

# The Burman News

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## 40th Annual Reunion Held in Orlando

Happy, but tired, was the consensus at the end of the 40th Annual Reunion. A visit to Epcot, we found meant, "Every Person Comes Out Tired." And, so it was for those grandfathers, grandmothers, uncles, aunts, fathers, mothers of those indefatigable kids.

We had an extra Formal Dinner on Friday night because of the last minute change in obtaining the Secretary of the Army, John O. Marsh, Jr., as a guest speaker. He gave us an enlightening talk on the military stance of the United States as it faces up to the rest of the world. He wound up saying, "Thank you for your special service to our country."

At the Saturday night dinner, we had 351 people. The guest speaker was Colonel Stringham, the C.O. of the 75th Ranger Infantry Regiment. After graduating from the USMA, West Point, in 1961, he served in Korea, Vietnam three tours and El Salvador, as well as many other career assignments. He talked about the present day Rangers and their readiness skills and attitudes.

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### MINUTES OF THE 40th ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING, AUGUST 31, 1986

Concord-Cherokee Ballroom

Radisson Plaza Hotel, Orlando, Florida

Meeting called to order by President Piazza at 11 a.m. The President called on Mr. Dave Turner to explain what had happened to the proposed book on the Merrill's Marauders. Mr. Turner said that he had not gotten enough orders to make it worthwhile. He had only received 180 orders. He would send out another brochure in the next mailing of the Burman News. The deadline would be the end of November for orders. It would be published by the first of May. He stressed that men should send in their biographies even though they did not want to order copies of the books. He also answered a few questions from the floor.

**Roll Call of Officers** — Chairman Rapiarda absent; Military Liaison Officer Hurwitt absent - sick.

#### Report on Committees:

**Audit Committee** — Members, Piazza, Pulkinen, Poppe have examined the records and found everything in order.

**Reunion Committee** — In the absence of Dave Hurwitt, Tony Bushur spoke for the



Highly respected, and decorated, Command Sgt./Maj. Art Cobb of the 75th Rangers attending the 40th reunion of the Merrill's Marauders Association in Orlando. Congratulations, Art.

— Photo by Poppe

committee. Honored to have the opportunity to serve the Association. Other members of the committee were Charles Ketcham, Ralph Kouroyen, Frank Russell and for the first time, an Honorary Member of the Association, Natalie Mell. Bob Eatman complained about the food. He was knocking the cooks.

**President's Report** — There had been formed a Council of Ranger Veterans to

perpetuate history and lineage. Plans were being discussed to have a Regimental Ball.

#### Treasurer's Report

Balance 8-27-85 .....	\$ 976.73
Deposits .....	6450.70
Interest .....	133.92

TOTAL .....

Disbursements

Checks .....	\$5389.52
Service Charge .....	30.20

TOTAL .....

Balance 8-27-86 .....

Executive Secretary Account ..

TOTAL .....

Motion made, seconded. Report Accepted.

#### Executive Secretary Report —

Donations received at this

year's reunion .....

We received 116 mail donations

during year amounting to ...

Balance in Southwest Savings &

Loan Interest-Check Acct. ...

Expenses year to date .....

Compared to last year .....

The three issues of the Burman News cost \$2,000.00. The next highest expense item is postage. We put out over 600 pieces of mail last year, not including the 4,200 pieces for the News. The printing of the directory cost \$1,400.00, which was paid out of the Treasurer Funds.

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As Seen Thru the Eyes of a Couple of GIs

## The Battle of Myitkyina

*The 209th and 236th Engineer Combat Battalion fought at Myitkyina as part of the 5307th under command of Colonel Hunter.*

*Company B of the 209th maintained a running chronological record of events. We will now print portions of it.*

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"Thank Gawd for you guys," said the first Marauder who saw them as they piled out of C-47s at Myitkyina strip and he key-noted the attitude of his whole weary neglected regiment. That day, May 24, 1944, marked the end of a fabulous fighting trek for Merrill's men and thrust the 209th

Engr. C. Bn. into a probably unprecedented 65 unrelieved days of frontline fighting.

This hitherto untold story is intended to raise from anonymity the 209th Engr. C Bn which, after nearly a year's service on the Road, was abruptly ordered to relieve Merrill's men and to carry on the then beginning siege of Myitkyina. A week after their arrival at Myitkyina strip the 209th Engr. C Bn. had relieved all Marauders except staff personnel, and, until the arrival of the 236th Engr. C Bn. and the first of the so-called New Marauders, their one inexperienced Battalion was the only American force engaged in the actual prosecution of

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### BATTLE OF MYITKYINA . . .

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the campaign. Despite their singular position in the portentous battle, the 209th has never known a direct public mention in the news dispatched which employed the Engineer's performance to sustain the publicity of justly touted outfits whose credit account should have been closed with a fitting swan song late in May.

When a good bunch of Engineers is summarily turned into a raw mob of foot slogger recruits, credit is due to more than the guts and willingness of the men or the versatility of their officers. The commendable combat record of Lt. Col. Leslie E. Sandvall's Engineers must be shared with the Headquarters personnel of Merrill's Staff, and especially with the I & R men who weren't relieved with their outfit but stayed to continue the nerve shattering patrol work which could not be allocated to inexperienced relief troops. The departing Marauders turned teachers and did their damndest to instill their hard-learned battle sagacity and jungle savvy into their combat-naive relievers. In one easy lesson Merrill's mortarmen, who could lob a shell into a corner pocket, tried to train heavy equipment operators, who could crack a peanut shell with a pile driver and not bruise the kernel, in the intricacies of an 81mm. B. A. R. gunners who had shot their way from Buna and Burma showed jackhammer jockeys where to find the trigger on a Browning, and hard case veterans who knew jungle skirmishing from Guadalcanal to Warazup gave shrewd advice to Engineers (quote from Roundup), "Being shot at a bit by the Japs." Rebuttal from 209th, "Whattymeana a bit," Nips did a hell of a bit in 65 days. A motor pool crew that could make a MC run on buggy wheels, found out the hard way that mules don't move by an ignition key. With all this abandonment of old skills and the adopting of new exotic tools, departure of the meritorious but mauled Marauders, then turned to take over the Battle of Myitkyina.

The chronicling of 65 intimate days with death, disease, and debility can't be compressed into a news article. Description of the horror, fear, and anguish learned in a 9 weeks course in a school for misery and murder is not to be printed anywhere. Suffice to ignore the silent heroism, the homely nobilities, and anonymous deaths and scant the few high spots of a dangerous yet drab episode.

For instance, there is the night of June 1st on which the 209th struck its first blow and knocked down one of the largest single massacres of the Myitkyina campaign. That night, an unsuspecting three-truck Jap convoy drove into a freshly established road block. In the following early morning drizzle, proud delighted bridge builders examined the first enemy, now gruesomely sanctified, they had seen. The count: 2 trucks destroyed, 1 rejuvenated and put into service; extensive assortment of ordnance captured in good order; important materials of value to G-2, and 86 bodies, of the convoy personnel. The cost: 1 Engineer killed. After that, the enemy took the ball and proceeded to even the odds.

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# Orlando Reunion Photos

Photos by Hyden



Col. Stringham, C.O. 75th Rangers



John Marsh, Secretary of Army

**BATTLE OF MYITKYINA . . .**  
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A reply in kind from the Nippos came on 13 June: This incident ranks in dramatic effect with the ambushing of Merrill's "B" Battalion at Nphung Ga. Companies A and B commanded respectively by Capt. John R. Morrell of New Jersey and Capt. Charles A. Stefl of Connelsville, Pa., while proceeding to a forward position, were bushwacked by an unexpectedly superior force and were obliged to seek protection in hasty defensive entrenchments. The last men to reach Bn. C. P. before communications were cut was so urgent that Companies H and S and C promptly executed several frantic but nearly disastrous attempts indicated that A and B companies must be left to their own resources or to extermination; from then on the position was dramatically tragic, with elements that are delightful only to scenarist.

The conclusion to this situation which has resembled Custer's Stand, and Wake and Bataan was written three days later when



Right to left: Inman Avery and wife, along with granddaughter La Neal Avery and her father, Captain Avery.

— Photo by Poppe

straggling survivors of the ambush came in after a miraculous deliverance thru the Japanese lines, literally back from the dead. Their story was beyond the limits of even a Hollywood scenario denouncement. They told of defending a perimeter of 500 feet in diameter for 60 hours. Glazed from

rain and exposure, using M-1s that had to be manually operated, they held against heavy odds of screeching Japs who called out to surrender or die, who fixed knee mortars at point-blank range from screening underbrush, and rushed individual fox holes.

Finally when supplies air dropped to their tiny perimeter were easily picked up and used against them by the enemy, when Johnny Maczko the lone medic without medicine could no longer patch up the numerous wounded, with diminished ammunition being miserably fired single rounds and, with men sick from seeing buddies fricassed in their own blood and weak from hunger, they resolved a daring plan of retreat. That night, in small groups, they vanished over a route reconnaitered by Sgt. Alvin Miller and, except for those who drowned in deep paddies or crawled in wrong directions, found their own rear lines in the early morning. And, in the early morning, Japs moving in to wipe out the pocket, were furious to find honorable clay

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**CENTRAL BURMA CAMPAIGN**  
(2<sup>ND</sup> CAMPAIGN)

**MARS TASK FORCE**  
353<sup>RD</sup> BRIGADE HEADQUARTERS  
COMMANDING OFFICER  
BRIG. GEN. THOMAS S. ARMS  
HARVEY B. SHEPPARD G-2

**RANGERS**  
ROBERT F. GILBERT  
COL. J. S. STRINGSHAM  
RSM AUSTIN COBB  
KEVIN J. HENRY COL. 75<sup>TH</sup>

**475<sup>TH</sup> INFANTRY HEADQUARTERS**  
COMMANDING OFFICER  
COL. ERNEST EASTERBROOK  
TOM MARTINI  
JOSEPH S. HACKERMAN  
JACK FORBESS  
WILLIAM A. DARDEN  
F. G. KELLEY  
FRED E. RAYHLE  
JOHN E. PECK - HEAVY MACHINE GUNS  
JOHN D. HERRING

**4<sup>TH</sup> PORTABLE SQUAD HOSP.**  
COMMANDING OFFICER

**612<sup>TH</sup> FIELD ARTILLERY BN.**  
COMMANDING OFFICER  
LT. COL. S. T. WALLIS

**40<sup>TH</sup> REUNION**  
ORLANDO, FLORIDA  
AUG. 29-31, 1986

**HONORARY**  
MRS. JOHANNA BROWNING  
MRS. ISABEL GUIDO  
KIM KOURVOYAN  
MRS. NATALIE MELL  
MR. + MRS. JOHN SHILLEA  
ALBERT TIRABASSO  
MRS. HANNAH WAIBLE  
JOHN WEXLER

**124<sup>TH</sup> CAVALRY REGIMENT**  
COMMANDING OFFICER  
COL. WILLIAM L. OSBORNE  
ROBERT MUGSELMAN

**1<sup>ST</sup> BATTALION**  
COMMANDING OFFICER  
MAJ. CARLSON JOHNSON  
KEN D. DUNHAM  
DAVID RUDERMAN  
THOMAS F. MCCARTY  
CALEB E. HYDEN  
ROBERT W. ROOPE HQ.  
WILLIAM J. AYDT JR.  
WILLIAM GONAUJR.  
ALLEN D. HINES  
PAUL YARDLEY  
TOM HENDERSON  
CHARLES W. JOHNSON  
JOSEPH W. HENRY (HANK)  
LEO PRZEBOROWSKI  
RENE GENEST  
CLELAND GERALD  
PAUL DUNLAP  
HARVEY BROSUN HQ.  
BY SCHWENFELD Co. A  
BRUCE REID  
TON HARRIS  
ROBERT E. PISSANISI  
JOE R. CORDEIRO 1<sup>ST</sup> R.  
RALPH G. SMITH  
PHIL ROBINSON HQ.  
AL NOBLE  
VERGIL WEEHINK P-1  
BOB KETEMAN  
THEOPH. G. ZANOTNIK (ZAN)  
EDWARD F. MACHIN  
RALPH KOURVOYAN  
CLARENCE H. DOWLAS  
C. B. HAMILTON HQ.

**2<sup>ND</sup> BATTALION**  
COMMANDING OFFICER  
LT. COL. BEN F. THORNTON  
LT. COL. JOHN LITTLE  
RAY F. MITCHELL SGT./MAJ.  
EARL FARNELL 1<sup>ST</sup> R.  
PAUL TEBBY S-3  
BOB EMMETT BAR  
DAVID L. QUAD COMBAT  
CAMERA  
J. MONOPACK F Co.  
HERBERT NELSON HQ.

**3<sup>RD</sup> BATTALION**  
COMMANDING OFFICER  
LT. COL. ARTHUR K. HARBEL  
RAY LYONS - HQ.  
HENRY T. KINDER  
LAURENCE J. STAFFORD  
JOSEPH BERNARDI 1 Co.  
WALTER E. PULKKINEN  
PAUL WOBLEY H/3  
HENRY B. KENNEDY (HANK)  
JOHN TEIXEIRA HQ.  
FR. GLAVIN  
BOCK SPEARS L Co.  
ED. BERTRAND  
RICHARD BATES HQ.

**31<sup>ST</sup> QUARTERMASTER**  
COMMANDING OFFICER  
LT. HUBERT  
ROBERT E. JACKSON  
HENRY SMITH  
CLYDE MILLER  
KENNETH GUMARR

**33<sup>RD</sup> QUARTERMASTER**  
COMMANDING OFFICER  
CPT. ALBERT B. HIGGINS  
HENRY T. KINDER C Co.  
BERNARD C. BIEKER

**35<sup>TH</sup> QUARTERMASTER**  
COMMANDING OFFICER  
CAPT. RALPH A. WATERS, JR.

**1<sup>ST</sup> SQUADRON**  
COMMANDING OFFICER  
FR. GLAVIN

**2<sup>ND</sup> SQUADRON**  
COMMANDING OFFICER

**3<sup>RD</sup> SQUADRON**  
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LT. COL. CAPT. B. HAZELTINE

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COMMANDING OFFICER

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pigeons had disappeared, and that the 150 killed and uncounted wounded Japs could not be avenged.

After this effort the exhausted 209th was awarded a brief respite from the attack and, the deserving but unsung 236th Engrs. took over the offensive. In several more days the 209th returned to share the brunt of the attack with the 236th and by the passing of another gruelling month the combined Engineers under Lt. Col. Harold Greenlee of the new Marauders, the engineers retired to rear positions now as worn and as ill as had been the Marauders. A week later Myitkyina fell. During that final phase of the scrap, Capt. Pierce's C Company came to the fore and made the last outstanding contribution to his Battalion record. Lt. Tommy Ryan with the Platoon of C Company took up watch over Myitkyina's back escape alley, the Irawaddy River. Japs retreating from the city rafted down the river headed for Jap garrisons further in Burma. None of them got there.

Lt. Ryan and his boys, once constructionists, but now adept in cold blooded destruction, killed 150, captured 50, including several women.

The account of the Engineers at Myitkyina is done. The 209th personnel had won a DSC, several Silver Stars, and a half dozen Bronze Stars, and 260 Purple Hearts. But those awards spoke nothing for the unit. It says nothing for the grueling thankless labor of mercy performed by Captain Warren Porter's H and S men who buried dead, often under fire, and carried wounded thru 6 miles of sniper infested swamps to hospitalization, and took their turns in the line; nothing of staff sections, and the 12 medics whose work is never considered heroic or brilliant, but is merely expected. This is the real story of the Engineer outfit who got nothing for a good job except a slurring mention in news dispatched, "American Combat Engineers also participated." It compensated the families of the Engineer's dead, remembers the wounded and diseased in hospitals from Shing to the States, and commends the men

who still remain with their Battalions for the 209th and 236th Combat Engineers, gives the lie to — and tells the real story — "Combat Engineers also participated!"

### October 13, 1943

1:00 P.M. We prepared to disembark from the ship at this time by falling out in the passage way in shipping order formation. As always, the dampness and heat was terrific on our deck of the ship, standing there waiting for that final order to move out, the perspiration poured off like rain drops.

It was a short distance to the train station and as we reached there we were not surprised at the sight which met our eye. This might have been an up-to-date troop train for the British, but to us, we would have considered it an insult to put our Texas cattle into such a contraption. The seats were very similar to our park benches, being made of wood and painted dull green in color. There were no glass windows in the doors or anyplace else, on a wooden shutter that slides up and down rustily. The floor was terribly dirty and the repugnant odor of insect powder was excruciating our sense of smell.

At least an hour of time elapsed before the train started to move out of the station. The natives ran along the side of the train selling us coconuts and bananas or just begging for cigarettes and money. At each stop we made they would bring their wares up to the train and try to sell them. Many the boys bought knives and rings and were later sorry because they had paid too much for them.

At 11:00 P.M. we pulled into the train depot of Nasik and under the directions of an English officer we prepared to detrain. It was quite interesting to hear him talk and during his instructions he became angry with some of our officers as assured them there was a war going on

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## 40<sup>TH</sup> REUNION ORLANDO, FLORIDA AUG. 29-31, 1986

### INDIA-BURMA CAMPAIGN (1<sup>ST</sup> CAMPAIGN)

5307 <sup>TH</sup> COMPOSITE UNIT (PROV.)	
COMMANDING GENERAL - BRIG GEN FRANK P. MERRILL	
SECOND IN COMMAND - COL. CHARLES N. HUNTER	
RAY LYONS TOM MARTINI G. CLARE THOMAS S-4 AL CLAVES HERBERT J. CLANN	F. G. KELLEY D. O. JENNINGS VIRG. NEBINNIK FR. GLAVIN WILLIAM DARDEN

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

209 <sup>TH</sup> COMBAT ENGINEERS
COMMANDING OFFICER MAJ. JOHN J. HENDERSON
JOHN GOODBODY C Co.

236 <sup>TH</sup> COMBAT ENGINEERS
COMMANDING OFFICER COL. MARION E. GATES
JOHN F. EICHELBERGER JR. A Co. GEORGE F. DANBY A Co. VERNON PEARSELL A Co. RALPH A. MESSINA A Co. ROBERT HERTNER A Co.

REAR BASE
COMMANDER MAJ. EDWARD T. HANCOCK
RENEE DIGGS JOHN P. VEDRING AIR DROP JOSEPH S. HICKERMAN

1 <sup>ST</sup> BATTALION
COMMANDING OFFICER LT. COL. WILLIAM L. OSBORNE
CHARLES W. JOHNSON

2 <sup>ND</sup> BATTALION
COMMANDING OFFICER LT. COL. GEORGE A. MCGEE JR.
ROY BEACH S-2 JOE MAGNOTTA OYSLINE JONES MRS. HENRY STELLING RAY F. MITCHELL

3 <sup>RD</sup> BATTALION
COMMANDING OFFICER LT. COL. CHARLES E. BEACH
MILES ELSON (HQ) SGT HENRY B. KENNEDY 1 Co. SGT

RED COMBAT TEAM
COMMANDING OFFICER MAJ. GEORGE W. SMITH
VERNON R. WHITE WILLIAM J. AYDT JR. HARVEY BRADON 1+R C. B. HAMILTON 1+R PAUL A. DUNLAP MRS. ABELIA BROWNING MRS. Wm. C. WABLE JOHN L. TYRE JOE R. CORSEIRO 1+R RALPH G. SMITH MED JIMMY DUGGS THOMAS G. ZANONIK (HQ) EDWARD F. PIERSON H. J. CAMFIELD C. Co. CLAY E. HYDEN A Co.

WHITE COMBAT TEAM
COMMANDING OFFICER MAJ. CARLTON JOHNSON
RALPH S. KOURDYEA KEN D. DUNHAM DAVID RUBENMAN THOMAS F. Mc DARTY B Co. WILLIAM GOHN JR. GUSTAV D. HOBBS LAWRENCE J. STAFFORD 1+R JOSEPH M. HENRY (HQ) Co. B RENEE GANEST CLELAND GERALD JOSEPH KANAY 1+R BOB SIEGER ALDO FANTONA JENNIE B. HOLMES JIM HENDERSON GEORGE G. ROBERTSON ROBERT E. PASANISI BOB WETNAM ERNE REID HERBERT NELSON KENNETH GUNNER CLARENCE A. BONLASS

BLUE COMBAT TEAM
COMMANDING OFFICER MAJ. ROBERT W. HEAVY
ANDY BLAND Co. E HERB CLOFINE 1+R ROBERT LIEMANUS P.D. JIM ORLANDO B Co. PHIL PIAZZA 1+R JOE JACKOWSKI BILL SCOTT B Co. JOHN TUZYNSKI H.H. LOUIS CARDINALI H.H. PAUL YARPLEY BILL WAGNER GERARD (FREDEN) MED C. MIT MARLOVEN ALVIN H. SHAW HQ AL CLAVES 1+R AL SUTTON P.D. RALPH A. MESSINA SAM J. RAYNER 1+R MITCH SPANSIK GEO. FARD

GREEN COMBAT TEAM
COMMANDING OFFICER CAPT. THOMAS E. ROBERTS
GEORGE MIEDE ROSE ABRAHAM BUSHMAN A. LEWIS KOLODNY M.D. ROBERT L. TABB FRANK PIRONE ROBERT E. JACKSON ROBERT N. MOORE SGT MELVIN R. POTTER FRED BEHERS PAUL BIONDO FRANK J. NIEBER C. R. PRITCHETT TOM MURPHY ROBERT E. BROWN HAROLD F. KALLHOFF G Co. H.W. ANDREW J. TORRILLO BOB ALBRIGHT AL NOBLE MAC McLOGAN CLYDE MILLER WILLIAM J. BANTER RONALD P. DUGGAY 1+R PAUL C. PATERA

ORANGE COMBAT TEAM
COMMANDING OFFICER MAJ. LAWRENCE H. LEAS
DAVE HERBETT JOSEPH D. ORIO VICTOR J. WEINGARTNER LARRY W. STEPHENSON LOWAN WESTON 1+R ALLEN D. HINES LYLE PORTEROUS RAYMOND TORANUNO MILTON P. BALL K Co. WARNER KATZ 1+R LAWRENCE HOBLUND CESSIE BURCH DAVID L. QUINN COMBAT (SABANAN) LAWRENCE L. LEAS JOHN J. GATELY 1+R FRANK CAMERA PAT PERUONE EVAN M. SHUBELT 1+R NATHAN CAMBY GEORGE B. LOUVE 1+R RALPH B. LAWSON 1+R JOHN TEIXEIRA HANK O'CONNELL HENRY SMITH FRANCIS X. CLARK WILLIAM H. MCKELAND P.D. WESLEY ANGERY 1+R BOB MALLORY IVAN L. RASH RICHARD BATES

KIARI COMBAT TEAM
COMMANDING OFFICER MAJ. GUY R. SIDLEY
KENNETH (TONY) BUSHUR GUY R. SIDLEY MED. RICHARD H. POPE LEO PROZBOROWSKI PHILIP OLSEN RALPH M. ROHUSSEN SH. SCHENFELD BERNARD C. BECKER Tom A. DOTSON HAROLD E. DUNBLE CHARLES R. INHLE DICK GRIMES 1 Co. DONALD P. DANCEY DONALD MUNCH J.E. JOHNSON FRED F. FOWLE FRANK MUS 1+R HENRY BARDWIN BILL NICHOLSON H.H. EDWARD BERTHOLD FRANK RUSSELL

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Msgr. Edward R. Glavin, national chaplain of both the Merrill's Marauders and the China-Burma-India Veterans Association, poses with Marauder Secretary Ray Lyon and his lovely wife Sally, at the 40th Reunion in Orlando. — Photo by Poppy

**MINUTES . . .**

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Dave Quaid has been elected to the Board of Directors.

Motion made, seconded. Report accepted.

**Randy Cline Fund** — Clofine reported that the program to use the money from the sale of video tapes had ended last Dec. 31st. Any additional donations should be sent direct to Treasurer.

**Old Business**

**G. Clare Thomas** — Motion to provide that if reunions held in Deep South, it should be possible to meet in cooler part of the year, up to October 1st. Not carried.

**Bob Passanisi** — Suggest that we have larger reunion committees. Not agreed to.

**George Rose** — Motion to spell out that Reunion Chairman should have two or more committee members. Moved, seconded. Approved.

**New Business** — Amendments to Constitution which were approved by the Board of Directors.

Motion by Dave Hurwitt at Board of Director's meeting, to set up position of Editor.

Proposed addition to Article VI, Section 2.

a) Any official publication (e.g. newspapers, magazine, etc.) of Merrill's Marauders Association published and issued to its membership — as distinguished from official notices, reports, records, etc., required to be issued by the various officers and directors of the Association — shall be published under the supervision of an editor appointed to serve at its pleasure by the Board.

b) Such official publication of the Association shall be subject to the control and review of the Board of Directors or any such officers and / or agents it shall appoint to perform such duties. The Board and its designated agents shall retain the authority to be final arbiter over the published contents of the Association's publication.

Seconded. Discussion ensued. Jackson Pokress identified himself as a publisher and said that it was not desirable nor practicable to put restraints on the judgment of the editor.

The editor, Ray Lyons, said that he did not approve of the motion. Passanisi spoke up in favor of the motion. Schoenfeld stated that what should happen was that if the editor did not perform satisfactorily he should be terminated. Vote taken. Motion carried.

**Martini** — Motion to change various parts of Constitution as follows:

**Article IV Section 1.**

Pertains to equal rights of members, including women. B/D Discussion (1985) indicated that although there was objection

to this matter, legally it was a requirement of State Law granting us the non-profit status corporation. Dave Hurwitt stated that he would consult with Ed Rothschild, an Illinois lawyer present at the Reunion ('85), on the matter. No subsequent report received on matter. Therefore it still stands as written. No change.

**Article V Section 1**

Pertains to number of Directors. Presently the Constitution states that the Board of Directors shall be not less than three, nor more than 15 members. We have 24 on list at this time. Dave Hurwitt made motion that it be increased to 30.

Motion made, seconded. Approved.

**Article V Section 3**

Pertains to Annual Meeting of Membership. Presently the Constitution states that the regular Annual Meeting of the members shall be held on the Sunday before Labor Day. Proposal to have this read, "The regular Annual Meeting shall be held during the Annual Reunion."

Motion made, seconded. Approved.

**Article V Section 4**

Pertains to Annual Meeting of the Board of Directors. Presently it states that the meeting shall be on the Sunday before Labor Day. Motion made to have this section read, "The Annual Meeting of Board of Directors shall be held during the Annual Reunion." Motion made, seconded. Approved.

**Article VII Section 4**

Pertains to actions of Audit Committee. Presently it provides that the Audit committee shall make a "Non-opinion" check of books. Proposal is to eliminate the words "Non-opinion." Motion made, seconded. Approved.

**Election of Officers** — Motion made by Dr. Kolodny that all the present slate of officers to be elected. The Reunion chairman to be chairman of Board of Directors. Motion seconded. Approved.

**Selection of Site Next Reunion** — First, a comment by Herb Clofine that regardless of Reunion arrangements, members should ask Airlines about a Senior Citizen Rate.

Nomination of New Orleans by Phil Piazza in lieu of Roy Dupre, unavoidably absent. Hotel Monteleone in the Heart of the French Quarter is to be the site. Hotel is within walking distance of many interesting and historic places. Easy access from the Airport or from Interstate 10.

A 3-day — 2-night package providing the following: Deluxe accommodations for two nights, one Continental breakfast, one Luncheon Banquet-Buffer Style, two Dinner Banquets with sit down service, one one-hour cocktail party with dry snacks, compliments of The Monteleone. Price \$132 per person at double occupancy, (\$264). Single rate package, \$197; all extra nights \$58,

plus 11 percent tax.

Nomination of Charlotte, N.C., by Tom Martini. Hotel will be the Charlotte Marriott Hotel Executive Park. Hotel has over 300 rooms. Hotel is only three years old. Three-day — two-night package will include two nights lodging, Friday evening buffet, Saturday lunch, cocktail hour Saturday evening, followed by banquet featuring prime rib, Sunday morning brunch. Cost for single occupancy \$158; double occupancy \$240. Extra night rate will be \$42 single and \$46 double. All includes taxes. Free limo service to and from the airport.

**Vote Results:**

For New Orleans — 95.

For Charlotte, N.C. — 85.

It was also noteworthy that after some floor discussion and a reading of the applicable Constitution Sections, the women members of the Association were permitted to vote.

President Piazza announced that New Orleans would be the next reunion site and that Roy Dupre would be the reunion chairman.

Motion to adjourn made and seconded. No objection. Meeting adjourned at 12:50 p.m.

**RAYMOND V. LYONS**  
Executive Secretary

**SPECIAL ORDER NO. 9**

Hq. 5332 Bde. [Prov.]

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- Pvt. Sheldon Silverberg — 521, Co. L
- Pvt. J. D. Smith — 504, Hq. Co., 3d Bn.
- Pvt. Joseph J. Smith — 745, Co. F
- Pvt. James D. Sweat — 745, Co. K
- Pvt. Robert E. Thurston — 761, Hq. Co., 3d Bn.
- Pvt. James R. Truell — 745, Co. F
- Pvt. Charles R. Walker — 745, Co. F
- Pvt. Eugene R. Weeks — 652, Co. I
- Pvt. James F. Welsh — 745, Hq. Co., 3d Bn.
- Pvt. Fang Y. Wong — 657, Med. Det., 3d Bn.
- Pvt. George H. York — 651, Co. L
- Pvt. Salvatore Zettola — 745, Hq. Co., 3d Bn.
- Pvt. Russell K. Betz — 745, Hq. Co., 3d Bn.
- Pvt. Morris Bletstein — 745, Co. K
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- Pvt. Clyde L. Horne — 745, Co. K
- Pvt. John W. Horn — 504, Hq. Co., 3d Bn.
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- Pvt. Earl R. Mitchell — 745, Co. E
- Pvt. Hugo W. Nelson — 861, Med. Det., 2d Bn.
- Pvt. Harry Nemeroff — 675, Co. G
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# Letters

## EDITOR:

My uncle, George Mamula, was a member of the Marauders, for which the family is so proud. However, he died almost 10 years ago. We know little of his heroic deeds except for his picture in the Soldiers and Sailors Hall in Oakland (Pittsburgh) and that he won the Silver Star for bravery in the Korean War and the DSC for his leadership in Burma. Anything you can find out about Uncle "Chappy," as we called him, or any information the Marauders would tell us about would be most appreciated. My son Nick, and I would be very, very grateful. Mim Bizic, 136 Kenney Dr., Sewickley, PA 15143.

## EDITOR:

I was a member of a group that landed at Myitkyina Airfield in June '44 and remained on the line until the fall of that city. Fainted going into the town and woke up on a stretcher in the back of a jeep. Went to 20th GH. Then to a rest camp. Then returned to HQ duty in New Delhi. In combat was a member of a mortar section and manned a 37 mm anti-tank gun. I was a member of Co. B, 1st Bn., on the line and only can remember that the squad leader was from Washington, D.C., and I saved sugar wrappers on the line to keep busy. Milton Schwartz, 139-55 35th Ave., Apt. 2A, Flushing, NY 11354.

## EDITOR:

The February issue of the Burman News was a disappointment for me. It contained the last installment of Father Stuart's Chronicle which began in the November 1984 issue. Dave Contess and Al Sokolnicki deserve a big "Thank You" from all of us for their efforts in preserving this small, but vital part of American history. I have never met either of these gentlemen, but if it is at all possible, please convey my thanks to them. I am sure it is shared by many, many other members of the organization. Dick Doherty, 876 Aspen Dr., Buffalo Grove, IL 60089.

## EDITOR:

It has been brought to my attention that the 5307th may have been involved in a small scale airborne operation during WWII. It is believed that some of the Marauders were given rudimentary parachute



Dr. Louis A. Kolodny, 2nd Bn., and his darling wife make it one more for posterity at the 40th Annual Reunion in Orlando, Florida. — Photo by Poppe

training and inserted to reinforce an engaged or isolated unit. Any Marauder who participated in this jump is entitled to be awarded the parachute badge in accordance with AR 672-5-1, par 5-14. I would like to correspond with any individual who has any information on this operation for the purpose of documenting this event and rewarding the participants with the parachute badge they have earned. Major Gregory Phillips, Iowa NG, 2800 Fleur Dr., Bldg. 2, Apt. 302, Des Moines, IA 50321.

## EDITOR:

After reading your letter, I opened the May '86 Burman News. By a shocking coincidence or by ordained fate, the very first name I read was, 1st Lt. Frank J. O'Brien, Co. B, 475th Infantry. The flood of emotion that overcame me was devastating. As clear as an instant replay, the ambush at Ho-naw, Burma, on Jan. 21st, 1945, came crashing back. Lt. O'Brien, in MY place as Number 2 scout was killed. We walked into that ambush at Ho-naw with Lt. O'Brien in my place just behind the experienced Marauder, Shidell, my foxhole buddy, the No. 1 scout. They were both killed instantly in the first burst of fire.

Shidell, whose first name was William, was a company weapons artificer and a barber! He carried the tools and everyone asked me to cut their hair. After 250 miles, Shidell said, "Gilmore, you cut their hair, so you carry the G.D. tools!" I said, "No way, I've got all I can tote." So he threw them in the boondocks. Our section of the Men of Mars soon had long hair. Shidell was a very close friend of Owens, Squad LDR, 475/1/B/2/2, who is mentioned in "The Marauders," by Ogburn, as BN Hq. Runner. The only part of the Central Burma Campaign that I can think of is the two-day action of B Co. going to the rescue of the whole 2nd Bn., from the end of a bare-as-a-birds-ass hill, where they had dug in and covered up for weeks. Japs were shooting up at 'em, down at 'em and from the Burma Road side. They were hurtin'! Couldn't even stand up to take a leak without some Nip lowering a boomstick.

Now get this. They sent us, one company to take the hilltop town of Namsak and all the high ground that was the 2nd Bn mission to occupy. We were to throw the Japs off and hand it all over to them. We did it with the help of our pack artillery who threw many hundred rounds across the Hosai Valley under our directions. I was

committed under fire five times. Twice just to draw enemy fire. It was our 2nd Platoon that broke through to the 2nd Bn. They raised hell. Claimed we left a lot of live Japs up there. (The Nips moved back behind us.) We just did not have enough men to secure all the high ground that was

Our platoon sergeant was standing above me when we first hit the enemy. He took a shell that removed part of his left hand and wrist and a hunk of his carbine. I have this junk in my leg from that shell burst or part of his gun.

I left the 475th at Kutkai Airstrip via gooney bird full of bloody Chinks from the Lashio front. Glenn C. Gilmore, 1117 N. Water St., Uhrichsville, OH 44683.

## Officer's Row

**President** — We have been in touch with the new chairman for the New Orleans Reunion, Roy Dupre. Everything is coming along fine. Phil Piazza.

**Executive Secretary** — At the recent Orlando Reunion, we had 166 Marauders register with us. Of these, 16 were first-timers. We had four Rangers and nine Honoraries also.

We will always have the problem of moving to a new location and we will have to live with it. But to those of you who want to continue to receive the Burman News, please send us a change of address. Each issue of the News brings a half-dozen returns from the P.O. claiming that you have left no forwarding address. The cost of printing and mailing you a copy of the new Membership Directory is at present \$2.00. If you want one, please send us a check to cover these costs.

It is also the time of the year to remind one and all that if you did not have the chance to make a donation at the Orlando Reunion, you can mail a donation to the secretary at address on cover.

We are pleased to report continued success in finding new members. Note the long list in this issue. We will write to any Marauder's address you send us. Since taking over the secretary job, we have added 22 members to the rolls. We have a big list of names to write to at this time. Keep them coming. Ray Lyons.

**Director** — A film will be made of the 5307th of 40 years ago and end with the modern-day Marauders, the Rangers. Colonel Stringham invited me to film the Rangers with full cooperation. **I need any man who appears in the old tape for interviews of their experiences of forty years ago.** I will go to where they live. Please contact me — David L. Quaid, 21 Summer St., P.O. Box 1617, Duxbury, MA 02331-1617.

The older a man gets, the farther he has to walk as a boy. And the colder the weather was. And the deeper the snow was.

Two elderly women arrived at a baseball game just in time to see the batter hit home run. Twenty minutes later the same batter hit another home run. "Let's go said one woman to the other. "This is when we came in."



Richard Poppe, of Loveland, Ohio, and Regimental Commander Colonel Stringham of the 75th Rangers of Ft. Benning, strike a happy pose during the Marauder banquet. — Photo by Ima Prince

**BATTLE OF MYITKYINA . . .**

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and that we would have a hot meal waiting for us at the camp. The meal which we later received most of us would hesitate to feed to our hogs.

We stacked our barracks bags on the platform and fell into company formation to march to this camp. After marching around curves, up and down bumpy roads and pushing holy cows out of our path we

reached the edge of the British camp. The forward platoons began checking in their rifles to be cleaned and protected from any roving natives who might try to steal them. We were told that the natives could sell a 45 Colt for as much as 500 rupees and much more for one of our long range rifles. Our sleeping quarters, much to our surprise, were made of brick foundations with clay roofs. These were built in barracks style

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**Fall In**

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

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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 in 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 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 of 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.

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bought bananas and oranges by the dozens and ate them that way but luckily there was no sickness from it. The British inspected all of this type of food both for their protection and ours.

**October 15, 1943**

(Friday) A schedule of work was explained to us today and also the preventative measures to take to keep down the numerous diseases. Our mosquito nets were strung over our bunks and our protective ointment and insect powder was used in large quantities. We had pleasant climatic conditions during our entire stay at Deolali. The nights were cool and the days were warm with the sun making things look much brighter. We were allowed to go to the town of Nasik during our

hours off. It was just like going to an American carnival, the small shops with jewelry watches and linens, made up the entire town. The streets were narrow with people automobiles and horse drawn carts and carriages moving all the time. Some of the more ambitious of the Hindu race are extremely good at handicraft. The making of handmade shoes is one of the seemingly most profitable and characteristic of their trades.

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**Protection:** "Is this a fire insurance office?" "Yes, sir. Can we write you some insurance?" "Perhaps you can. You see, my boss threatens to fire me next Saturday and I'd like some protection."

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with beds of woven hemp and wood frames comprising the furniture in them.

The hot meal as said in the foregoing paragraphs was terrible but we were getting hardened to this sort of thing so the next move was to make our living quarters as comfortable as possible and relax. We disposed of our equipment in the usual manner and soon found a little time to ourselves. About two o'clock we were again called out to get our B bags which had to be unloaded from the train and sent in trucks to our camp.

**October 14, 1943**

(Thursday) This day we found ourselves in an Indian Rest Camp controlled by the British authorities and Deolali by name. There were no schedules of any type to follow today, the only requirement was that we were to remain in the Company Area until further notice.

The natives began to arrive periodically to sell us cocoanuts, bananas, and oranges. These fruits were delicious to us for the first few days because it had been a long time since we had had this type. The men

**Pass In Review**

**DEATHS REPORTED RECENTLY**

Name & Hometown [Where Known], Organization, Where When Deceased	
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EDWARD BAABA, 502 W. Laguna #15, Tucson, AZ 85705, 5307/1/WCT	April 10, 19
GEORGE T. CAMPBELL, Bloomfield, IN, 5307	19
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