

The Burman News



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Another Big One At Charlotte

Well, we survived another one. No casualties reported. Quite a few surprises. Note the long list of new members printed elsewhere. Most of these were the result of an article written by Jules Loh sent out nationwide by the Associated Press. This happened thru the assistance given us by John Jones, the Public Relations Officer with the 5307th and now the editor and publisher of the Greeneville, TN Sun.

We were all pleased to have for the first time, Col. Ernest Easterbrook, the 475th CO, retired as Maj. Gen.; and Lt. Col. John Lattin, the surviving CO of the 2nd Bn, 475th.

Somehow, the 3rd Platoon, I Co., 3rd Bn, 475th managed to get 10 men, plus wives out for this reunion. That must be a record for that size unit. They were happy. We almost had to hose them down to quiet them at the dinner.

Arrangements were excellent. We had a Kukri Drill Team Demonstration by a group from the Atlanta, Georgia, area. The American Bando Association. Most interesting. They do this to collect money for the Gurhka Retirement Fund.

The historian, Dave Quaid, ran the audio tape of the previous Charlotte Reunion with the voices from the past of Gen. Merrill and Capt. John Benfield. It seemed like there was something doing all the time. Oh, yes, we had two false fire alarms. One at midnight, Saturday. We all had to evacuate our rooms. Were they checking on how many were in each room, or who, or what kind of night clothes we wear? We had another in the late afternoon on Friday. We had to go outside in the light rain that time.

Then, there was this true story. Art Wilson and his wife Vi were in the hotel van on the way to the airport. The van was full and the talk was about, "Were you in the MM's and what outfit?" The slender chap behind Art tapped him on the shoulder and asked what job did he have. Art proudly stated that he had been a platoon sergeant in A Co, 1st Bn, 475th and what did you do? The slender chap said, "Well, I was the commanding officer of the 475th."

We'll know him better next time. After all, he was out of uniform!

General Easterbrook gave a brief talk at the banquet about his pride in our and his outfit and stressed his feeling that we had become like a family over the years.

The guest speaker was a Colonel William Austin, an ex-POW, with Vietnam service. He was a graduate of Clemson University with ROTC training who went on to become



Maj. Gen. (Col.) Easterbrook speaking at the 42nd Reunion, Charlotte, N.C., Sept. 2-5, 1988. On left is Col. John Lattin; right, Phil Piazza; in back, Tom Martini.

a pilot. He was shot down by a SAMissile 10 miles northwest of Hanoi on his 81st mission. He parachuted to the ground and found that his foot, by chance, had become stuck in a crack in a rock. He tried to scare off the villagers by firing his pistol in their direction. They fired back with rifles and when he discovered that he could not get free there was a big problem with them still firing at him. He was shot in the leg. After he displayed a white flag they finally stopped shooting at him. That first day of his capture, they kept him under cover in the village. The days following, they kept him in a hut. Then one day, a large crowd was assembled and a speaker attempted to agitate the crowd against him. He was brought out of the shack and a large dog was told to attack him. The dog ran up to him and licked his hand. At this the crowd all laughed and the edge that the speaker had tried to attain against this American pilot was lost.

What the agitator did not know was that the Colonel had been feeding the dog the scraps of food that he could not eat. So the dog knew him as a friend.

He was then removed to a POW camp where they tried to interrogate him. He tried to tell the Asst Commander that their actions were contrary to the Geneva conventions. They laughed at this idea. They considered him to be a criminal. Then the torture started.

They attached straps to his elbows and drew them back until his chest muscles ripped apart. Then they pulled his arms over his head and tied his legs to them so that he was in a helpless pretzel-like fashion. He could do nothing except lay on

the floor. They continued to play mind and physical games with him in an attempt to get him to talk.

One day a well-dressed interrogator, he even wore socks, appeared. He spoke English in a manner that led to the belief that he had been educated in U.S. The Colonel told him that he had lied to the previous questioners and nothing they said could be believed. At this point they gave up on the torture and sent him off to the famous Hanoi Hilton.

He was a prisoner of war for five and a half years. He was released on March 14, 1973. At the present time he is the Professor of Aerospace Studies at Clemson University and expects to retire soon.

MINUTES OF THE 42nd ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING

Saturday, September 3rd, 1988, at the Charlotte Marriott Hotel.

Meeting called to order by President Piazza at 2:10 p.m.

Roll call of officers — All present.

Motion made to dispense with the reading of the previous minutes since they were published in the BURMAN NEWS.

Reports of Officers: Treasurer, Herbert Clofine.

Balance on Hand 8-27-87	\$ 8,536.48
Deposits	8,459.69
Interest on Deposits	711.30

Total	17,707.47
Checks issued	2,781.66

Balance 8-28-88	14,925.81
Exec Sec'y Savings Account ...	1,444.38

Grand Total	\$16,370.19
Accounts Payable	1,860.83

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42nd Reunion Banquet

Left to right: John Lattin, Ernest Easterbrook, Tom Martini, Col. William R. Austin II, and Phil Piazza.

SHARING . . .

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R & R, and lots of fascinating sightseeing in Calcutta and environs. We departed for home from Calcutta, sailed through the Straits of Malacca, up the South China Sea, were caught in a typhoon as we neared Luzon in the Philippines. Then went east across the Pacific for 30 days landing at Tacoma, Washington.

My 30 days aboard ship this time was vastly different from the 30 I spent aboard the USS Butner. This trip I spent almost every day (8 a.m. to 10 p.m.) on my knees, down in the bowels of the ship (the third hold, I believe), shooting craps. I had a "golden arm" and wound up with quite a bundle, several thousand in one dollar bills! Before we left Calcutta, each man was given a "partial pay" of 10 single bucks. All those dollars eventually filtered down to our crap game. My 30 days aboard ship was quite profitable.

After we disembarked at Tacoma, we went directly to Fort George Lewis, where we stayed about a week for the usual processing. Those of us who were going east boarded a train that brought us, several days later to Fort Dix, New Jersey, where I took my basic training 3½ years earlier. I was discharged there December 24, 1945, and was home for Christmas. John W. Scheifele, 5307/3/I Co.; 475/3/I, 10 Colonial Club Dr., Apt. 302, Boynton Beach, FL 33435.

Letters

EDITOR

I was a member of the 5307th out of Trinidad, Port of Spain. As I recall, I was with the Blue Column, and my commander was Col. McGee. I remember a few men that I was close to then. Charles Johnson from Oklahoma, a mule skinner; Jim Case from Oklahoma, a machine gunner; Joseph Cattore from Montana, killed in action, on Maggot Hill.

I have never seen anyone since the get-together at Hot Springs, Arkansas, (Hospital? Ed.) Arlington Hotel. I was reassigned to Omaha and remained in the service. I retired on May 30, 1964, with 22 years of service. Laurence F. Feia, 313 Garnet Ln, Madison, WI 53714, 608-249-7937. 5307/2/BCT.

EDITOR

I was in India when Caifson Johnson died. I would like to write about him from my particular viewpoint.

I joined the First Bn in Myitkyina just as the fighting tapered off. As you know, the First Bn was comprised of all the "Old Galahad" men still able to fight and Lt. Col. Caifson Johnson was in command. I remained with the 1st Bn from Camp Landis until it was disbanded in China and we all joined Reserve Command of Chinese Combat Command. During all this time, I was living with Bn Hq on the trail and in combat. I was close to Col. Johnson practically every day. He always was first on the trail, leading the column.

While our Chinese interpreter, Major Mao Tse-Tuk, and I made (as he called it) "A hell big fire" when it was safe to do so,

Col. Johnson was making the rounds of our perimeter to inspect the defensive positions and check the fields of fire. He was very conscientious about this daily. He would, of course, have a company commanders meeting soon after all the troops were in their respective positions. I would sometimes eaves-drop on this so I could know the scoop.

During all this time, I found "Johnny" to be the model CO. He was always willing to do more than he asked anyone else to do. He was deeply concerned about the welfare and safety of the men. He understood his

company commanders and his headquarters staff and used them superbly to accomplish the unit's objective. On the professional level, he always supported the chaplain. On the personal level, he was a good friend and companion to bivouac. He liked to cook. I remember how pleased he was when he made some biscuits inside the two parts of a mess kit.

I attribute 1st Bn's low fatality rate to Lt. Col. Johnson's leadership. I shall miss him as a friend. James M. Davis, 4365 Mission

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FALL IN

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

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REUNION . . .

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so due to a lot of cooperation from the members.

President's Report: Phil Piazza

We have been continually busy with attending Ranger ceremonies at Ft. Benning, Ga., change of command, presentation of awards, meeting with other Ranger veteran groups, etc. Attended a retirement dinner for Gen. Suddath. General Guest is the new commander of Special Forces, Gen. Stringham, who was our guest several years ago, is now the assistant commander. Also visited the Ranger Mountain Camp at Ahlonega, Georgia. We wish to commemorate Col. Brian Sutton. He was Gen. Reighton Abrams aide who gave us invaluable assistance in re-establishing the Ranger units and having our colors assigned to them in the 1969 Presentation at Eglin AFB, Walton Beach, Florida.

We presented two silver compasses to the best Officer and EM in each Ranger class at the Training Brigade. At the board meeting, it was decided to make an annual presentation to some Ranger within the present 75th Ranger units. The audit of finances was completed. All in good shape. Everything accounted for.

Historian Report: Dave Quaid

We have rehabilitated our colors. Better clipping cases have been obtained. Bebe Benfield has presented us with the audio tapes of the previous Charlotte Reunion in 1952 which provides the voices of Capt. Mack Benfield as the M/C and Gen. Merrill as the principal talk. A cassette of that and of the video of the Burma Campaign is still available.

The S/Sgt. Anderson story, Father Sturt's notes and General Order No. 3 has been authorized by the B/D. Send photos, diaries, etc., to me for duplication and we will send a copy to the USA MHI. Sgt. Jezracak sent us 400 negatives from which we made up about 200 duplicate prints.

We would like to warn you about people making solicitations for memorabilia. They are quite valuable and if you do not want them personally, they should be sent to me or forwarded to the proper military authorities. I will make copies and send original on to the USA MHI. The USA MHI questionnaires should be forwarded to them. They want them. We will send a copy of the cassette and audio tapes to the Ranger Bns. David Quaid, P.O. Box 1617, Roxbury, MA 02331.

Military Liaison Officer: Dave Hurwitz

Lt. C. Brian J. Sutton was on the staff of Gen. Abrams. He said that he would get authorization of our patch and re-establishment of the Ranger Units. He did accomplish both objectives. He was Killed in Action in Vietnam. I suggest that we commemorate the 20th anniversary of the Color Presentation by memorializing him at Ft. Benning.

Reunion Chairman: Tom Martini

I would like to have us all give Phil Piazza a standing vote of thanks for his work on the reunion. I would also like to acknowledge John Jones as the provider of the access to the Associated Press which resulted in very favorable publicity.



Left to right: Werner Katz, Tom Martini, Maj. Gen. (Col.) Easterbrook, Logan Weston.

Laferriere:

I think we should all give a big hand to Sally Lyons for her work for the Association.

Old Business: Dave Hurwitz

Up until 1979 we had operated on an informal basis. In 1979 we decided to incorporate. Partly for the opportunity to make

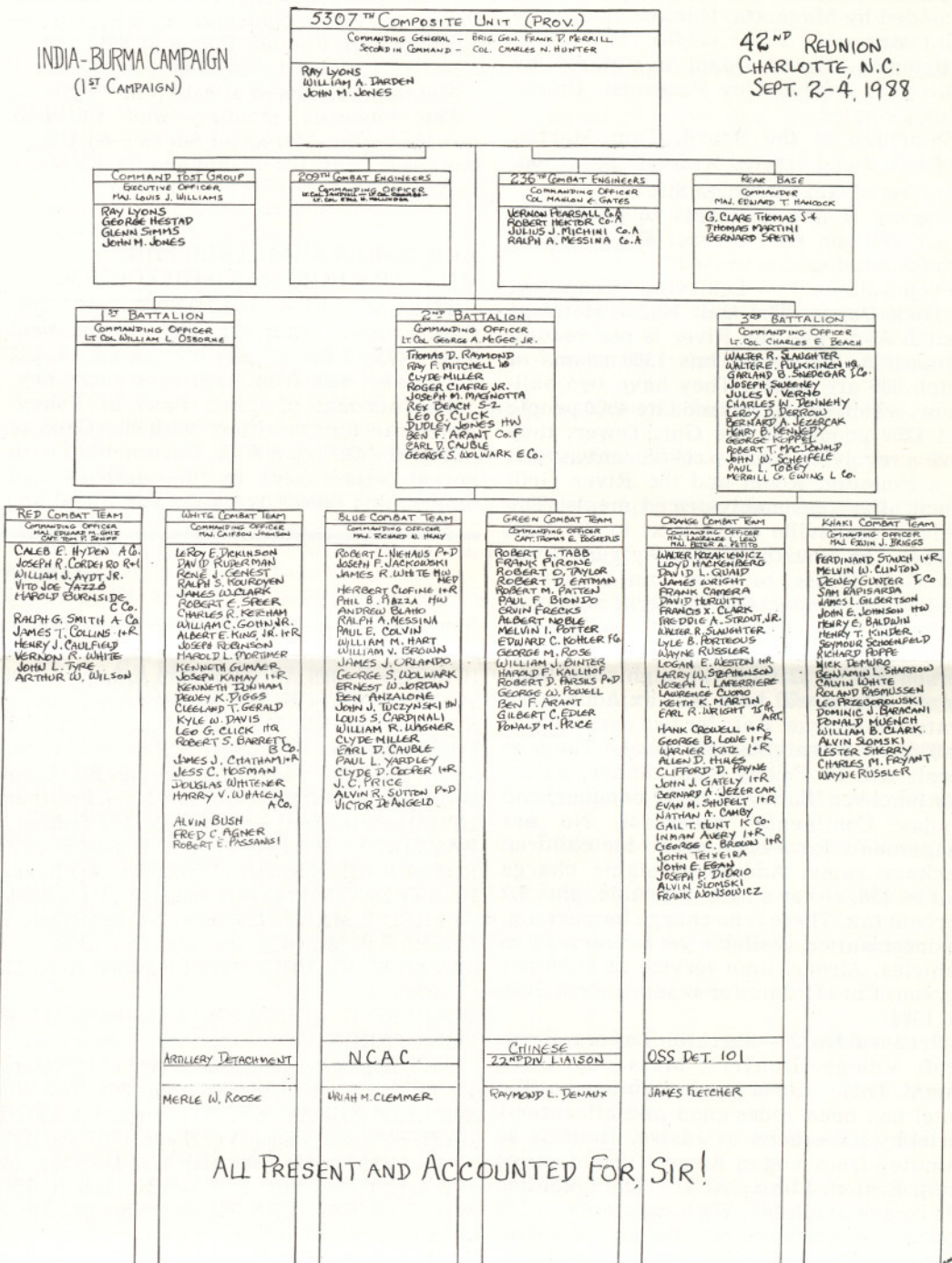
tax deductions. Also for the ability to make mailings with a non-profit privilege. The Constitution provides for both Class A and Class B membership. Both Class A and B have the voting privilege. At the Orlando meeting, it was brought up that family members have the right to vote. Motion by Hurwitz to deny this right to vote. Seconded.

Lyons: Suggest that the motion be amended to provide for the proposal that was approved by the Board of Directors last year. It follows:

The motion was made by Hurwitz to amend Article IV. The sentence reading "Class A members shall be WW II veterans of the unit known as Merrill's Marauders or other war veterans," to provide that "Class A members shall be WW II veterans of the unit known as Merrill's Marauders, or others engaged in ground combat in Burma, or Rangers. The Class A members only are voting members." The last sen-

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tence which reads, "Each member of either class shall have equal rights and responsibilities, and shall have one vote on all matters involving the affairs of this non-profit corporation," shall be deleted.

The effect of this proposal would be to exclude the women and other association members of the right to speak and vote in these business meetings.

Discussion on the motion. By Hurwitt supporting the motion. By Lyons opposing the motion. Motion carried by voice vote.

Election of Officers:

President, Phil Piazza nominated by Hurwitt. Seconded. Unanimously carried.

Executive Secretary, Ray Lyons nominated by Poppe. Seconded. No opposition.

Treasurer, Herb Clofine nominated, seconded. No opposition.

Military Liaison Officer, Hackenberg nominated by Thomas Raymond. Seconded by Darden. Hurwitt nominated by Johnson. Seconded by Magnotta. Hurwitt elected by count vote.

Historian, David Quaid nominated by Kouroyen, seconded by Passanisi. Unanimously elected.

Chairman of the Board, Tom Martini nominated and elected without opposition.

Selection of Next Reunion Site

Piazza: If anyone wants to propose a future reunion site, contact Exec. Secretary for details.

Proposal No. 1 — Louisville, Kentucky, by Dick Poppe. The Galt House Hotel at Fourth Ave., and the River is our recommendation. This hotel has 1300 rooms of which 600 are suites. They have two ballrooms which can accommodate 4500 people and 1200 people. In the Galt Tower, they have a revolving roof top restaurant as well as a Fountain Room and the River Grill which offer reasonably-priced meals. The Belle of Louisville docks next to the Galt House. The Fourth St. Trolley runs from the Galt House to other major hotels, Convention Center and Galleria shopping mall. We have reserved 200 rooms for the Marauders. The package rate for one person will be \$210 for two nights and four meals. There will be a 9.2 tax added. No gratuities charge. Rate for two persons will be \$292 for two nights, four meals. The four meals will be Friday night dinner, Saturday luncheon, Saturday night banquet, and Sunday Continental breakfast. No arrangements have been made for children package rates. Additional nights charge will be \$58, either single or double, plus 9.2 percent tax. There is no charge for parking. No information available yet for recreation vehicles. Airport limo service at \$4.50 per person. Cut-off date for reservations, July 30, 1989.

Proposal No. 2 — Sheraton Towers, Ferncroft Village, Danvers, Mass., by Dave Quaid. This is site of former reunion but the hotel has been redesigned and alterations in lobby have been extensive. Hotel is 20 minutes from Logan Airport. Eight miles from Boston. Limo cost \$13. The hotel has 381 rooms available. We have reserved 200 for us. The package rate for an individual will be \$227 for two nights and four meals, including a cocktail party. The rate for two



Left to right: John Teixeira, Maj. Gen. Ernest Easterbrook and Joseph Konopacki.

persons will be \$312 for two nights and four meals. Tax and gratuities included. Children package: Under 17 years, free in room; meal costs 50 percent of adults. Room costs for additional nights — \$70 including tax and gratuities. Free parking.

Voting — Louisville No. 1 — 90 votes

Danvers, MA No. 2 — 60 votes

Louisville, Kentucky, the choice. Richard Poppe will be the chairman, Phil Piazza the co-chairman. Contact Poppe at 8984 Primrose Dr., Loveland, OH 45140.

Meeting adjourned at 4:10 p.m.

The business meeting was followed shortly by the Memorial Service by Chaplain Msgr. Edward Glavin and then a Mass service.

NEW BOOKS AVAILABLE FOR MILITARY BUFFS AND HISTORIANS

THE SITAPUR INCIDENT by Capt. Paul L. Tobey, Chin Lias Off, 1st Bn, 42nd Regt; 475 / 2 Bn. Highly illustrated, maps, hardcover, \$20, from executive secretary.

The account of Capt. Paul L. Tobey, American liaison officer with the Chinese in Burma during WW II. Documented with period letters sent by the authors and others, this book covers the complications

of inter-army cooperation as well as the detailed analysis of an action in which Tobey's Chinese Battalion was cut off from support, surrounded by the enemy, and supplied by air for three days, all during the siege of Myitkyina. The 1st Bn I&L Platoon, 5307th provided point operation for this mission. The Chinese Army, during World War II, was an archaic force faced with an all-too-modern war, and the account offers a rare insight upon how it operated under pressure.

A HISTORICAL PERSPECTIVE ON LIGHT INFANTRY, by Major Scott R. M. Michael, Ranger, FA. Photos, maps, soft cover, \$11, from Supt. of Documents, Gov. Ptg Office, Washington, DC 20402. Ord No. 008-020-01125-8.

Provides a review of light infantry military operations starting with the Chindits and Merrill's Marauders in Burma and goes on to detail actions of the Chinese Communist Forces in Korea, British Operations in Malaya and Borneo, continuing into Indonesia, and the First Special Force in Italy, WW II.

HEY MEDICS

Editor: I am writing this on behalf of my husband Ernest G. Patterson, who served with Merrill's Marauders as a Rifleman Company K, 475th Infantry. He was wounded 1 August 1944 at Myitkyina. He was discharged 6 July 1947 at Percy Jones Hospital, Battle Creek, Michigan. If he were able, he would enjoy attending the reunion but he can't. In June 1966, he had a stroke and the last 14 years he has been a patient at the VA Hospital, Danville, Illinois. I can't even tell him about the reunions, he wouldn't understand. You all have a good time in September. Mrs. Marzell Patterson, 1203 B Garden Dr., Danville, IL 61832

PASS IN REVIEW

Name and Hometown [Where Known], Organization, Where, When Deceased

ROBERT T. CONNER, 4209 18th St. East, New Port Richey, FL 33552, MM's	February 5, 1988
HAROLD A. DELASHMIT, 3116 Arlington, Collinsville, IL 62234, 5307/AIR DROP	April 13, 1988
THOMAS DOTSON, 8487 Remmet Ave., Canoga Park, CA 91304, 5307/3/KCT/I&R	May 7, 1988
STANLEY DYER, 515 Louis Dr., Cocoa, FL 32926, 5307/1/RCT	July 7, 1988
FREDERICK H. FAULKNER, P.O. Box 383, Niantic, CT 06357, 5307th	January 11, 1988
MIKE GAILIUS, 3536 Falling Springs Rd., Cahokia, IL 62206, 5307/1/A; 124th CAV	May 10, 1988
WILLIAM L. GRIMES, 237 East Main, Frostburg, MD 21532, 5307/3/OCT/I&R	March 17, 1988
LT. COL. WILLIAM C. GRISSOM, 117 Tedfred Dr., Tupelo, MS 38801, 5307/2/HQ	August 28, 1988
RAYMOND J. HORNUNG, 3119 Almond St., Phila, PA 19134, 5307/3/OCT	July 19, 1988
ROBERT JEROME HUNTZBERRY, 405 Random Rd., Baltimore, MD 21229, 5307	1978
HENRY LEVIN, 2143 Friendship St., Philadelphia, PA 19149, 5307	June 1, 1988
ALFRED T. MARTIN, Manteo, NC and Salem, VA, 5307/1, 475/1/I&R	March 19, 1988
GEORGE P. MC GEE, Brooklyn, NY 5307	August 11, 1988
JAMES W. NICHOLS, 1407 Glenwood Ave., Milton, WV 25541, 5307/1/RCT/A;	475/1/A
WILLARD C. QUINN, SR, Branchburg, NJ 5307th	July 29, 1988
ERNEST REID, 7604 Indian Rd., Temperance, MI 48182, 5307/1/WCT/HW;	1988
475/HQ/I&R, Member of Board of Directors	June 15, 1988
LT. OWEN E. SEELYE, Rt. 2, Box 264, New Wilmington, PA 16142, 5307/2/GCT	June 3, 1988
WILLIAM SHEAFFER, Johnstown, PA 5307/HQ/FWD; 502 MP's	1968
CARL SINGER, Illinois Vet Home, 1707 No. 12th St., Quincy, IL 62301, 5307/1; 475/1	
Carl was born in 1900; may have been the oldest	February 19, 1988
PAUL E. TIBBS, Box 203, New Holland, IL 62671, 5307	January 19, 1988
WILLIAM WALTERS, 335 No. Prince St., Apt. 815, Lancaster, PA 17603, 5307th	March 29, 1988
FRANK J. WEBER, 2 Brooklane Ct., Whiting, NJ 08750, 5307/2/GCT	September 8, 1988
JAMES V. WELLS, SR., % Son, J. V. Wells Lumber Co., Sharpton, MD 21861, 5307	July 18, 1988



Left to right: Rene Genest, Phil Piazza and unidentified First-Timer.

Sharing the Story

Dear Charles:

"I, Henry B. Kennedy, do remember that on the 6th or 7th of June 1944, while we were in combat at Myitkyina, Burma, that Lt. Jim Applegate did recommend that Charles Dennehy, should be awarded the Silver Star Medal for doing such duties as a Medic. Charles Dennehy covered his wounded comrade's body with his own body and calmed him down while he was bandaging his wounds. The Japs were shelling the place awful. As Charles Dennehy's Platoon Sergeant, I know this to be the truth and nothing but the truth. Yours truly, Henry B. Kennedy, 2922 Swann Sta RD, Sanford, NC 27330, February 23, 1988."

Dear John:

After reading your account in the BURMAN NEWS of your experiences in Burma, I've come to the conclusion that we went over together on the USS Butner. Left April 24, 1944, from Camp Patrick Henry, Hampton Roads, Va. Hit Cape Town. Had shore leave and a fight with the Royal Marines. Then on to Bombay, as you described. Had the 5-day "Toonerville Trolley" ride to Ramgarh. Was asked for volunteers to go to "Mitch" next day. Received six bottles of beer. Flown into the airstrip. Got the surprise of my life as the Japs shelled the strip as we got off the plane and dug in immediately. The first night, Lt. Newman shot a man who got out of his foxhole to relieve himself. Water buffalo came thru our tin can warning line. We stayed there about two days, then moved up to Rhadapur (across the railroad tracks, where the well was) and relieved or reinforced part of 3rd Bn on June 1 or 2. I remember standing by the side of the road where the Jap was buried with his shoes sticking out where they had marched into our ambush. I believe a Corporal Bobby White, was on the machine gun that got them. While standing there after just arriving, the Japs sent over some knee mortar rounds and we hit the deck and got into the closest foxholes. We stayed there maybe two weeks, then went over to the Irrawaddy River for another two weeks at Mankrin. There a Jap major was killed near a basha on the right side of the road. Also my machine gunner was hit in the butt by a Jap Nambu MG.

A Sgt. Ward and Pvt. Lilly each got the Silver Star for knocking out the MG nest.

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Section

1. AWARDS OF THE PURPLE HEART:

Under the provisions of par 11, AR 600-45, dated 8 August 1932, as amended, the O's and EMs indicated below are awarded the Purple Heart Medal for wounds received in combat against the Japanese forces in North Burma.

Continued:

- EDWARD (NMN) WEILGOSH, 11010080, Private First Class, Co. G, wounded 3 April 1944, near Nhpum Ga, Burma. Hometown: Southington, Ct.
- ALBERT (NMN) AGRESS, 16065321, Private, Co. K, wounded 2 April 1944, near Nhpum Ga, Burma. Hometown: Detroit, Michigan.
- HARRY F. BLAIR, 12063150, Private, Co. G, wounded 1 April 1944, near Nhpum Ga, Burma. Hometown: New York, New York.
- CHARLES R. BOWEN, 31031923, Private, Co. L, wounded 5 April 1944, near Nhpum Ga, Burma. Hometown: Stoneham, Massachusetts.

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- HAROLD T. BRAMMER, 34040570, Private, Co. E, wounded 3 April 1944, near Nhpum Ga, Burma. Hometown: Mason, Tennessee.
- ROBERT O. BRESEE, 36442575, Private, Co. C, wounded 28 March 1944, South of Shaduz Burma. Hometown: Paxton, Illinois.
- DAVID J. BURGOON, 37229218, Private, Hq. Co., 3rd Bn, wounded 8 April 1944, near Nhpum Ga, Burma. Hometown: Ottawa, Kansas.
- KERMIT A. BUSHUR, 36742815, Private, Co. I, wounded 5 April 1944, near Nhpum Ga, Burma. Hometown: Neoga, Illinois.
- ALBIN E. BUTLER, 36525369, Private, Co. E, wounded 3 April 1944, near Nhpum Ga, Burma. Hometown: Saginaw, Michigan.
- JOHN P. CARBONE, 31018306, Private, Co. L, wounded 1 April 1944, near Hsamshingyang, Burma. Hometown: Wakefield, Massachusetts.
- EUGENE (NMN) CHANEY, 38321255, Private, Co. I, wounded 9 April, 1944, near Nhpum Ga, Burma. Hometown: Wann, Oklahoma.
- RAYMOND C. DEMCZYK, 15322243, Private, Co. G, wounded 31 March 1944, near Nhpum Ga, Burma. Hometown: Everett, Ohio.
- ANTONIO N. DI NARDO, 12031920, Private, Co. B, wounded 28 March 1944, near Jambu Bum Pass, Burma. Hometown: Brooklyn, New York.
- PAUL (NMN) FIELDS, 20509097, Private, Co. I, wounded 4 April 1944, near Nhpum Ga, Burma. Hometown: Franklin, Ohio.
- ALBERT V. FIORILLA, 12060126, Private, Co. E, wounded 28 March 1944, near Auche, Burma. Hometown: New York, New York.
- JOHN (NMN) FRIGULTI, 39686471, Private, Co. C, wounded 28 March 1944, south of Shaduz Burma. Hometown: Visalia, California.
- RUSSELL (NMN) HAMLER, 13097229, Private, Hq. Co., 2nd Bn, wounded 30 March 1944, near Nhpum Ga, Burma. Hometown: Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.
- DAVID HOROWITZ, 32174963, Private, Co. K, wounded 2 April 1944, near Nhpum Ga, Burma. Hometown: Brooklyn, New York.
- JOSEPH F. MEDEIROS, 39162715, Private, Co. I, wounded 8 April 1944, near Nhpum Ga, Burma. Hometown: Visto, California.
- CHARLES S. MIKULSKI, 13006995, Private, Hq. Co., 2nd Bn, wounded 3 April 1944, near Nhpum Ga, Burma. Hometown: Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.
- ROLAND W. RASMUSSEN, 12179998, Private, Co. I, wounded 4 April 1944, near Nhpum Ga, Burma. Hometown: Sayville, Long Island.
- HORACE N. RIEGER, 37513560, Private, Co. E, wounded 28 March 1944, near Auche, Burma. Hometown: Dora, Missouri.
- GEORGE A. ROTSCHAFFER, 37475473, Private, Co. E, wounded 6 April 1944, near Nhpum Ga, Burma. Hometown: Hickman, Nebraska.
- JOHN J. SASALA, 35517508, Private, Co. E, wounded 2 April 1944, near Nhpum Ga, Burma. Hometown: Cleveland, Ohio.
- CLARENCE T. SMITH, 7025761, Private, Co. F., wounded 5 April 1944, near Nhpum Ga, Burma. Hometown: Daisytown, Pennsylvania.
- MILTON (NMN) SUSNJER, 13131539, Private, Co. B, wounded 28 March 1944, south of Jambu Bum Pass, Burma. Hometown: West Alliquippa, Pennsylvania.
- ROBERT K. THOMPSON, 13041480, Private, Co. F, wounded 3 April 1944, near Nhpum Ga, Burma. Hometown: Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.
- JAMES R. TYLER, JR., 37514181, Private, Co. E, wounded 30 March 1944, near Nhpum Ga, Burma. Hometown: Rolla, Missouri.
- JESSIE M. WHITE, 33352211, Private, Co. F, wounded 3 April 1944, near Nhpum Ga, Burma. Hometown: Hazelton, Pennsylvania.

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WILLIAM W. WORSTELL, 18019662, Private, Hq. Co., 3rd Bn, wounded 9 April 1944, near Nhpum Ga, Burma. Hometown: Heavener, Oklahoma.

II. AWARDS OF THE PURPLE HEART OAK-LEAF CLUSTER:

Under the provisions of par 14a, AR 600-45, dated 8 August 1932, as amended, the following EM are awarded the Purple Heart Oak-Leaf Cluster to be worn on Purple Heart Medal formerly awarded per General Order indicated:

WILLIAM M. HEATH, 36027669, Technician Fifth Grade, Co. L, wounded 3 March 1944, near Wawlawbum, Burma. (Awarded Purple Heart Medal per GO #13, Par. 1, HQ XIV Corp, APO 709, dated 22 January 1943.) Hometown: Homewood, Illinois.

WILFORD S. LOCKE, JR., 33191042, Private First Class, Hq. Co., 3rd Bn, wounded 8 April 1944, near Nhpum Ga, Burma. (Awarded Purple Heart Medal per GO #7, Par. 1, this Hqs, ca, dated 17 March 1944.) Hometown: Washington, D.C.

EARL E. PARSONS, 20503381, Private First Class, Hq. Co., 3rd Bn, wounded 8 April 1944, near Nhpum Ga, Burma. (Awarded Purple Heart Medal per GO #27, Hq. 37th Division, APO 37, dated 6 October 1943.) Hometown: Akron, Ohio.

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WAYNE M. PRICE, 18116969, Private First Class, Hq. Co., 3rd Bn, wounded 5 April 1944, near Hsamshingyang, Burma. (Awarded Purple Heart Medal per GO #30, Hq. 37th Division, APO 37, dated 19 October 1943.) Hometown: Houston, Texas.

ROBERT W. COLE, 20711137, Private, Co. L, wounded 1 April 1944, near Nhpum Ga, Burma. (Awarded Purple Heart Medal per GO #21, HQ XIV Corp., APO 709, dated 31 January 1943.) Hometown: New Rockford, North Dakota.

By command of Brig. Gen. MERRILL:

BRUCE L. LAMBERTSON
1st Lt., Infantry
Asst. Adjutant

OFFICIAL:

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1. Under the provisions of AR 600-20, as amended, the undersigned assumes command of the 5307th Composite Unit (Prov) effective this date.

Charles N. Hunter
Colonel, Infantry
Commanding

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SHARING . . .

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Sgt. Ward was shooting Japs that tried to cross the road from about 3 or 400 yards away. I had one of my MG along the road edge. We got our water from the river. We went on patrol across the river, up north from Mankrin to a village but found no Japs. Traded three cigarettes for two chicken eggs. Had a Lt. Friedman as my platoon leader. Also a Lt. Peters who came from China six days before he was shot leading a patrol. He didn't know the first thing about combat. Bill Brader, S/Sgt. 5307/Co D; 475/Co E, RD 3, Bethlehem, PA 18105.

Dear Bill:

It was good of you to respond to my letter that appeared in the May '88 issue. "Yes, Bill, you were where I was on the USS Butner." I have a slightly different version of what happened in Cape Town. (I'll never forget that cobblestone street as we walked up into town eager for adventure!) Someday I'll get around to writing about it. But for now, believe me, pent-up resentment and anger exploded and not only against the Royal Marines. I witnessed a few very unpleasant incidents, had several beers, and got back to the ship around 9:30 p.m. I

stood at the deck railing for more than an hour, looking down and toward the city. I saw many ambulances and Red Cross trucks, with sirens going, racing up to the ship and discharging a slew of litter cases. It was an incredible sight of flashing lights and screaming people. I understand that about 15 or 20 of our boys never returned to the ship. Of course, I wondered about the extent of the violence but I did understand the root cause of it. The treatment that the men had received on the Butner, which some called, "a slave ship." Two meager meals a day, too much S.O.S. (bully beef on shingles) and being locked below decks for too long each day for 30 days. And then, there was the heat and the briney washing water! All it took was a little liberty, a little alcohol and — Bam! Things happened!

Now since you were in E Company and I was in I Company, I doubt whether we were on the same plane going into Myitkyina, but you were certainly there that first night when Lt. Newman shot and killed one of his own men. How lucky you were to be evacuated after Myitkyina! I was a survivor, one of 36 out of 232. After you left, the remaining Marauders became the nucleus of the Mars Task Forces. Replacements filled our ranks and we headed south

toward Bhamo, Lashio, etc. A grenade got me at Tonkwa, about 100 miles north Mandalay. I recovered at the 20th GH Ledo, in Assam. Turned down an offer remain and drive a vehicle at the hospital and then, along with four or five others, re-joined my outfit on a hill overlooking the Burma Road. We were then about 40 miles inside the Jap lines and blasted them as they retreated down the Burma Road toward Rangoon.

We were still on that hill, about a thousand yards from the Burma Road, when a Chinese patrol, waving a flag, appeared. I meant the last of the Japanese had fled south and the fighting in our area was over.

Shortly thereafter in a rest area, I believe the head of the Southeast Asia Command Lord Louis Mountbatten, appeared. He stood on a box, was tall, slim and quite handsome. Of course, he carried the British swagger stick! Sitting on the ground, we gathered around him to hear what he had to say. I was only six feet from him. Most of us expected him to tell us the fighting was over and now we could go home. He did thank us for doing a brilliant job, but said there was still work to do — in China. We all groaned. China, of all places! He went on to explain in detail, but I suspect most of what he said, fell on deaf ears. We were just heartsick and disgusted. And he knew it!

All in all, Bill, I spent a year in Burma. Then went to China for eight months, attached to the crack Chinese 74th Army under a General Shih, who had commanded — believe it or not — of 82 thousand troops on a 75-mile front. I knew General Shih well because every week in my jeep, I would drive him and his Chief of Staff from his mountain top headquarters to our headquarters to compare situation maps.

By this time, I had gotten my stripes back as Operations Sgt., under our G Major, John "Whip" Whittick (now Brigadier General). Also, by this time, I had become quite fluent in Chinese and, during my weekly trip with General Shih and his Chief of Staff, I could understand what he was saying. Needless to say, Major Whittick and our Colonel was glad to learn that the duo were constantly scheming and planning strategy to con us out of Lend Lease arms. This went on for months as we helped Shih plan his attacks. But boy, I often get the shakes when I think of what would have happened to me if Shih knew that I had big, understanding ears!

The guy was nothing but a ruthless warlord, who banded his private army with those of several other war lords, to make up Chiang Kai-shek's fighting force.

A few years after the war, I heard from "Whip" Whittick telling me that General Shih took his army, lock, stock and barrel over to the Communist side. He concluded that "he is probably dead" presuming that the Reds, once they had his troops would have not further use for the turncoat. My China experience, Bill, is a story in itself as you can read. But I probably should not go into it here.

When peace came, we Americans who were in China, helped the Chinese disarm the Japs. That's also another story.

From China, we were sent back to India for four months. A little training, much

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R & R, and lots of fascinating sightseeing in Calcutta and environs. We departed for home from Calcutta, sailed through the Straits of Malacca, up the South China Sea, were caught in a typhoon as we neared Luzon in the Philippines. Then went east across the Pacific for 30 days landing at Tacoma, Washington.

My 30 days aboard ship this time was vastly different from the 30 I spent aboard the USS Butner. This trip I spent almost every day (8 a.m. to 10 p.m.) on my knees, down in the bowels of the ship (the third hold, I believe), shooting craps. I had a "golden arm" and wound up with quite a bundle, several thousand in one dollar bills! Before we left Calcutta, each man was given a "partial pay" of 10 single bucks. All those dollars eventually filtered down to our crap game. My 30 days aboard ship was quite profitable.

After we disembarked at Tacoma, we went directly to Fort George Lewis, where we stayed about a week for the usual processing. Those of us who were going east boarded a train that brought us, several days later to Fort Dix, New Jersey, where I took my basic training 3½ years earlier. I was discharged there December 24, 1945, and was home for Christmas. John W. Scheifele, 5307/3/I Co.; 475/3/I, 10 Colonial Club Dr., Apt. 302, Boynton Beach, FL 33435.

Letters

EDITOR

I was a member of the 5307th out of Trinidad, Port of Spain. As I recall, I was with the Blue Column, and my commander was Col. McGee. I remember a few men that I was close to then. Charles Johnson from Oklahoma, a mule skinner; Jim Case from Oklahoma, a machine gunner; Joseph Cattore from Montana, killed in action, on Maggot Hill.

I have never seen anyone since the get-together at Hot Springs, Arkansas, (Hospital? Ed.) Arlington Hotel. I was reassigned to Omaha and remained in the service. I retired on May 30, 1964, with 22 years of service. Laurence F. Feia, 313 Garnet Ln, Madison, WI 53714, 608-249-7937. 5307/2/BCT.

EDITOR

I was in India when Caifson Johnson died. I would like to write about him from my particular viewpoint.

I joined the First Bn in Myitkyina just as the fighting tapered off. As you know, the First Bn was comprised of all the "Old Galahad" men still able to fight and Lt. Col. Caifson Johnson was in command. I remained with the 1st Bn from Camp Landis until it was disbanded in China and we all joined Reserve Command of Chinese Combat Command. During all this time, I was living with Bn Hq on the trail and in combat. I was close to Col. Johnson practically every day. He always was first on the trail, leading the column.

While our Chinese interpreter, Major Mao Tse-Tuk, and I made (as he called it) "A hell big fire" when it was safe to do so,

Col. Johnson was making the rounds of our perimeter to inspect the defensive positions and check the fields of fire. He was very conscientious about this daily. He would, of course, have a company commanders meeting soon after all the troops were in their respective positions. I would sometimes eaves-drop on this so I could know the scoop.

During all this time, I found "Johnny" to be the model CO. He was always willing to do more than he asked anyone else to do. He was deeply concerned about the welfare and safety of the men. He understood his

company commanders and his headquarters staff and used them superbly to accomplish the unit's objective. On the professional level, he always supported the chaplain. On the personal level, he was a good friend and companion to bivouac. He liked to cook. I remember how pleased he was when he made some biscuits inside the two parts of a mess kit.

I attribute 1st Bn's low fatality rate to Lt. Col. Johnson's leadership. I shall miss him as a friend. James M. Davis, 4365 Mission

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FALL IN

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

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Dr., 6, San Diego, CA 92109, 475/1
 explain.

EDITOR

Retired Sgt., 236 Combat Engrs, John D.
 Holmbeck, West Melbourne, Florida, wrote
 a letter with a photo of our old type tank
 taken by Holmbeck in North Burma. The
 picture and letter was sent to the unit which
 enjoyed it at their reunion.

The place of committed suicide of Lt.
 Gen. Genzo Mizukami was on the left bank
 of the Irrawaddy River. General was in a
 command post with his staff on August 1 and he
 ordered that all units in Myitkyina move
 to the left bank of the Irrawaddy River.
 When he and his staff went to the left bank
 the night of August 1. On 3 August,
 General shot himself by his pistol at the
 separated place. The staff found a hand-
 written order on paper by him that he was
 sorry, couldn't keep defense position of
 Myitkyina and all units in Myitkyina should
 withdraw for south. Of the units, almost
 1000 reached Bhamo after a month. The
 part of General's remains was brought to
 his home with his sword and pistol by the
 staff officer during the war. Koyoshi
 Mizukami, former Japanese Captain, In-
 tantry, son of General was in South China
 mainland during WW 2 and now is working
 for a civil company in Tokyo. I see him some-
 times. General Mizukami was born in
 Amanashi-Ken, west of Tokyo in Septem-
 ber 1888, and graduated from Military
 Academy in 1911. Sincerely, Shinichi Mur-
 o, 61-6-301 Itabashi 2-chome, Itabashiku,
 Tokyo, 173, Japan.

EDITOR:

I still do not know what outfit my brother
 (Robert Jerome Huntzberry) was in. I
 know he did have the CBI badge. He was at
 Earl Harbor when it was bombed in 1941.
 Schofield Barracks, 25th Division, Guadal-
 canal in 1942 and at Vella La Villa when he
 volunteered for a mission that would give
 him 30 days leave (which he thought would

be in the USA). He wound up in the
 Marauders in Burma. He was one of the
 original MMs. I do not think that he got as
 far as the airfield. He was flown out with
 malaria and pneumonia to India, from
 there back to the States in 1944. He met a
 nurse and the medical doctor, a captain,
 did not like it. So, needless to say, the
 captain got punched out and he was going
 to be court martialled for hitting an officer
 but someone pulled strings and he was
 shipped out. He always said he was due the
 Silver Star for something he did. What it
 was, I do not know. He did not ever really
 adjust to civilian life after WW II. He was
 always suspicious of people. I was 11 years
 old when he came home and to an 11-year-
 old, he was a hero and I couldn't wait to join
 the Army. Bob died in prison in California
 for shooting a man during the riots in 1967.
 They said he thought he was back in com-
 bat and he had to defend himself and
 family. (He had a heart attack, the day
 they refused his parole in 1972, age 49).
 Thomas Huntzberry, P.O. Box 31, Bunker
 Hill, WV 25413.

EDITOR

I was a member of the 475/2/F Co. I
 think I was in the 1st Platoon. Sgt. Nebey
 was platoon sergeant and Sgt. Joe Kline
 was squad leader. Harold C. Bullard, 116
 Railroad Ave., Whitmire, SC 29178.

Officer's Row

EXECUTIVE SECRETARY

We have had a very successful reunion, a
 count of 431 people at the Saturday night
 dinner. Of this total, 187 Marauders signed
 in, 17 honorary members. We had 27 new
 members and 70 who were attending for the
 first time.

We would like to suggest that those who
 were not able to attend the reunion, can
 make their donations to me at the address
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notices (obituaries), or names and ad-
 dresses of new members direct to the
 executive secretary, not to others to
 forward to me!

HISTORIAN

On September 18th, Bob and Aileen Pas-
 sanisi, Dorothy and myself attended the re-
 tirement celebration at Amsterdam, New
 York, of our beloved chaplain, Monsignor
 Edward R. Glavin. There may have been
 other members of the MM's present that we
 did not see. The Albany CBIVA was well
 represented, each member outfitted in
 their basha regalia. Father Glavin has
 been a priest in peace and war for 53 years
 and the pastor of St. Mary's church for 29
 years. The mass in the church was con-
 celebrated by over 60 priests on the altar. A
 reception was held in the gym of the
 parochial school immediately following the
 service. The entire city of Amsterdam was
 invited to the reception where endless trays
 of food and drinks kept arriving as if by
 magic. Father Glavin will still live in St.
 Mary's and fulfill his spiritual ministry.
 However, the daily management of the
 parish will be taken over by another pastor.

The video tape of the "March Over the
 Mountains to Myitkyina" is still available.
 The audio tape of General Frank Merrill's
 talk at the 1952 reunion in Charlotte, North
 Carolina, contains a report of his dinner in
 Tokyo with Gen. Tanaka, the C O of the 18th
 Japanese Division and his surviving regi-
 mental officers. Their comments concern-
 ing their adversary, Merrill's Marauders,
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