



The Burman News



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Down the Mississippi

Down to New Orleans. Had a hectic time. Some good. Some bad times. It is an interesting city. But one Marauder got mugged in the French Quarter. Another had his wallet ripped off in front of the hotel. The weather, as anticipated, was hot and humid. Some of us know that the Reunion should be held elsewhere at that time of the year. Or, else change the Reunion dates.

The guest speaker on Saturday was from the Army General Staff, Colonel Raoul H. Alcalá. He gave a talk on the modern day Army and its problems. Also, brought us a letter from the Chief of Staff, General Carl E. Vuono.



UNITED STATES ARMY
THE CHIEF OF STAFF
3 September 1987

To the Members of Merrill's Marauders Association

The soldiers of your units, known as Merrill's Marauders, demonstrated professionalism, courage, heroism, and sacrifice during crucial battles of the China-Burma-India theater of World War II. All of you volunteered for duty with this famed unit and fought magnificently behind enemy lines enduring great hardships. You have every reason to be proud of your contributions to victory in the Pacific.

Your heritage of excellence has been handed down to today's soldiers of the 75th Rangers. Your example of elite capability and intrepid daring inspires them as they stand ready today to meet any threats to our security.

There are many who will not be at this reunion. They made the supreme sacrifice for which we shall remember them forever. The nation appreciates your past sacrifices and dedication in protecting the freedoms of our great country and those of our allies.

On behalf of all men and women in uniform today -- soldiers, officers, and NCOs -- I wish you a most successful reunion.

CARL E. VUONO
General, United States Army
Chief of Staff

Minutes of the 41st Annual Business Meeting

Sunday, Sept. 6, 1987, 11:30 AM, Hotel Monteleone, Queen Anne room.

Meeting called to order by Acting Chairman Dave Hurwitt at 11:30 AM.

Hurwitt explained that the board of directors had agreed that for the first time there would be an opportunity for the members not able to attend the Sunday morning business meeting to vote for the next reunion site by signing in on a list maintained by the President. This was done. We would also have a secret ballot. Each male member of the Merrill's Marauders Association would be provided with a ticket on which he could write the number of the reunion site that he preferred.

Hurwitt stated that only Marauders (male), including Rangers, would actively participate in the meeting, either vocally or in voting. (This is contrary to the constitution.) Others would be welcome in the meeting.

Roll Call of Officers — Not made.

Report of Officers —

Treasurer, Herb Clofine.

Balance on Hand 8-27-86	.....	\$ 2,141.63
Deposits	.....	10,905.84
Interest	.....	401.10
Total	.....	\$13,448.57
Checks Issued	.....	\$ 4,903.59
Bank Service Charge	.....	8.50
Balance 8-27-87	.....	8,536.48

Executive Secretary Account

Balance	.....	\$ 1,130.41
Total	.....	\$ 9,666.89

The Silver Compass Fund, as of 8-27-87: Receipts \$5,665.00; Expenses \$2,734.91; Balance \$2,930.09. Tapes sold during year, 190. Tapes on hand, 114. Motion to accept report by Passanisi. Seconded by Kouroven. No objection. Accepted as read.

Executive Secretary, Ray Lyons

Donations received

this year's reunion \$ 3,112.00

Donations received in

mail during past year 3,049.62

Balance Southwest Savings Bank
account including interest .. \$1,130.41

Expenses year to date 3,591.02

Compared to last year 3,307.84

Cost of 3 issues of Burman News .. 2,096.85

Postage is the next highest cost. We put out 1,029 pieces of mail, plus 4,383 copies of the Burman News.

We have been in contact with the Director, US Army Military History Institute, Carlisle Barracks, PA. He advises us that they are going to make a special collection of documentation of WW II veterans material. It will concentrate on the 1st Division from the European Theater, the American Div. from the Pacific and the Merrill's Marauders Association from the CBI. More details will be available in the Nov. issue of the NEWS. In addition, we have been provided the opportunity during this reunion to obtain a copy of a questionnaire that they would like the members to fill out and return to them. A free frank label has been provided. This is an opportunity to tell the Army and future historians what you thought about the War. We also have been corresponding with a Japanese retired colonel, who was a platoon leader in

the I&R Regiment of the 56th Division, that we fought against at the Burma Road Block, Nampakka Valley. That will also appear in the NEWS.

Col James Holland is not available at this time, so we will bring to your attention that he is trying to sponsor a trip to Burma.

Motion to accept made by Pokress Seconded by Lewis Day. No objection. Accepted as read.

Historian — George Robertson. I would like to say thanks to you all for your support. We are missing some pictures from the Albums. They were taken by the Turner Publishing Company for the MM History Book. They have promised to return them promptly.

Military Liaison Officer — Dave Hurwitt Phil Piazza has been doing a great deal of the work that I should be doing and I thank him for that.

President — Phil Piazza. Have attended a Ranger Special Formation in which the Special Forces was created as an actual unit. The Organization of Presidents of all Ranger units meet four times a year. They want to perpetuate the history of all Ranger units. They also have a program to put grave markers on all Ranger graves. They are trying to mark all of them. They are presently traversing the Rogers Rangers route in New England. I would like to express my thanks to Roy Dupre and his committee for their work on this reunion. **Report of Committees** — Not called.

Election of Officers — Hurwitt. I nominate Roy Dupre to be board chairman for the coming year. Seconded. Unanimously adopted.

Executive Secretary — George Rose nominates Ray Lyons. Seconded. Unanimously adopted.

President — Phil Piazza unanimously reelected.

Treasurer — Herb Clofine nominated. Seconded. Unanimously adopted.

Military Liaison Officer — Dave Quaid nominates Dave Hurwitt. Seconded. Unanimously voted.

Historian — George Robertson states that the records have been at great risk during the past year as they have been moving around quite a bit. Suggests that we need to entrust records to someone who is more permanently established. He, therefore nominated Dave Quaid to be historian

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Seconded. Unanimously voted.

Dave Quaid — He believes that our documents are sacred. He has had experience as a motion picture cameraman, and director. He would like the membership to send their photos to him. But, he would like them to write first so that he can plan on a date to do the processing and eliminate a back up. He is going to make a definitive 90-minute film on the Merrill's Marauders. He is also planning on visiting around the country by trailer to make film pieces with certain members.

Old Business — Not called.

New Business — Not called.

Selection of Next Reunion Site —

Chairman states that each proponent will be allowed five minutes to make his presentation. For purpose of voting, Tom Martini's Charlotte, NC, site will be called No. 1, George Rose's Norfolk, VA, site will be called No. 2, Tom Henderson's Mesa, AZ, will be No. 3.

Martini — Recommending the Charlotte Marriott Hotel, Executive Park, 5700 Westpark Dr., Charlotte, NC. A 16-story, high-rise hotel with 300 rooms, easily accessible and only four years old. Features a lounge with live entertainment, two restaurants, wine bar, game room, indoor and outdoor swimming pools, a sauna, whirlpool, fitness trail and tennis. Limousine service is free

from the Charlotte International airport. Package rate for double occupancy will be \$263.00. It includes Friday and Saturday nights lodging, Friday evening buffet supper, lunch Saturday, cocktail hour Saturday evening, Saturday banquet featuring prime rib of beef, music and dancing brunch Sunday morning. Package rate for single will be \$171.50. Rates include a taxes and gratuities. Extra nights lodging will be \$45 for double occupancy and \$41 for singles. These are subject to 8 percent sales tax. Children up to 18 sleep free in same room as parents. Children up to age 12 will pay \$41 for food functions. For those over 12, the food rate will be \$79.57. Plenty of free parking.

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INDIA-BURMA CAMPAIGN (1ST CAMPAIGN)

41ST REUNION NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA SEPT. 4-6, 1987

5307TH COMPOSITE UNIT (PROV.)
COMMANDING GENERAL - BRIG. GEN. FRANK D. MERRILL
SECOND IN COMMAND - COL. CHARLES N. HUNTER
RAY LYONS
MELVIN SCHUDMAK, M.D., REGT. SURG.
WILLIAM A. DARDEN

COMMAND POST GROUP
EXECUTIVE OFFICER
MAJ. LOUIS J. WILLIAMS
RAY LYONS
GLENN SIMMS

209TH COMBAT ENGINEERS
COMMANDING OFFICER
LT. COL. SANDVALL - LT. COL. COOMBS -
LT. COL. EDWIN MULLINGER

236TH COMBAT ENGINEERS
COMMANDING OFFICER
COL. MANLON E. GATES
GEORGE DAVEY
JOHN F. EICHELBERGER GA
VERNON L. PEARSON
RALPH A. MESSINA
ROBERT HEKTOR Co. A
JULIUS MICCHINI Co. A

REAR BASE
COMMANDER
MAJ. EDWARD T. HAMCOCK
SUPP. OFF. G. CLARE THOMAS
TOM MARTINI
MIKE GABBETT
JOSEPH HACKERMAN
BERNARD C. SMITH
JOHN D. HERRING (AIR DROP)

1ST BATTALION
COMMANDING OFFICER
LT. COL. WILLIAM L. OSBORNE

2ND BATTALION
COMMANDING OFFICER
LT. COL. GEORGE A. MCGEE JR.
GEORGE A. MCGEE C.O.
JOE MAGNOTTA
BOB SCHERKENBACH MED.
Rex Beach 5-2
OSS JONES
RAY F. MITCHELL 2 BN HQ

3RD BATTALION
COMMANDING OFFICER
LT. COL. CHARLES E. BEACH
T. J. DALTON
WALTER E. PULICKINEN HQ Co.
HENRY B. KENNEDY 1 Co.
GARLAND B. SNEDEGAR 1 Co.
JOHN P. NORTON

RED COMBAT TEAM
COMMANDING OFFICER
MAJ. EDW. M. GHIZ
CAPT. TOM P. SENEFF
JOE R. BRIDEIRO 14R
VITO JOE YAZZO Co. B
C. B. HAMILTON 14R
CALEB E. HYMAN
ARTHUR WILSON
RALPH G. SMITH A BU.
EDWARD F. MACHIN
WILLIAM J. AYDT JR.
ARTHUR E. PATTERSON
TRESSORRE G. ZAKOTNIK
HAROLD BURNSIDE
JOHN L. TYRE
HENRY J. CAULFIELD

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DAVID RUDERMAN 14R
JOHNNIE B. HOLMES
BOB KETCHAM
ROBERT E. PASSANISI
THOMAS HENDERSON
RALPH KUROYAN
MIKE GABBETT
DEWEY DINGS
GEORGE G. ROBERTSON
KYLE W. JAVIS
RENE J. GENEST 14R
ERINIE REID
KEN GUMMER
JOHN SPEER
JOHN CURLL
ALDO FONTANA
CLELAND GERALD
THOMAS F. MCCARTY
LE ROY E. MCKINSON
FRED C. AGNER

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COMMANDING OFFICER
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ANDY BLANO E. Co.
PHIL AZZA HU. WUPS
ROBERT L. NIEMAS
ROY J. DUPRE
HERB COFINE 14R
WILLIAM R. WAGNER
JAMES J. ORLANDO
LAWRENCE KLOCKE
PAUL YARLEY
GERARD J. CREEDEN
HAROLD WINTNER
LT. PAUL K. BERGMANN H.W.
CLARIS OLSON
BOB SCHERKENBACH MED.
WILLIAM SANDERS
RALPH A. MESSINA
WILLIAM M. HART

GREEN COMBAT TEAM
COMMANDING OFFICER
CAPT. THOMAS E. BOGDANS
GEORGE MEADE ROSE
DARWIN H. LEE
ROBERT TAYLOR
FRED BEHERS
FRANK J. WIEBER
FRANK PRONE
ROBERT M. PATTEN
DALE ABBOTT
PAUL BIONDO
SANDY SAUFORD
ROBERT C. JACKSON
FREDERICK FAAS
ROBERT EATMAN
ERVIN J. FRECKS
ROBERT N. MOORE
HAROLD KALLHOF
LT. PAUL K. BERGMANN H.W.
CLYDE E. MILLER
BOB STECKENBACH
ROBERT L. TABB

ORANGE COMBAT TEAM
COMMANDING OFFICER
MAJ. LAWRENCE L. LEW
MAJ. TERRY A. FETID
LARRY W. STEVENSON
A. COLOMBO
GEORGE C. BROWN 14R
FRANCIS X. CLARK
LOGAN WESTON
LYLE PORTERUS
FRANK CAPESA
BERNARD N. MARTIN
JOSEPH D'ORIO
JOSEPH HURWITT
KEITH MARTIN
GEORGE W. WRIGHT
WARNER KATZ
HANK CROWELL 14R
JACK SAUND
DAVID L. GUAID
EVAN M. SHUFELT
FERMAN MULLIGAN
IMMANUEL AVERY
OSCAR VALLES
FRANK WORSOWICZ
GEORGE W. WRIGHT
JOHN TEIXEIRA

KHAKI COMBAT TEAM
COMMANDING OFFICER
MAJ. EDWIN J. BRIGGS
SY. SCHOENFELD
J.E. JOHNSON
MELVIN W. CLINTON
LEWIS DAY
LOUIS HASLOUER
RICHARD POPPE
MIKE SARACO
BILL NICHOLSON
PHILIP OLSON
CHARLES LETTIERI
FRED RANDLE
DEWEY GUNTER
LESTER SHERRY
HENRY E. BALDWIN
HAROLD L. BENGTSOEN
GARLAND B. SNEDEGAR
GT
BERNARD C. BIEKER
HENRY T. KINDER
WAYNE RUSSELL
DONALD MUEENCH

DOWN THE MISSISSIPPI . . .

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Charlotte has many interesting things to visit, such as Spirit Square, Discovery Place, Mint Museum, Carrowinds Theme Park. My phone number is 704-365-4667.

Rose — Recommending the Holiday Inn, 7000 Waterside Av., Norfolk, VA. Package rate is \$260 for two persons, \$180 for one. This includes a two night stay, plus tax, one continental breakfast, one luncheon buffet, two banquet dinners. Extra days rate will be \$54 plus 7.5 percent sales tax.

Henderson — Recommending the Hilton Pavilion, Mesa, AZ. Package rate will be \$210 for two including tax and gratuity. It will provide for four meal functions.

Phil Piazza takes over the voting procedure. The site with the most votes will be the winner. Write the number that you favor on the back of the ticket and place it in the box provided.

Count for No. 1 - 61; No. 2 - 53; No. 3 - 15. Included in that count were the following proxy votes: for No. 1 - 20; No. 2 - 4; No. 3 - 3.

Charlotte, NC, selected as the site for next year's reunion. Tom Martini and Phil Piazza will be co-chairmen.

(It should be observed that although they would not let the women vote, they did borrow pens from Sally to do the voting.) **Vito Yazzo** on a point of order for the good of the order. Suggested that for men who are attending their first reunion, some special identification card or emblem be provided so that they would be noticed and made to feel at home. Secretary Lyons agreed that this was a good idea and would be done. (Any suggestions on the matter, let me know.)

No other business coming before the Association, meeting was adjourned at 12:47.

RAYMOND V. LYONS
Executive Secretary.

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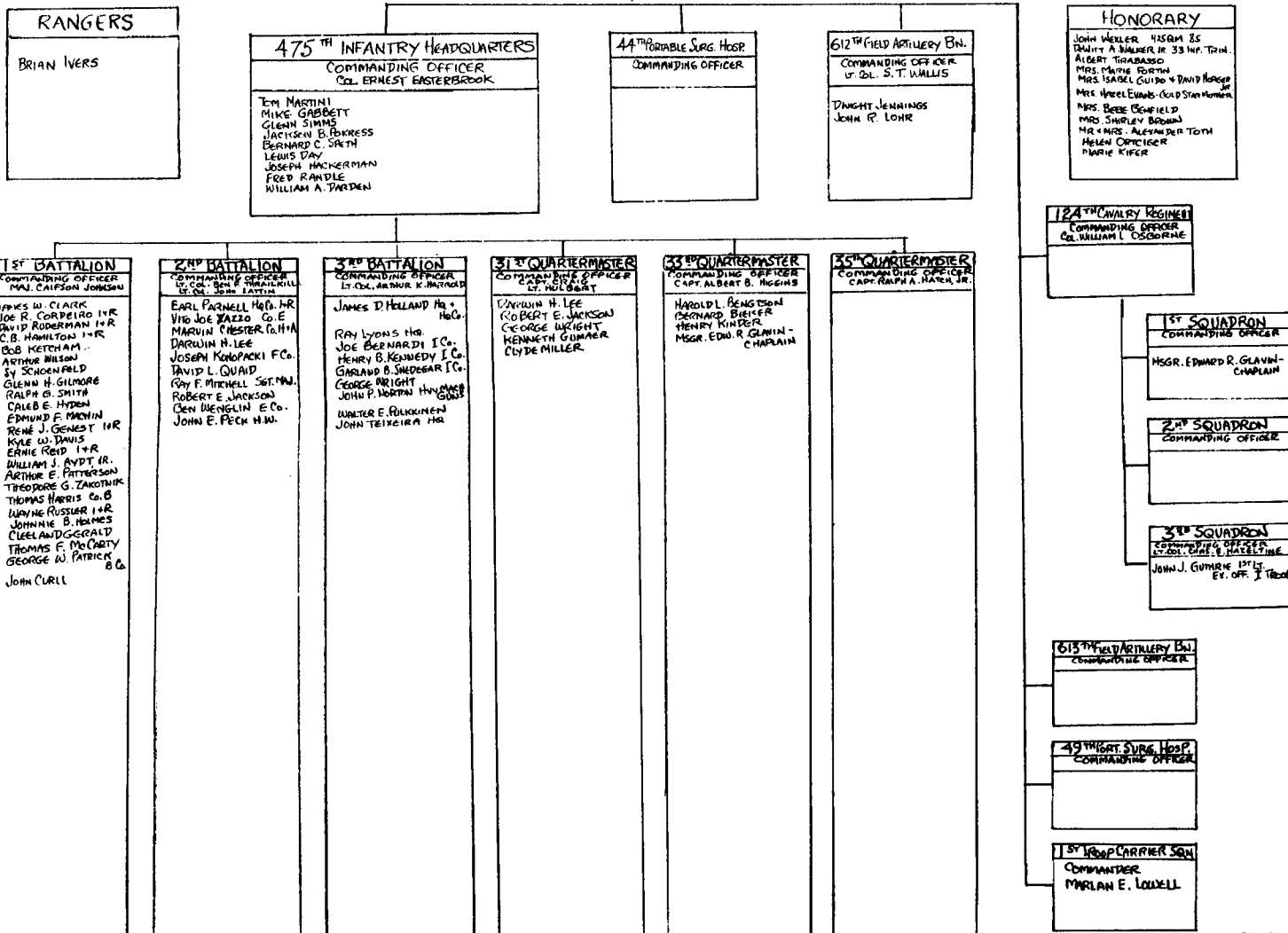
We have been informed by Sam Decory, 345 West Michigan, Spearfish, SD 57783, a representative of the Lakota Nation, that this Indian Tribal Group has awarded a "Red Feather" Honorary Award to Norman Janis, 5307/3/OCT/I&R and to Lamont Cook, New Underwood, SD, 5307/2; 475/1/B Co. The presentation was made during an Annual Pow-Wow held on Saturday, April 18th, 1987, at Tretheway Pavilion, City Park, Spearfish, SD. Members of Merrill's Marauders Association were notified and many were present at the ceremony honoring their comrades.

The rain in North Burma in the Dry Season of 1944 : January — 12 days rain; February — 18 days rain; March — 10 days rain; April — 10 days rain. Then the rainy season started and it rained every day. Total for year: 175 inches.

CENTRAL BURMA CAMPAIGN
(2ND CAMPAIGN)

MARS TASK FORCE
3332 BRIGADE HEADQUARTERS
COMMANDING OFFICER
BRIG. GEN. THOMAS S. LYONS
HARVEY E. SHEPPARD G-2

41ST REUNION
NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA
SEPT. 4-6, 1987



"New Galahad"

By Col. James D. Holland, USA, Ret.

The saga of the 5307th (Merrill's Marauders) has been recounted many times from the official history of the U.S. Army (1946) to Carlton Ogburn's version of "The Marauders" in 1950. No one would or could deny the heroism, sacrifices and military accomplishments of the "original" Marauders who volunteered in late 1943 for a dangerous one-time mission in an unspecified part of the world. These volunteers, roughly a total of three infantry battalions or 3,000 officers and men came about one third from the combat veterans of the American division in the Pacific, one third from the jungle experienced land trained men from the Canal Zone and one third from units in the continental United States who had had jungle training. The unit, designated as the 5307th Composite Unit (Prov.) arrived in India in late 1943 and was given advanced and unit training for the next four-five months under British veterans of Orde Wingate's Chindits who had fought against the Japs in Burma. Renamed Merrill's Marauders after their commander, Brig. Gen. Frank D. Merrill, the unit entered combat as three separate combat teams on 24 February 1944 from their training base in Ledo, India. Three months later after fighting their way down the Hukwang Valley they captured the airfield at Myitkyina, Burma, in conjunction with Stilwell's Chinese troops, their ranks by now decimated more by disease than by combat casualties. Of the almost 3,000 who left Ledo only 1,310 reached Myitkyina on 17 May 1944 and by 1 June less than 650 effectives remained. General J. W. "Vinegar Joe" Stilwell, CG of the CBI had begged for a U.S. division to use in his re-conquest of North Burma. He got the regimental sized Marauders. Now he asked for replacements; he got GH 770, a mish-mash of some 3,000 more volunteers! These were mostly from the 33rd Division in Panama and the 77th (Mtn.) Division at Camp Carson, Colorado. A group of the officer volunteers, of which I was one, came from the 2nd Filipino Infantry Regiment (Sep.) then stationed at Camp Cooke, California (now Vandenberg Air Force Base.) Very little has been written about the 1st and 2nd Filipino Infantry Regiments of World War II. Both were activated and organized at Camp (now Fort) Ord in California from Filipino draft-eligible men, most of whom resided in California. The 1st F.I.R. saw combat in the Philippines during 1945 but the 2nd Regiment could not be kept up to strength and was reorganized as a reinforced battalion in February of 1944. The surplus officers, a mixed bag of Americans and Filipinos, were ordered to the Replacement Depot at Camp Ord but concurrently given the opportunity or option to "volunteer" for an other "hazardous mission." A number of us, including me, chose the latter course. Among others were two majors, Arthur K. Harrold who eventually succeeded to command the 475th Infantry, and Guilermo Rustia, regimental surgeon of the 2nd Filipino who later became Minister of Health in the Government of the Philippines as did another volunteer, Cap-

tain Elpido Valencia.

This hodge-podge of officers and enlisted men replacements, given the designation of Shipment GH 770, assembled at Camp Patrick Henry, Virginia, in late April, 1944. They sailed for India by way of Capetown, South Africa, and Kilidini, Kenya, in early May arriving in Bombay, India, 21 May, a few days after the Marauders — now referred to as "Galahad" had captured the Myitkyina air field. GH 770 was immediately herded aboard a train for a four day trip across India's desolate sunbaked heartland to Ramgarh, India, where Stilwell was training Chinese troops. Instead of being properly organized and given some rudimentary training GH 770 personnel were loaded on C-46 and C-47 transport planes and flown directly to the Myitkyina airfield which, due to tactical errors by un-seasoned Chinese troops was in dire danger of being re-taken by the Japs. Not one officer or enlisted man of GH 770 received one minute of briefing, indoctrination or unit training — they were not even organized except on paper — before being thrown into combat against the battle-hardened Japs, veterans of the Malayan, Burma and Singapore campaigns. Some were inserted as fillers or replacements into the 1st and 2nd Marauder battalions but the bulk were re-organized as the 3rd Marauder battalion, initially under a Lt. Col. Gestring, later under Lt. Col. A. K. Harrold. I was designated as Communications Officer of the 3rd. Most of the original Marauders, now

suffering badly from malaria, mite typhus, etc., were evacuated to hospitals in India. The so-called "new" Marauders were commanded by Colonel Lloyd Osborne, a hero of the battle for the Philippines in 1941-1942 and later commander of the 1st battalion of the original Marauders. This "New" Marauder unit fought the bloody battle of Myitkyina from 1 June to 2 August 1944 — two months — finally defeating the Jap forces. Re-organized in August, 1944, as the 475th Infantry Regiment (LRP) and now commanded by Colonel Ernest F. Easterbrook the regiment had a 1st battalion made up of original Marauders under Lt. Col. Caifson Johnson of the original 5307th, Major (later Lt. Col.) John Lattin who had come from the China Theater commanded the 2nd battalion and Lt. Col. Arthur K. Harrold had the 3rd; the 2nd and 3rd were made up of "new" marauders. Each battalion had a battery of 75mm pack artillery and Quartermaster pack troops attached, plus a compliment of Nisei interpreters-translators. This outfit, named the MARS Task Force and brigaded with the 124th Cavalry Regiment (dismounted), formerly of the Texas National Guard took off from Camp Landis south of Myitkyina on 15 November 1944 after some 2-3 months of intensive training. The force never operated as a brigade however. Three months later the 475th defeated the Japs near Kutkai on the original Burma Road as the remnants of

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Fall In

Here are the latest additions to our assembly. Remember them?

GEORGE L. AHEARN, 10 Sullivan Rd., Hudson, NH 03051; 124th Cavalry
FRANK BELLAVIA, 274 Milford St., Apt. 5, Rochester, NY 14615; 475/2/E
CHARLES BRADOSKY, Rt. 1, New Alexandria, PA 15670; 5307/3/OCT
NATE BRENNAN, 956 Lucaya Av., Venice, FL 33595; 5307/2/HQ/P&D; 475/2/HQ/P&D
C. JOHN BUTTARO, 5 Coolidge Rd., Woburn, MA 01801; 5307/236/H&S
PETER C. BYERS, 112 Crestvu Rd., Phoenixville, PA 19460; 5307/2/Med; 475
WILLIAM S. CHANDLEE, 240 Hartford Av., Daytona Beach, FL 32018; 5307/236/A CO/MED
DANIEL EICKHOFF, 1219 No. 15th St., Sheboygan, WI 53018; 5307/236/H&S/S-4
RICHARD ESPINOR, 11207 Sageheather St., Houston, TX 77089; 5307/236/A/Med
HERBERT M. HARRIS, Rt. 1, Box 352, Dickson, TN 37055; 5307/236/H&S
JOHN D. HOLMBECK, 1425 Garwood Dr., W. Melbourne, FL 32904; 5307/236/B, C, H&S CO
WILLIAM H. HOOVER, 15737 Muskingum Blvd., Brook Park, OH 44142; 5307/2/G Co.; 475/2/G Co
MARTIN F. HROVAT, 18011 Maple Hts. Blvd., Maple Heights, OH 44137; 5307; 475/3/K CO
ROSCOE HUTCHISON, 4168 Burriss Rd., Carlisle, KY 40611; 5307/3/I; 475/3/I Co.
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D. J. JOHNSON, P.O. Box 134, Dacono, CO 80514; 5307/3/KCT/I&R PLAT
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CHARLES E. MC LAREN, 191 Prince St., Harrisburg, PA 17109; 5307/209/B/1; 209 Engrs/B/1
MAJ. SCOTT MC MICHAEL, US Army Russian Institute, APO, NY 05093; Ranger/FA
W. R. MILLER, 4123 Shoccoree Dr., Durham, NC 27705; 5307/236/H&S
THOMAS G. POULOS, Box 121 Hintz Rd., Forestville, MI 48434; 5307
THOMAS E. RAGLAND, VA Med Ctr 35, 4500 So. Lancaster Rd., Dallas, TX 75216;
RANGER/75/K Co/1 Sqd/10 Cav/4 Division
WAYNE RUSSLER, 123 West Av., Napoleon, MI 49261; 5307/3/KCT
WILLARD SANDERS, Rt. 4, Box 731, Mena, AR 71953; 5307/2/BCT
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THOMAS J. SPIKER, 2431 Damman, Apt. D-202, Midland, MI 48640; 475/3/I
ROBERT N. STEFFEY, P.O. Box 668, Hannibal, MO 63401; 5307/209 Engrs
JOHN P. STEFKA, 4823 So. Katillus Rd., Little Rock, AR 72212; 5307/209 Engrs
PERLEE W. TINTARY, 1520 E. Cameron Av., West Covina, CA 91791;
5307/1/WCT/I&R; 475/1/I&R
JACK M. WAGGONER, 3807 East 39th St., CT, Des Moines, IA 50317;
5307/WCT/I&R; 475/1/I&R
HARRY V. WHALEN, 1631 Ingram Rd., Penn Yan, NY 14524; 5307/1/A CO; 475/1/A/CO/HW

NEW GALAHAD . . .

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the once proud Jap 15th Army tried desperately to retreat from Burma. Promised a period of "R&R" they, like the original Marauders, didn't get it. Instead they were immediately air-lifted to Kunming, China, when it appeared that the Japs, in a last-ditch effort, would drive the Chinese west from Kweilin — they didn't succeed. The so-called "Marsmen" were put to work training Chinese troops and patrolling the roads and rivers east of Kunming. By August of 1945 most of the 475th had amassed enough points, especially after the surrender of Nazi Germany, to qualify for return to stateside.

Merrill's Marauders received most of the kudos — there were very few — and publicity — there was very little — given to the relatively small number of American combat troops in the CBI. We should not forget, however, that less than one fourth of the original Marauder force took part in the bloody seige of Myitkyina. The capture of the airfield on 17 May 1944 was without incident. Over three fourths of the Americans in the Myitkyina Task Force that actually took the town after 60+ days of intense fighting were "New" Marauders, relatively untried, untested and certainly not in any degree unit trained. This force, however, defeated the Jap veterans of General Tanaka in this crucial battle for control of North Burma and the opening of the Stilwell Road to China. They also later composed two thirds of the 475th Infantry which in its drive to Kutkai assured the link-up of the original Burma Road with the Stilwell Road.

Army Looks to Mules as Recruits

WASHINGTON (UPI) — The Army, battling to keep high-tech weapons that sometimes fail to work, said yesterday it may go in the opposite direction and recruit mules for the first time since World War II. "This is not a gag," said Lt. Col. Craig McNab, an Army spokesman.

The Army will kick around the idea of signing up mules for its new 10th Light Infantry Division at Ft. Drum, N.Y., at a two-hour "initial sit-down" session among colonels and lower-ranked officers at the Pentagon today, Army spokesmen said. The last mule unit was stationed at Ft. Dix, N.J., McNab said.

Army Secretary John Marsh directed the service to start thinking about mules again so the light division would be able to operate in rough terrain with West German and Italian units that use the animals to haul heavy equipment, McNab said.

Marsh "requested that the National Guard consider establishing a mule skinner unit in the Vermont Guard mountain battalion, and that the Army staff consider putting a small group of mules with the 10th Division for 'testing purposes,'" said an unclassified Army document obtained by United Press International.

The Vermont unit is to be the 3d Brigade of the 10th Division, formed only recently

and one of four light Army outfits of about 10,000 men each that are designed to be rapidly airlifted to trouble spots worldwide.

Gen. John Wickham, Army chief of staff, directed the 10th Division to "have training in mule handling," said the document, signed by Col. Raoul Alcalá, chief of the Army's Doctrine, Force Design and Systems Integration Division.

The Army previously used mules to haul weapons, ammunition and other heavy gear in jungles and mountains during World War II, chiefly in the China-Burma-India theater and on the legendary Burma Road. They were phased out in the early 1950s.

As far as is known, the last of the Army's mule skimmers — as the animal's handlers are called — is at Ft. Hood, Texas. A mule is used to draw the wagon on the 1st Air Cavalry Division's horse platoon, said Maj. John Smith.

Officer's Row

Executive Secretary — Lots of news from this desk. First note the letter from Col. Paschall, Director, US Army Military History Institute. In addition, this office was good enough to provide us with a Questionnaire on our WW II experience and thoughts. This was made available to the men attending the New Orleans Reunion. During our two visits to this Institute this summer we did provide them with much of the material that you men have sent to us over the years. We still intend to use it in the BURMAN NEWS but they took photo copies of the material to make sure that they had it and we did not lose it in the meantime.

Secondly, we spent time this summer at the National Archives in Suitland, MD, and made a real find. We have photocopies of General Orders 475th Infantry which lists thousands of names, etc., of members of the 5307th in making awards of the Combat Infantrymen Badge. It has always been stated that there were no records in existence of the names of the men who fought in the India-Burma campaign. We now have them available. We have other Orders listing awards of Purple Hearts,

etc. They will be published in the future.

This is also the time to remember to make an annual donation if you did not have the opportunity to do so at the reunion. It is becoming apparent that the trend is more support from the mail than the reunion. Mostly because we have less attendance for obvious reasons. We had 460 at dinner in Cleveland in '85, 351 at dinner in Orlando in '86, and 306 at dinner in New Orleans in '87.

Our readers will be interested to know that a book, published by the Government Printing Office, now out of stock, called "Crisis Fleeting" by James Stone has two interesting articles by Doctors Hopkins and Stelling, as well as other articles about the Medical Department activities in North Burma. Ralph Miller lent me his copy to read this past summer.

Historian — As the newly elected historian, I have plans to make a photographic record of all the memorabilia in the hands of the membership. I would like to hear from members that have photos, maps, letters, documents, etc., so that I can schedule a time to do this. I expect to receive a lot of offers and need to plan the best use of my time for this purpose. We have received a letter from a LTC Terry Carlson in the Chicago area. He did not obtain a copy of our directory from the officers of this association. It is regrettable that this has happened. The secretary does make these offers available through publishing in the "Letters to the Editor" section of this newspaper. It is desirable that we have an opportunity to make a photo copy of some of this material before it gets away.

We also have received from Mrs. Jack Benfield, a record made in Charlotte, NC, at the reunion in 1952. It is a record of the speech made by General Merrill who had at that time recently returned from a tour of duty in Japan. He quoted General Tanaka, the commander of the Jap 18th Division, giving some very interesting remarks of their reactions to the Marauders in North-Burma. We are looking into the possibility of having tapes made of this talk for sale to the members and general public. David Quaid, P.O. Box 1617, Duxbury, MA 02331.

Pass In Review

Name & Hometown [Where Known], Organization, Where, When Deceased	
HEWELL B. BLAKE, 119 Highway Dr., Martinez, GA 30907; 5307/1/RCT	December 23, 1986
THOMAS J. BOYLE, P.O. Box 149, Dedham, MA 02026; 5307/QM PK TR; 475//QM PK TR	December 26, 1986
HARVEY BROWN, 5401 College, Jennings, MO 63136; 5307/1/RCT/I&R; 475 /1/HQ/I&R	July 1, 1987
LAMONT COOK, New Underwood, SD 57761; 5307/2; 475/1/B	May 8, 1987
WILLIAM DRUMMA, 3730 W. Vernon, Phoenix, AZ 85009; 475/HQ	May 5, 1987
BILLY JOE GRIFFIN, 7401 Whippoorwill Dr., Charlotte, NC 28210; 5307/1/WCT; 475/1	May 21, 1987
FELIX LOMBARDI, Box 573, Clairton, PA; 5307/2/GCT	June 19, 1987
WILBUR LUERS, 2600 Poplar Dr., Baltimore, MD 21207; 475th Infantry	1987
ROY J. LUSBY, 312 No. 2nd St., Sayre, OK 73662; 5307/3/K Co; 475/3/K Co	May 21, 1987
JOSEPH M. MC DERMOTT, 4555 So. Mission Rd, APT 424, Tucson, AZ 85714; 5307/1/WCT	July 24, 1987
DR. WILLIAM PARKER, Depot, Rosedale, MS 38769; 5307/HQ/RE/Dentist	1987
WILLIAM SAFRAN, 80 Taylor Dr., Closter, NJ 07624; 5307th	February 28, 1983
JOSEPH WASIELEWSKI, 570 Grace Rd., Fairview, PA 16415; 5307th	June 4, 1982

At the New Orleans Reunion, we had the opportunity to purchase a raffle chance on a beautiful hand-made Bear Claw Quilt made by Bett Eatman of Lansing, NC. We also had a donation of a hook rug showing the CBI emblem donated by Laura Drumma, Phoenix, AZ. The money received was donated to the Merrill's Marauders Association General Funds. Mrs. John Benfield won the quilt and Paul Yardley won the rug.

NOW AVAILABLE

Merrill's Marauders Combat Film Video Tape

For many years the Merrill's Marauders Association has presented silver compasses to the outstanding officer and enlisted man of each class of the Ranger School on Graduation Day, a total of 10 classes per year. The members of the Association will always continue to do so, but today's costs being what they are we are now raising additional funds outside of our own group for this and other Marauder purposes.

A video tape has been made of combat film shot in 1944 by S/Sgt. David Quaid, and is narrated by him from a first person point-of-view, which documents the arduous march, unique military history, to the Japanese airstrip at Myitkyina. Scenes from this tape have been part of "Victory at Sea," "World at War" and in "World War II - GI Diary," but most of it has never been seen before by the public.

This 27-minute tape

reproduced professionally off a one-inch master covers:

- Generals Stilwell and Merrill planning the secret assault on Myitkyina as the final supply drop occurs behind them.
- The crossing of the 8500 ft. Naura Hkyat Pass on the Kumon Range during the monsoon season, a feat considered militarily impossible.
- Rescuing mules that fell from the cliffs.
- When the "sure-footed mules" could not climb the heights the Marauders had to, carrying the mule's saddles and loads.
- Airdrop at a Kachin village.
- Combat at Ritpong. Evacuating wounded to a parachute covered aid station miles behind enemy lines.
- The battle of Tinkrukawng. Combat footage shot within a few feet of the enemy.
- The burial of a comrade.
- The "walking wounded," no possibility of evacuation.
- Arriving at the Japanese controlled road between Mogaung and Myitkyina.
- Burning American planes at the Myitkyina airstrip after a Zero strafing attack.
- As the attack settled into a siege, the 88th Fighter Squadron of P40Fs lends close support to the remnants of the Marauders, the 209th and the 236th Combat Engineers and their replacements.

The camera is mounted in the cockpit of a P40 on a dive-bombing run against an enemy bunker in Myitkyina. On the ground, with the infantry, the camera pictorially follows the same bomb into the bunker. It's truly a case of "You are there!"

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Enclose check or money order (no credit cards) for Thirty Dollars, \$30.00., includes shipping, made out to Merrill's Marauders Association. Address: Herbert Clofine, Treasurer, Merrill's Marauders Association, 1632 Surrey Lane, Havertown, PA 19083.

HEADQUARTERS 5307 COMPOSITE REGIMENT (PROVISIONAL)

A.P.O. 487
c/o PM, New York, N.Y.
14 March 1944

GENERAL ORDERS)
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NUMBER 6)

1. Under the provisions of par 11, AR 600-45, dated 8 August 1932, as amended, the EM indicated below are awarded the Purple Heart Medal for wounds received in combat against the Japanese forces in North Burma, (28 February 1944 to 10 March 1944 inclusive), prior to and during the capture of Walawbum (Nding Ga), Burma.

DAVID U. CLARK, (6843897), Technical Sergeant, Co H, wounded 5 March 1944.
Hometown: Bayard, West Virginia.

GEORGE B. CLARK, (20646449), Staff Sergeant, Co I, wounded 7 March, 1944.
Hometown: Rhinelander, Wisconsin

RAYMOND D. FENN, (36516666), Staff Sergeant, Co E, wounded 7 March 1944.
Hometown: Detroit, Michigan

LEO G. CLICK, (37049484), Staff Sergeant, Hq Co, 2nd Bn, wounded 3 March 1944.
Hometown: St. Louis, Missouri

JACK V. MAYER, (20508098), Sergeant, Co I, wounded 4 March 1944. Hometown: Cincinnati, Ohio
CARL A. THOMAS, (36290165), Sergeant, Co F, wounded 5 March 1944. Hometown: Manito, Illinois
JAMES B. GROVES, (34119255), Technician Fourth Grade, Co H, wounded 5 March 1944.

Hometown: Dallas, North Carolina
BENJAMIN L. ANZALONE, (32495674), Private First Class, Co E, wounded 6 March 1944.

Hometown: Brooklyn, New York
CLARENCE G. GILLESPIE, (35663559), Private First Class, Co L, wounded 6 March 1944.

Hometown: Cincinnati, Ohio
HOMER C. FINLAY, (37182894), Private First Class, Co I, wounded 4 March 1944.

Hometown: Sturgeon, Missouri
DEWEY K. DIGGS, (34491721), Private First Class, Co B, wounded 5 March 1944.

Hometown: Clinton, Tennessee
ADAM LANG, Private First Class, Co I, wounded 4 March 1944. Hometown: Baltimore, Maryland
THEODORE P. THIBODEAUX, (38380449), Private First Class, Co I, wounded 4 March 1944.

Hometown: Westwego, Louisiana
THOMAS E. FARREN, (35015696), Private, Co K, wounded 4 March 1944. Hometown: Toledo, Ohio

ROBERT H. BOITEAU, (31164673), Private, Co I, wounded 7 March 1944.
Hometown: Woonsocket, Rhode Island

ALFONSO E. RUMORE, (34408573), Private, Med, 2nd Bn, Wounded 6 March 1944.
Hometown: West Tampa, Florida

By command of Brig. Gen. MERRILL:

T. J. DALTON
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17 March 1944

GENERAL ORDERS)
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NUMBER 7)

1. Under the provision of par 11, AR 600-45, dated 8 August 1932, as amended, the O's and EM indicated below are awarded the Purple Heart Medal for wounds received in combat against the Japanese forces in North Burma, (28 February 1944 to 10 March 1944 inclusive), prior to and during the capture of Walaw Bum (Nding Ga), Burma:

BRIGGS, EDWIN J., 0358112, Major, Infantry, Hq Co, 3rd Bn, wounded 7 March 1944.
Hometown: LaGrande, Oregon

DUNCAN, WILLIAM Z., 01318146, 1st Lt., Infantry, Hq Co, 3rd Bn, wounded 7 March 1944.
Hometown: Checotah, Oklahoma

EVANS, WILLIAM C., 0424516, 1st Lt., Infantry, Co A, wounded 6 March 1944.
Hometown: Manitou Springs, Colorado

HUGHES, THEODORE (NMI), 01291280, 1st Lt., Infantry, Co I, wounded 7 March, 1944.
Hometown: Haverstraw, New York

BRIDGEHOUSE, JOSEPH E., 6692906, Sergeant, Co B, wounded 5 March 1944.
Hometown: Pawtucket, Rhode Island

BLAHO, ANDREW (NMI), 13089562, Sergeant, Co E, wounded 6 March 1944.
Hometown: Westmoreland City, Pennsylvania

GRIGSBY, JACK D., 39085274, Sergeant, Co I, wounded 4 March 1944.
Hometown: Oakland, California

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SMITH, CLYDE H., 39689010, Technician Fifth Grade, Co B, wounded 5 March 1944.
Hometown: Glendale, California

ZADIK, BOLESLEAUS (NMI), 6148037, Technician Fifth Grade, Co B, wounded 5 March 1944.
Hometown: Nachez, Mississippi

TRIMNER, FRANK J., 37272752, Technician Fifth Grade, Co E, wounded 8 March 1944.
Hometown: Lidgerwood, North Dakota

STAUCH, FERDINAND M. JR., 39235746, Private First Class, Hq Co, 3rd Bn, wounded 9 March 1944. Hometown: Indianapolis, Indiana

LOOKE, WILFRED S., 33191042, Private First Class, Hq Co, 3rd Bn, wounded 3 March 1944.
Hometown: NW Washington, DC

CHAFFINS, RICHARD JR., 35636573, Private First Class, Hq Co, 3rd Bn, wounded 5 March 1944.
Hometown: Coal Run, Kentucky

BAILEY, MELVIN W., 34382101, Private First Class, Co E, wounded 6 March 1944.
Hometown: Chester, South Carolina

KWIATKOWSKI, JOSEPH P., 33366570, Private First Class, Co F, wounded 5 March 1944.
Hometown: Reading, Pennsylvania

LEACH, SHERMAN W., 14037550, Private First Class, Hq Co, 2nd Bn, wounded 3 March 1944.
Hometown: Biscoe, North Carolina

HARRINGTON, IVAN M., R-859121, Private First Class, Co B, wounded 5 March 1944.
Hometown: Colfax, California

COLLIVER, JAMES P., 17166752, Private First Class, Co B, wounded 5 March 1944.
Hometown: Salina, Kansas

PYNE, MAURICE, 35230664, Private, Hq Co, 2nd Bn, wounded 7 March 1944.
Hometown: Warren, Ohio

RILEY, ERNEST F., 130754786, Private, Co E, wounded 5 March 1944. Hometown: Washington, DC

BARCLAY, HOLLIS D., 38285793, Private, Co L, wounded 4 March 1944.
Hometown: Rainbow, Texas

CRUMB, CLAUDE J., 37522649, Private, Co K, wounded 6 March 1944.
Hometown: Kansas City, Kansas

GIANDONATO, FRANK B., 13027722, Private, Co I, wounded 4 March 1944.
Hometown: Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

WRIGHT, GEORGE W., 38231811, Private, Co K, wounded 4 March 1944.
Hometown: Winters, Kansas

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Letters

EDITOR:

Major McMichael suggested that we contact you concerning any historical material you or other members of your association might have.

The Institute is the Army's Official Central Depository for research material in military history. Our holdings of over 230,000 books, 11,000 volumes of bound periodicals, 12,000 boxes of manuscripts and 600,000 photographs is the finest collection of its kind in the Nation.

We would very much like to add to these holdings whatever appropriate historical material on your distinguished unit you and the members of your association may be able to contribute. We have a good amount of material in our manuscript holdings from the Burma Campaigns, but we do not at present have material from veteran Marauders themselves.

We would be delighted to establish a Merrill's Marauders' collection here. The Institute collects personal papers — such as letters home, diaries, reminiscences and retained copies of official papers — snapshots, unit histories, camp and unit newspapers, manuals and regulations, professional military journals, maps, shoulder patches and unit crests. We do not collect

three dimensional objects such as flags, weapons, ammunition, uniforms, plaques, and personal and field equipment. These items should go to Army museums.

Our official guidance here directs us to devote particular effort to developing holdings on just the kind of warfare which the Marauders waged. The historical material of your members would be an especially appropriate and welcome contribution for our historical archives.

It is apparent that you share our concern that some record be kept of the many different facets of our military past and of the observations of men of all ranks on their military experience. We look forward to your response. Rod Paschall, Col, Inf, Director, US Army Military History Institute, Carlisle Barracks, PA 17013-5008.

(Ed: They are also looking for an original MM patch made in India.)

EDITOR:

I start with "Mister" but really think it too formal. The only Lyons I recall in the old outfit was a Sgt. Major who ran the Hq. Co. at Myitkyina. I think you must be that man (ED: Yes, I was.) I was known in the area as "Johnny." I took Capt. Laffin's place as S-2 after he was killed in the plane crash. Hunter pulled me in along with my team of Gurkas and odds and ends from my ideal position of loafing behind the Chinese. When I reported to Col. Hunter at the "forks" of the Sumprabum Rd," he told me

that Laffin was dead and that Sgt. Doyer had been evacuated and that he wanted me to "run" the Hq. Co. and take Laffin's place as well. I remember he distinctly said that Hq. would be no problem that Sgt. Lyons was Acting Sgt. Major and I would need only to sign off on a Morning Report now and then. He spoke so highly of you that I bragged to Mel Blair (Lt. then) that I had two hats but needed only wear one. You know that he took the Myitkyina thing pretty badly. He felt that "Sacred Regulations" were ignored by Stilwell, which they were. Hunter could and should have been a general and would have, had he not made a complaint to the Theater Hq. I heard a lot of gossip and fact while I was in New Delhi in the early part of '45.

Remember "Bill" Grimes? Big red head. Someone told me that he made Captain. He was a first class fighting man. Know anything about him?

I have some good stories about Grimes. Smith, etc., the I&R at Myitkyina. They were hard men but one never needed worry with them on the flank or backup. Woodhul was another. A very tough lad. So was Worsnop.

I was hit by a rifle butt in early August of '44 at Myitkyina and sent to hospital. My back had a chipped vertebrae.

I wound up down at Lashio doing all sorts of work with the natives and British. Nice assignment. I wasn't even shot at once. Didn't you and Major Blair come by my place in Nomasong Village, just SE of Lashio? I had some "home brewed" rice liquor and lived in a bamboo house with a few squads of Kachins, Gurkas and Chinese. Plus a "refugee" camp.

Speaking of tough people. I was in Delhi when Gen. Merrill told me I could go home as soon as I got over a fever, etc. Things went well on the flight home until I reached Natal, Brazil. I unloaded, wearing the MM patch. As I went into the terminal, two MP's, one a Lt. came up and said the CO wanted to see me. I went along and he, a full bull, told me I would be "restricted to quarters" while on his base. Naturally, I rebelled. He better have a good reason and read some charges, etc. Naturally, he had none. It seems that a few weeks earlier, two plane loads of the Old 5307 had landed there and wrecked his base. So, he said anyone with our patch would be restricted.

You know, we as a group had an awful reputation. In Delhi, I was considered a "wild man" and I never even got drunk or had a fight (except with a British Major and that turned out well. We became friends).

The thought of seeing some of the old Marauders hits the spot. Since the war I have seen only a very few. Logan Weston and I were instructors in the Special Warfare School for a couple of years in the early '60s. Logan had an I&R Platoon. Sam Wilson was also there. I ran into Wilson in VN in '65-66. He as Brigadier General. I saw Sgt. Kestler at Benning in '58. He was Captain then and there's a fellow named Kappas who was in Weston's I&R who lives near me.

Discharged on disability in '46. Taught school and farmed in Western NC. I started

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a dairy business and was doing great when Korea started. They found out I could speak Chinese and they recalled me. I was sent to Germany instead. Went thru assignments at Military School in Illinois, Korea, Ft. Benning, Ft. Bragg (M.I. Bn & Special Warfare School), Intelligence School at Ft. Holabird, Germany, Vietnam. I was with State Dept. then, even had a house in Saigon with cooks, maids, etc. Retired in '68 with a bad back.

Heard from Capt. Jack Gersham in '57. He was in India running tiger hunts. He never did find out what happened to his wife and son. Have often wondered what happened to men like Sgt. Grimes, you, Drumhull, Warsnop, Smith, Frederickson, Woodruff, etc. I did run into Caifson Johnson teaching jungle warfare in Panama. I wonder what happened to Col. Still (Danny)?

Those days are good to remember, rather the people are good to recall. There were some real fighting men in the outfit and some not so good but mostly good. I still have dreams about North Burma, especially when I have a fever.

Do you remember a Sgt. Crawford? "The Beast" Crawford. He came by the SWS at Bragg in '61 or '62 and talked to Weston and me.

Sorry to hear about Caifson Johnson. He and Ed Briggs and Petito were among my favorite people. I ran into Petito in Ft. Holabird in 1960. I was doing a "guest" lecture and he was assigned there.

I noticed a 'blurb' about Lt. Col. Greenlee of the 236th Engrs. "Old Tiny." He came to see me in the 20th GH in Ledo and we went to his quarters and proceeded to get looped. The next AM I was heaved out of hospital. They said I was, "AWOL," "Drunk and Disorderly," etc. I may have been. My memory is bad. Anyhow, I went back down to Dinjan and Col. Hunter took one look and I was off to the General Hospital in Calcutta, the next day.

It is good to be in touch with some one that you can level with. Few, if any, can understand a unit such as the 5307th unless

they were there. Hope to see you in New Orleans.

Nellis I. Johnson, 14750 Beach Blvd., No. 13, Jacksonville Beach, FL 32250. 5307/HQ / S-2; 124th & Miscellaneous.

EDITOR:

Vietnam veteran and recruited member of the CBIVA is seeking items from the Marauders for use in private displays such as the one at the Armed Forces days exhibit at the military side of O'Hare Field. I will purchase things as I am a private party. Want any dress uniform as complete as possible with patches, ribbons, etc. Any loose Marauders, Mars Task Force and CBI patches, ribbons, etc., especially if made overseas out of leather, metallic, embroidery or silk. Photographs you don't want to keep or negatives from Marauder days, bush jackets and captured Japanese items. (no guns.) Call collect or write me including your phone number. A quick story about a Marauder. My former commander worked with a fellow in his civilian job at AMACO. There were all reasonably higher level people in a room dealing with Japanese men in business dealings. This one Japanese man had a few drinks and was feeling comfortable. Someone asked him if he had been in WWII and he said, "Yes," and proceeded to give a dissertation on his exploits against the US. All the while this one Executive sat quietly listening and not asking any questions or making a sound. My CO knew he had been in the Marauders. The Japanese man looked at him after some time and asked is he had been in WWII. He said, "Yes." When asked what he did during the war, the Marauder replied, "I killed Japs" and left it at that. Said it with a smile, too. Lt. Col. Terry Carlson, 2710 No. Monticello Ave., Chicago, IL 60647; 312-235-7791.

EDITOR:

This happened the day before arrival at Myitkyina. I was left with a group of about thirty men, most of them typhus cases. I think the name of the village was Seinoo-heing. They also left with us a squad of Ka-

chins (God Bless Em!) as guards. The village we were left in was too small for an airstrip. One Cub plane tried and got hung up in a tree top. We had to hike back to Arang to evacuate these men. Some of the ones with typhus we had to carry on litters. Anyone remembering this episode, please write me. William Patton, 5307/1/Med., 8437 Forest Ave., Pittsburgh, PA 15237.

EDITOR:

Went thru the Directory and found six fellows from my outfit. They are: Ed Oswald, Ralph W. Plank, Francis J. Saunders, Clarence Shel mire, John Stevens and Banks Willhide. Our Pennsylvania group went to Ft. McClellan, AL in June 1942. In April '42, they sent about 100 of us to Camp Kilmer, NJ, from where we boarded a freighter taking us to Durban, South Africa. We stayed there four months, training as commandos. Then we boarded the HMS Stratmore and went to Bombay, winding up at Camp Malir, Karachi. In Sept. '42, about 50 of us were sent to Camp Ramgarh. Here we trained the Chinese. Many of us were in Weapons Training. I served under Col. Easterbrook in the School of Basic Infantry Tactics. As classes were completed, we left Ramgarh and served as Liaison personnel with the Chinese in Burma.

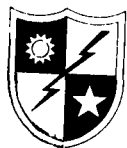
When the Chinese Infantry Training was completed, the balance of our group was assigned to the 475th, 124th and OSS. I was to accompany them to Camp Landis, but was yanked out to teach the Chinese truck driving.

John (Red) Sweeney was also at Ramgarh with us.

Fellows in our outfit who were killed in Burma include: Frank Schell, Reading, PA; John Semenick, Simpson, PA; Lee Ziegler, Gettysburg, PA; Anthony Temprecki, Simpson, PA; Ira Wildsmith, died at Camp Ramgarh, India.

William A. Rhoades, NCAC Liaison, 4799 Barone Dr., Pittsburgh, PA 15227.

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