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Official Newsletter

MERRILL'S MARAUDERS ASSN., INC.

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ITS REUNION TIME AGAIN ! The greatest reason in the world for every single MARAUDER to hit the trail again -- and this time all trails lead to Atlanta, Georgia: So, like our original forbears -- RODGERS RANGERS -- take careful aim and. . . .

"DON'T FORGET NOTHIN'!"

Our 34th Annual Reunion site is the **Dunfey** Atlanta Hotel. The tariff for your Reunion Package is \$175.00 double occupancy; \$120.00 single occupancy; and \$55.00 for a child in the same room as parents. These prices include Lodging for **two** (2) nights, Dinner on Friday night, Saturday Brunch, Cocktail Hour, Banquet Dinner & Dance, and Sunday Brunch and meeting--an entire glorious weekend! (Extra days on European Plan are available at a special low rate of \$30.00 daily.)

If you wish, you can stay at the **Dunfey** Atlanta Hotel and never **have** to **leave** it. Accommodations are spacious and luxurious. The food and drink delicious. The recreation and entertainment endless -- tennis courts, basketball, **vollyball**, swimming pool, computerized game room, bar, cafe, and **tempo**-theque (a place to dine, drink, dance, and even play backgammon.)

You say you suffer from claustrophobia and want to get away from it all? Well...**whether** it's aports teams (Braves, Hawks, Falcons), amusement parks (Six Flags Over Georgia or Stone Mountain Park) , the Atlanta State Farmers Market, Grant Park zoo, Fernback Science Center Planetarium, Underground Atlanta, the Fabulous Fox Theater, Atlanta Flea Market, Lenox Square and **Phipps Plaza**,...and more...more....! You name it and Atlanta's got it!

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Top this all **off** with that unmatched **MARAUDER** CAMARADERIE and with Southern hospitality so friendly, you'll never regret leaving home. You just can't afford NOT to attend!

Dunfey Limousine Service to and from the airport **is** available daily except Saturday -- \$5.00 each way.

So get busy and send in your reservations to the **Dunfey** pronto; your urgently needed donations and responses to **our** poll to Tony **Colombo**. The latter will tell whether enough of you are interested in attending a special **pre-reunion** program at Fort **Benning**, Georgia on Thursday, 28 August. Maj. Gen. David Grange, our original host at the reunion at Fort **Benning** during 1973, is now Base **Commander** at Ft. **Benning**, and is most anxious to host an all-day Ranger program for us. Your rapid response will help **us** to plan accordingly.

See y'all in Atlanta!

Dave Hurwitt
Reunion Chairman

DIRECTORS: Merrill's Marauders **Assn.**, Inc.

Chairman: **Ralph Kouroyen**

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SECRETARY'S REPORT

At this time I would like to inform you of the action taken so far with regard to those things discussed at our General Meeting in **Danvers, Mass.**

Research of **my** files indicates the following past officers are our Directors; If **I** am wrong, please correct me.

In January, I met with Dave Hurwitt, **Re-Union** Chairman, Don Lane, of Eastern Airlines and the representative of **Dunfey's** Hotel in Atlanta, Georgia. The **results** are contained in this mailing.

We were unable to work out a children's food package, due to this crazy market.

Please read all of the information: make your travel and hotel reservations **A.S.A.P.** Use the 800 number supplied by Easter- Airlines and buy your tickets as soon **as possible.** Fares will continue to rise and a paid for ticket is good at the present and not subject to increase,

If you are planning to make a vacation of **it,** look into the unlimited mileage fare offered by Eastern. I can be of help if you want to go on to Las Vegas, Reno or the Caribbean. They advertise 200+ places.

Please respond **A.S.A.P.** if you are interested in attending an All Ranger Day at Fort **Benning,** Georgia. It was proposed for Thursday, August 28, prior to the **start** of our **re-union.** We need numbers if we are to arrange transportation from the hotel, etc.

Really looking forward to being on the trail with you again.

Ah **Narde** Ros,



Tony **Columbo**
Secretary

Just finished reading a good book written about a good friend of ours, Dorothy Yuen Leuba. It deals with China during the war years and her experience with the 14th Air Force. Title "Gentle Tigress" by C. O. Lamp and published by Nordon Publications, Inc. 2 Park Ave., New York, N. Y. 10016. - A Leisure Book. It deals with China during the time when we were opening the Burma Road. Read it: **You'll like it!**



SECRETARY'S MAIL BAG by: Sally Lyons

HLLLO to the Marauders from Ranger Sgt. Major Walt Stock from Germany.

Marauder T. H. **Matney**, 115 White Oak Dr., Jackson, Miss., 39212, interested in seeing any Marauders passing thru Jackson, Miss.

Albin H. **Sokolnicki**, 33 N. Coe Lane, Ansonia, Conn. 06401, 1-203-735-1608, would like to contact Charlie **Dolan** and "**Bebe**" Blair of Blue Combat Team, B Battalion.

Lawrence Cuomo, 1209 40th Street., Brooklyn, N. W. 11218 reports a Buddy - Alvie Robinson, 6536 Akron Rd., **Smithville**, Ohio 44677-hurt back in **accide-t**. Asks Marauders send get-well messages.

Mrs. Elizabeth **Schwegler**, 1924 E. **Fulmer** St., Philadelphia, Pa. 19115, reports husband, Marauder Henry E. **Schwegler** died November 12, 1979.

Marauder Everett **Salzmann**, Colonial Arms #1, Jackson, N. J. 08527, died August 19, 1979.

Mrs. Dolores Holobinko, 687 Cape Kennedy Rd. Naples, **Fla. 33942**, reports husband, Marauder Frank **Holobinko**, died August 29, 1979.

Dick "**Muleskinner**" **Rankin**, 105 Seneca Ave., Pawtucket, R. I., reports that Marauder Bill "Sweet Pea" **Cardoza**, 30 Royal St., No. Randolph, Mass. **02368**, who had a heart attack at our **last** reunion, was doing much better and expected to undergo heart **surqerv** sometime **in February**.

Marauder Tom Begardus, P. O. Box 1269, Friday Harbor, Washington 98250, has a copy of a new book just published "Behind Japanese Lines" by Richard Dunlop. Says it concerns the role of the OSS in Burma at the time we were there. It is full of references to our unit the men, the villages, the Kachina, and the area of our operation,

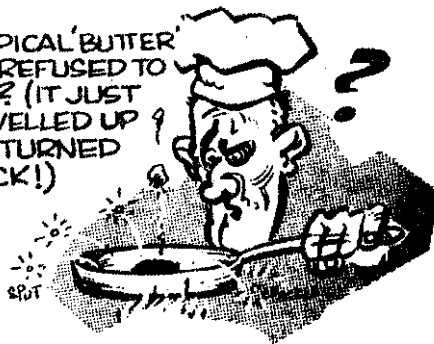
It would be of interest to anyone building a library of that part of the world we knew. He has collected 14 books dealing with our role in Burma and would be interested in knowing if there are others. He would be happy to share a list of the books and to learn if there are others.

Sgt. Maj. Walter Stock advises that eff. 6-18-80 he is assigned as Command Sgt. Maj. at Headquarters Company, 2d Battalion, 74th Infantry, Fort Lewis, Washington 98433.

Major William E. Holmes, Marauder, died Aug. 12, 1949.

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LATE CO-COMD A CO 475 INF DEC 1944?
FROM BURMA, EDAM??

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



OVERSEAS WE HAD:

THE SAD SACK





"I'll be damned. *Did ya know this can opener fits*
on the end of a rifle?"

12 EMEMBER
THOSE CRAZY
SIGNPOSTS?



Did you know that all of Burma's cities were annihilated during WWII in an **unbelievable** destruction little known by anyone **but the** Burmese.

Mandalay, with it's numerous, beautiful palaces, was completely destroyed by American incendiary bombs. Our forces mistook the palaces for Japanese strong holds. **They** have since been rebuilt, but are **no** longer as beautiful as **they** once were.

The Burmese is ruled by his karma (fate) and adheres to it implicitly. He is a devoted **Buddhist**, who **will not** even kill a fly, as all **living** things are considered sacred.

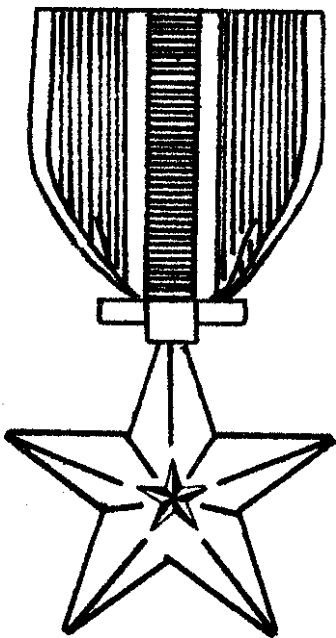
The Burmese believe **that** everything and everyone is full of **nats** (spirits) and are full of superstitions about everything and anything. There are 37 **Nats** altogether. Devout **Buddhists** will, **despite** the teachings Of their **Buddhist** Monks, go to **Nat** seances, where it is believe spirits enter bodies of the seance mediums who will consul them on issues such as who to marry? **Who** 'to go into business with...? Etc....

According to the ancient code of Kings of Burma, the royal **residence** had to be foursided, each side facing one **point** of the compass. A **King** was required to have 4 Queens, each with an apartment on one side of the palace. The heir - apparent was **generally** the son of one of these Queens. So there was always lots of maneuvering on the part of the Queens to gain favor with the monarch...

Lou DeMarino



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