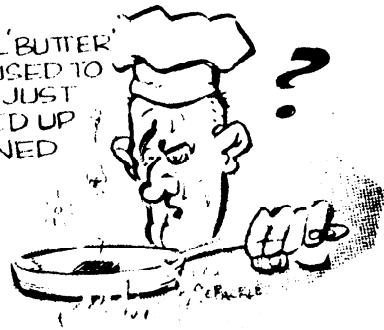


REMEMBER ?

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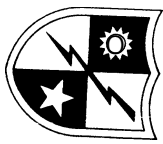
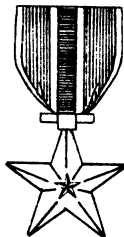
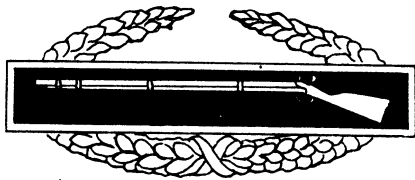
• TROPICAL BUTTER THAT REFUSED TO MELT? (IT JUST SHRIVELLED UP AND TURNED BLACK!)



• HAVING 84 POINTS IN AN AREA WITH 85 POINTS FOR ROTATION ??



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