



# The Burman News



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## River Boat City - Next

We've been down the Mississippi. Now is the time to come up the Old Man River. Bend off a little to the East at Cairo and follow the Ohio. On the other hand, if you are coming by car, it is on either I-64 or I-65 or I-71 depending on which direction you are coming from.

The charge has been set, and the time fuse in place to start the official count-down for the 43rd annual reunion of our world famous organization, "Merrill's Marauders."

**THE GALT HOUSE EAST**, located in the heart of Louisville, Kentucky, will be our target for this outstanding event.

The element of surprise, and the time of arrival will play an important part in the success of this mission. Come early!

Official starting date will be Friday, **September 1, 2 and 3rd, 1989**. The official package deal, for a single occupancy, has been set at **\$210.00, tax and gratuities included**. This price will include Friday and Saturday room charge, one continental breakfast on Friday morning, one sit-down dinner and entertainment on Friday evening, one lunch on Saturday noon, two drink cocktail on Saturday evening, one sit-down banquet and dancing, one load-up breakfast on Sunday morning. The meals will be top grade. **PRIMB RIB** on Saturday night, and **CHICKEN BREAST "WELLINGTON"** on Friday. **The double occupancy, has been set at \$293.00, tax and gratuities included.** Meals and cocktails double as above.

Additional nights for rooms, \$58.00, plus 9.2 percent taxes.

Please remember, when you send in your registration forms, mention that you wish to be housed in the Galt House East as per contract. **THE GALT HOUSE EAST "ALL SUITE" TOWER** is a completely handicapped coded facility and can offer 24 specially handicapped coded rooms for attendees. These rooms contain a large king size bed, wet bar, and plenty of space.

### A SPECIAL NOTE TO OUR READERS:

We, the reunion committee, would like to under-score the Fort Knox tour and memorial service. We have scheduled a full day at this military base, and are urging all Marauders to come early, and take part in what we think will be a memorable event for you and your families.

The Fort Knox tour will include a Friday morning continental breakfast, transportation, musical interlude, address by the base commander, memorial service, lunch at the N.C.O. Club, tour of the base and

General Patton museum.

A special registration form for this optional trip is located in another section of The Burman News. The committee urges all members to consider this very special offering.

See Registration Form on page 7.

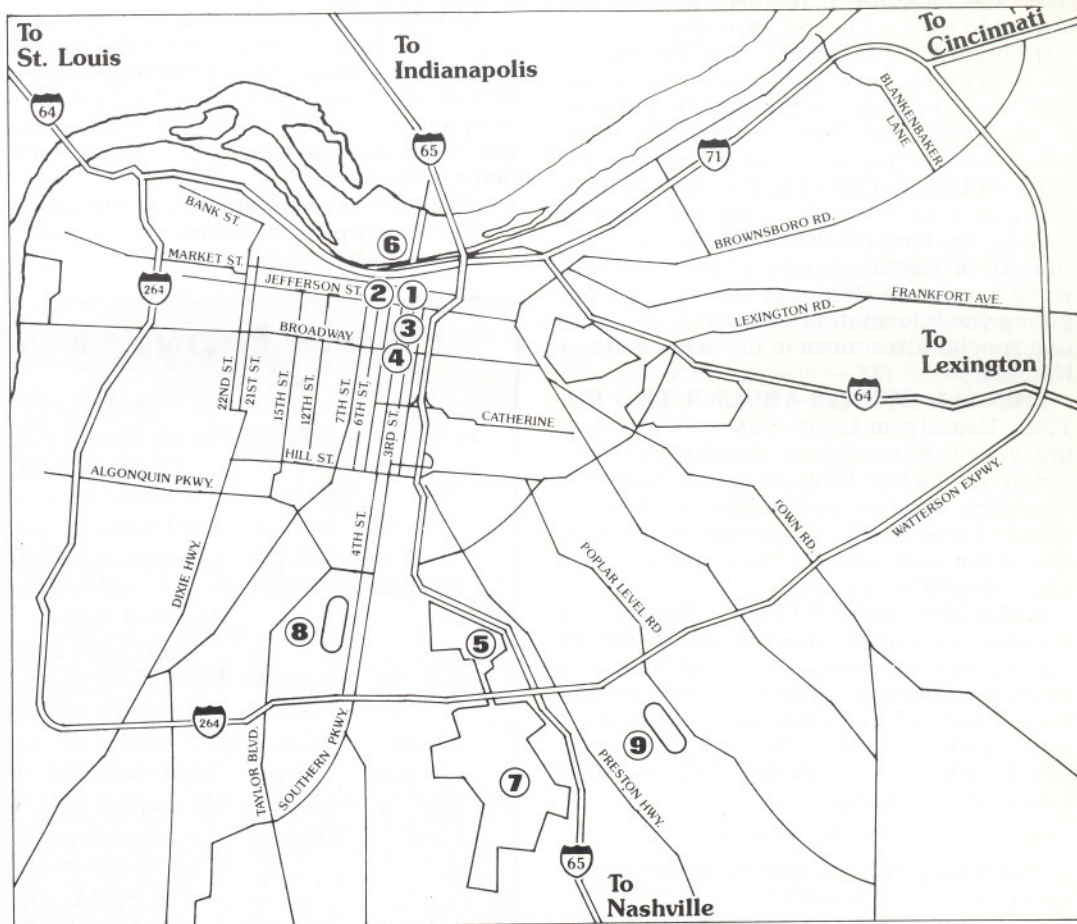
**OF INTEREST TO THE LADIES:** Shopping in Louisville is fun, and exciting! As you look for a gift for that certain someone, you'll find it and be very pleased. Search out that certain item or collectible. You'll discover it and be thrilled. Ladies, it is easy to move around Louisville and do the things you want. Just outside the Galt House, you will find a green colored "Tooner-Ville Trolley" which will take you on a twelve block trip to the major hotels and shops. One such trip will be the multi-million dollar Louisville Galleria Shopping Complex.

There is no charge for this service, and, the schedule is usually on the hour.

**AIR TRANSPORTATION IN AND OUT OF LOUISVILLE:** There are several airlines servicing the city, such as American Airlines, TWA, and Northwest, Piedmont, United and US Air.

**CAB AND LIMOUSINE SERVICE FROM THE AIRPORT:** The airport is about 15 minutes from the Galt House (Yellow Cab) and limo service charge around \$10.00 per person.

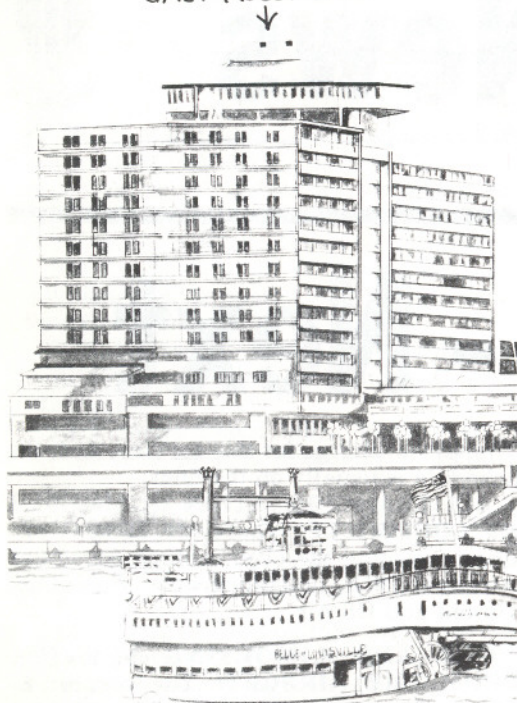
**PARKING AT THE GALT:** Parking at the Galt House is inside, and is Free. Additional parking for recreational vehicles and trailable boats (level surface, no hookups) beside the hotel on River Road. A limited number of non-level inside the hotel parking spaces available. (Check with bell captain).



We've made it our business to be very convenient for you. The Galt House is close to everything.  
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GALT HOUSE EAST



**RESTAURANTS:** The Galt House features several outstanding restaurants and lounges for your dining and drinking pleasure. (Check on the specials and the buffets). The River Grill is located on the second floor of the Galt House, as is the fountain room. **When only the finest dining will do . . .** try the Flagship Restaurant. It's located on the 25th floor, overlooking the river and fountain. It features a revolving turntable with a spectacular view.

**OPTIONAL TOURS BY TOURS PLUS:** You will find several tours presented to our reunion in another section of the Burman News. Many tours can be arranged to fit your needs as you arrive at the hotel.

**KENTUCKY TRAVEL PACKETS:** It is our intent as we collect the pre-registration names, to forward them to the Visitors Bureau of Kentucky, so that they can forward to you, a Kentucky Travel Packet, giving you information on boating, camping and special attractions in the great state of Kentucky.

**SPECIAL EVENTS AROUND THE HOTEL:** Usually on Labor Day weekend, and this year is no exception, the city will sponsor their Labor Extravaganza featuring speakers, displays and booths of all sorts. This is a free event, and is just on the west side of the Galt House. (This is great for the kids, as well as all adults.)

**REUNION COMMITTEE:** We, of the reunion committee, want to encourage all our Burma counterparts . . . anyone who contributed to our victory . . . Marauders, Mars Task Force, Engineers, 124th, Cavalry, Medical Units, 5307th, 475 Infantry, and all others. We welcome you, and urge all to register early.

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The young lady answered an advertisement for a typist to work for a weather forecaster. She gave her typing speed as "Approximately 60 words per minute with occasional gusts of 65 to 70." She got the job.

## Letters

### EDITOR

General Easterbrook was one of the better soldiers to emerge from the Burma Campaign as well as being a fine gentleman and a courageous leader. His passing will be missed by all who knew him. John H. Lattin, Col 475/2/HQ/CO, 878 Kingsway Circle, Lake Suzy, FL 33821-9794.

### EDITOR

Yes, I am a former member of the 5307th and was with the original unit when it was formed in India and walked into Burma to the end at Myitkyina. I was a former member of the 502nd MP Bn, assigned to the HQ as the guard unit for General Merrill and Col. Hunter, etc. I was finally evacuated with malaria, jungle sores on my back and dysentery.

A former member of the HQ guard unit, William Shaeffer, died about 25 years ago. He committed suicide. He was wounded at Myitkyina when a shell flew him out of a fox hole. He had all kinds of problems with malaria, nightmares about the fighting, etc., and finally killed himself. He was from Johnstown, Pa., but lived near me in Piscataway, Md., when he died. We both went home with the 502nd MP unit. We were one of the last to leave Burma and the Ledo Road area. John A. Miller, 12209 Galway Dr., Silver Springs, MD 20904, 301-572-5472, 5307/HQ/FWD.

### EDITOR

I have a very close friend, who is like a second father to me. His name is George W. Powell and he was in Merrill's Marauders. He attended your reunion for the first time this past year. I am writing this letter for him, because his wife and I know he'll never write it.

In November, he went to the Pentagon and the Army presented him with a medal and some battle stars. His wife says, the

General (Brig. Gen. Brady) and George go talking about Burma and the War and it was brought up about George being wounded but never getting the Purple Heart.

The General suggested we write to your newsletter and have you get something in about this. That all George needs is two witnesses to that day when he was wounded and that they would verify it with these two witnesses. If the witnesses would write to George's address, we can get the letter to the Pentagon since we live so close to it. George W. Powell, 206 W. Cameron Rd. Falls Church, VA 22046, 703-534-6405 5307/2/Green CT, Wounded April 7, 1944 at Nhpum Ga, Burma. By Larry Daniels his friend.

### EDITOR

I am writing in the hope that you can help me in my search for information about my uncle who was killed in the 5307th. From information given me by my mother, he was S/Sgt. Clarence J. Bruneau, 6904202. Following the attack on Pearl Harbor, he re-enlisted at Bennington, Vermont. For the next three years, he was in the Hawaiian Islands. He was then in Guadalcanal and New Guinea. He was an Expert Sharpshooter and in October 1943, volunteered for the outfit that turned out to be the 5307th. From this point my information is skimpy except that he was a member of Company K, 5307th and was killed on March 4, 1944, while fighting in the vicinity of Nding Ga, Burma. I would like to know of anybody who knows anything about his service. Thank you for your help in this matter. Michael Brunelle, 228 Stebbens St. Chicopee, MA 01020.

### EDITOR

I'd be proud to become a member of this association. I was a member of the OSS-Det. 101 in the CBI. The Kachin people

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## Reunion Program • Merrill's Marauders Association

### THURSDAY, AUGUST 31, 1989

10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. Registration and Memorabilia Display in the **Carroll/Ford Rooms**

### FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 1, 1989

7:00 a.m. - 8:15 a.m. Continental Breakfast in **The Brown Room**

8:30 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. Board buses for the Fort Knox All Faiths Memorial Service

4:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. Registration and Memorabilia Display in the **Carroll/Ford Rooms**

7:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. Dinner, followed by Stage Entertainment and Presentations in the **Archibald Room**

### SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 2, 1989

8:30 a.m. - 9:30 a.m. Board of Directors business meeting in the **Collins Room**

9:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. Registration and Memorabilia Display in the **Carroll/Ford Rooms**

12 Noon - 1:30 p.m. Luncheon in the **Archibald Room**

2:00 p.m. - 3:30 p.m. Registration and Memorabilia Display in the **Carroll/Ford Rooms**

4:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. Mass will be held in the **Court Room** (Msgr. Edward R. Glavin)

6 p.m. - 12 Midnight Cocktail Reception, Posting of the Colors, Dinner, Introduction of Guest and Members, Dancing and Cash Bar, in the **Archibald Room**

### SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 3, 1989

8:00 a.m. - 9:45 a.m. Sunday Load Up Brunch, Membership Meeting, Vote on the 1990 Reunion, **Archibald, Cochran and Addition Rooms**



## LETTERS . . .

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were our salvation. After our war, President Truman ordered our disbandment. Since I had been a Penna State trooper before the war, I was assigned to Judge Advocate General Dept. in the Southwest Pacific War Crimes Division. After discharge on March 17, 1946, I returned to the State Police, retiring from there in 1963. I served all over the CBI, our main office was in New Delhi, Assam, India; Burma, Kunming, China. We were 100 men and 2,500 Kachin natives. We were divided into two white men (one a radio operator) and 100 Kachin natives. Those guys won the battle for us.

Our first duty was to remain anonymous as we lived among our enemy. Learning from our Kachin people the enemy weaknesses, harassing them, getting at their supplies, dodging in and out, keeping the enemy off balance.

Our actions were sudden, deadly. We worked to build up an element of surprise that irritated the enemy. We had a wide range of clandestine operations, uprisings, propaganda, escape and evasions. We operated not only in the jungle of Burma but in towns, cities, ports and rice paddies.

Beside the Kachin people helping us, there was a group of Naga Hills Head Hunters with us. As we moved thru the jungles of Burma, they would be waiting along the trails and join with us. We were as far as 200 miles behind the Jap lines.

Julia Childs, formerly Williams, of the TV gourmet cooking programs, was our one and only file clerk in our Calcutta office. We had no battalions, no platoons, and I guess we could be classified as Combat Teams, as we answered to no one and got the job assigned to us, done.

We were with you guys at Myitkyina but were too busy to say, "Hi." We had a few airplanes, Pipers, Wacos and Stearmans, known as L-1, L-5, and L-10s. The British gave us some on the Midnite Requisition System.

As you know we had to be anonymous but I correspond with one of our Kachin guides, Harry Hengshoon. He is now living in Fountain Valley, CA 92708. Ding hoa. Frank Schramko, 1711 Goucher St., Johnstown, PA 15905, OSS-101.

## EDITOR

I would like to contact members of the 31st QM PK TR. I was a horse shoer for this troop. We became part of the 5307 in January 1944 at Deogarh Training Camp. Lester Hollenback, 2301 No. Normandy Blvd., Deltona, FL 32725.

## EDITOR

A buddy of mine has passed away. He was wounded the day the Japs zeroed in on the 37mm gun. I don't remember the exact day but I think it was around the 20th of June, 1944. He got shrapnel from head to foot on the left side, plus one piece of shrapnel went thru his helmet and landed on his bushy head of hair but didn't do any damage. I had his helmet put on the stretcher with him, having a hole the size of

a golf ball. Of the ten of us from this area who were together for three years, only five of us are left. Walter Clemmer, 60 Alan Lane D-6, Quakertown, PA 18951-1165, 5307 / 236 / A Co.

## EDITOR

A special thanks for the copies of the BURMAN NEWS. They were just great! It has been many years since I've seen or heard names, i.e. Myitkyina, Lashio, Bhamo, Tonkwa, Camp Landis, 20th Gen, etc. With the passage of so many years, it's hard to recollect many names, however, some do come to mind, Virgil Boesken, Cinn, OH; Charles Hart, Cleveland, OH; Chet Martin, Oakland, CA; Cleo Hicks, Gainesville, GA. Our company had a fantastic 1st sergeant. At this point my mind is blank as to his name — do hope I can recall it soon. He not only was a great soldier but a **good friend**. I was part of a group that volunteered out of the 97 Infantry Division, leaving from Ft. Leonard Wood, Missouri. We became part of the group that landed at Myitkyina airstrip. We were told to load our rifles while still on board the plane. As we disembarked, we ran to the side of the airstrip and replaced those men of Merrill's Marauders who were in their foxholes. As a 19-year-old, an impression has lasted on my mind of the soldier I replaced. He looked old, drawn and weary. We exchanged greetings and he seemed happy to see his replacement. I didn't realize at that point in time, but I had just become part of a great outfit of WW II. My recollection was that I was in 5307 / Co. E, 2nd Bn, and later we became 475 / Co. E. I was a 1st gunner, Light Machine Gun. John J. Lupetin, T / 5, 19 Mohegan Rd., Ossining, NY 10562.

## EDITOR

I will try and fill you in on my time as a

Marauder. I was a volunteer from the SW Pacific (Guadalcanal). At the time I volunteered, I was in the 164th Infantry, and we were on Fiji Island (rest area). From Fiji, we went to Australia, where we met the rest of the group, and of course, from there went to India and Burma.

I was in the 3rd Bn, Orange Column under Major Lew. I had a mule on which we carried mortar ammo. I have lost memory of the names of the men in my platoon. I was in First Platoon, 4th Squad. I was with the Marauders from the beginning until the latter part of May, 1944. We had the airfield at Myitkyina. I got typhus, malaria, yellow jaundice and dysentery. All at the same time! I flew out to the 20th GH in Ledo, India, and I was out for 18 days. During that time I went from 187 to 120 pounds during that 18-day period. In August 1944, I was returned to Topeka, Kansas, to guard German POW's. I still weighed 120 pounds when discharged in August 1945.

I think I had the only mule in the Marauders that was named after a Major in the Army. My mule I named after Major Petito. My mule when I first got him, he was very ornery and I thought he could be classed with Major Petito. Although both mellowed, so neither one was as ornery as when we first went into Burma. I sure wish I had known about the Marauder reunions earlier. Ray R. Nelson, Box 84, Estelline, SD 57234, 5307 / 3 / OCT / 1 / 4.

## EDITOR

Enclosed you will find a large photo of the platoon leaders of the 1st Bn, 5307th, Merrill's Marauders. My officer was 1st Lt. Harris. I had given my patch to someone to paint on a wall at the VFW — never returned.

The only name I can recall is Joe Bissonette from Rhode Island. Hank Pirone. We

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## FALL IN

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

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 RANDALL COLVIN, 252 Flesher Dr., Ellisville, MO 63011, 612 FA/C Battery  
 HENRY D. DANNER, 219 W. Maple, Ave., Mocksville, NC 27028, 5307/2/BCT/E CO/LW MG  
 JACK L. GOFF, 313 Warren St., Manchester, TN 37355, 5307/3  
 GARY P. HAMILTON, 3311 Kingsley Dr., Bloomington, IN 47401, Ranger 75/2/A/WPNS  
 RICHARD C. KEARNEY, 11 Terrace Gdns, Meriden, CT 06450, 203-238-0161, 5307/2/G; 475/2/G/81 MRTRS/1st Gunner  
 CLARENCE KINDRICK, 2588 Honeysuckle Way, Rt. 4, Springfield, MO 65802, 5307/3/33 QM PK TR; 475/33 QM PK TR  
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 JOHN E. WHITELEY, 4046 Howard St., Hobart, IN 46342, 219-942-0678, 5307; 475





5307th Composite Unit (Prov.), Blue Combat Team, I & R Platoon; Phil Morrissey, Sidney Savitt, Robert Landis, first man KIA in Burma.

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were all from the 14th Infantry M Co., Fort William D. Davis. I had gone to Camp Carson, Colorado (mules). Then to California on the Monterey — on to Australia, Melbourne. Then to Bombay. Train to Kutkai, India, where we trained on river crossing and watching for our mules. I can remember Khaki. I was in charge of the 81mm mortar mules. We moved forward on the Ledo Road. The Engineers were from Bangor, Maine. I had a friend in the Engineers, William Beyer. He left us two years ago to the Promised Land. Our first encounter was at Walawbum. From there we had to march 35 miles over mountains to help out one of the companies pinned down on a hill. It was called Maggot Hill. 'Twas a good name for it! They lost all their mules and machine guns. They encountered the Jap Marines. I can remember they opened fire on us. A few bullets had gone thru my fatigue jacket. From the Maggot Hill to the big air strip at Myitkyina. We dug in along the Irrawaddy River. As we were digging, the American Air Force was strafing across the river. Some of their bullets hit our area.

From there we moved back to an RR area. That's when I left the group. I had taken a young man to the First Aid Station, with a bug in his ear. And they put a temp stick in my mouth. I was running a fever, so, the docs put a tag on me and I had to report back to my CO. I had to walk two miles to the air strip, in the rain. As I was nearing the air strip, a Jap plane came in and dropped a bomb on the strip. I flew out later to the 20th General Hospital.

I was processed, shown to my bunk, sat on the bunk and passed out for one month. I had scrub typhus, high fever, etc. I am not supposed to go back to that area any more.

(As I was told) (Editor: I can hear a lot of AMENS from coast to coast!)

I sure would like to see some of the fellows. Gregory G. Resch, S/Sgt. 5307/1/RCT, 637 Warsaw St., Menasha, WI 54952.

## EDITOR

I joined the 475/3 Bn from an L-5 just below Bhamo in plenty of time for the Tonkwa show. I was fresh from the States and spent my first day in the field with the 475th. In the States, I had run a veterinary station hospital and for one short time did second echelon veterinary care for the 124th Cavalry when they still had horses. Later the regiment left and only "G" Troop stayed. John Randolph, author of "Marsmen in Burma" was at one time loaned to me by the 124th as a clerk. Darwin Lee and John Yatson were T/3's in my 3rd Bn Veterinary Section. Both had been in the Marauders. Down at Kutkai, when the 475th left for China, I sent them with the Bn expecting to join them soon. This never happened.

Sure would like to have a copy of the photo "Dead Mule Gulch." My corporal's and my "hole" was the closest to the picket line. The second night after we occupied the hill, out of 22 animals picketed, 20 were killed and I had to destroy another. The survivor was a little horse belonging to a G-2 officer whose name I can't recall. The horse's name was Penny!

I know Ken Gumaer. I met him on the trek to China and he was with the Chinese then. Ken contracted anthrax on our journey and was treated with some of the first penicillin used in our theater. We did not go to China over the Ledo Road with the mules. We went over the Stilwell Road, a more northerly route and came into China near Tengchung and got on the

Burma Road near Lungling. Then traveled on to Viaguan near Dali, where we saw the end of the war. Charles Nowlin, Vet. Off. 475/3, 799 Skyland Ave., Panama City, FL 32401.

## EDITOR

There is a picture of Rene Genest in the November issue of the NEWS. Everyone would have changed a lot in 43 years, but I can't see anything in that picture to remind me of the big French Canadian I knew. I took two MP's to put him in jail in Calcutta. He also was in Panama in '42. Ralph W. Pollock, Rd. 1, Box 1494, Mt. Union, PA 17066, 5307/1/WCT/B CO/MG SEC.

## EDITOR

Received your card asking for my serial number 6893584. I am still in business. Going on 42 years in the sandblasting business. I guess I am too damn stubborn to give up.

I sure had a wonderful life. I met the best. I fought with the best and I also think many times the best yet, were the ones we left behind to make this all possible.

I do not know if you have John Sukup on your records. He was 1st Scout, I&R, 1st Bn, Red Combat Team. I would like his address if he is still living (ED: So would we, have nothing on him.)

After Myitkyina fell, I went to the right flank where it started. I was in that fire fight when the Jap patrol walked right up to us. Well, anyway, I wound up with 8 years, 9 months and 14 days. I enjoyed it all. S/Sgt. Charles Yinger, 3rd Cavalry, Ft. Myers, VA, 14th Inf. Panama, 5307th and 475th and Discharge, 3205 E. Market St., Apt. L-1, York, PA 17402.

## EDITOR

It is many months since the Charlotte Reunion and I still marvel over the fact that I met **nine** guys I hadn't seen in 44 years. I particularly have fond memories of Charles Dennehy, of Yonkers, NY, our Medic. Not only did he give me first aid when I was wounded at Tonkwa; but, much earlier, at Myitkyina. I vividly recall him screaming behind us to help him gather the wounded so he could give them first aid. I remember the scene well. It was an open field and we were on the run, chasing the Japs before us. They had abandoned their holes as we approached. We chased them, stopping every so often to get down on one knee, take aim and fire. The Japs did the same thing as they retreated, stopping quickly to fire at us. Our men were dropping all over the field and poor Dennehy couldn't keep up with us. When we heard him yell for help, several of us stopped, looked back, and saw the impossible task facing him. Many bodies, almost two dozen, I figure, were sprawled about. "Moe" (Maurice) Ronan, of Nutley, NJ, and I were content that the attack was now a rout and the worst was over, responded to Dennehy's call. On the double, we rushed back, grabbed a stretcher and repeatedly ran forward and back, bringing the wounded to Dennehy. One very young guy I'll never forget. As we lifted him onto the stretcher, he begged Moe and me, "Please don't let me die!" He

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was bleeding profusely from a hole in his right side. As we were running back with him, his head suddenly fell back over the top of the stretcher. His mouth was wide open and his eyes, open, were staring. We realized that he had died, so we quickly dumped him on to the ground, and rushed forward again for another living wounded guy.

This scene, believe me, is as clear in my mind today, as it was the day it happened. My only regret is "dumping" that young man's body. But you have to do those things in the heat of a battle. You try to save the wounded who are still alive. John Scheifele, 10 Colonial Club Rd, Apt. 302, Boynton Beach, FL 33435, 5307/3/I/3 Platoon; 475/3/I/3.

**EDITOR**

I departed the US on the USS GENERAL BUTNER, on or about April 23, 1944, and arrived in Bombay, India, about May 21, 1944. From there to Ramgarh via Indian train (five days). I was at Ramgarh a little better than one day and then on a plane to Myitkyina, arriving about May 30th.

I was assigned to 5307/2nd Bn, Co. E, Machine Gun Section (air-cooled, .30 caliber). With me were Timothy Condo (Plains, PA) and a man whose last name was Stoddard (ED; Arthur G.?) (I believe he was from Massachusetts.)

After a few days at the airfield, we moved toward the front and stopped at a "railhead." Some of the Old Galahads were located there but left the next day. We were there about ten days and then moved to the front. CO. E occupied the left side of the road but one squad of machine guns joined the Engineers who were on the right and the next day Co. E moved over and relieved the Engineers.

We stayed basically in this area until the end of July. I even remember the Air Force bombing for us.

Co. E was pulled off the line in preparation for the final drive to Mitch and we were sent to clear reported Japs from a village and spent most of the night in a leech-infested swamp. As a result of this patrol, I developed jungle rot and deeply infected ulcers and was evacuated to the 69th SH at Margherita, Assam, about August 5, 1944.

I spent 55 days in the hospital and at Dinjan and then returned to Burma (Camp Landis) and was re-assigned to Co. E, 2nd Bn, Hq Platoon, Machine Gun Section. But it was now the 475th Infantry.

I spent the period, Oct. '44 thru February '45, in this company and then transferred to Hq. Co., 2nd Bn, I & R Plat, as a BAR man. I was with this platoon when the 475th was shipped to China and Hq. Co. was located at Kweiyang.

Some of the men whom I remember were with me were Timothy Condo, Plains, PA; Walter Travis, Kalamazoo, MI; Batcheler (Robert L, PFC?), OH; S-Sgt. Richardson, Hometown Unknown, later 1st Sgt. Co. E.

Incidentally, in the book, "Merrill's Marauders" published by Turner Publishing, I believe the picture on page 2 is mis-labeled

as it is a picture of the machine gun squad I was in. I can identify some of the people, the man feeding the MG is me, firing the gun T. Condo, with the telescope sight on the .03 is Walter Travis and the man with the knit hat is S-Sgt. Richardson. The date is correct. We had caught a Jap patrol going in and out of a lightly wooded area that day.

One other thing, in the BURMAN NEWS was a letter from a Col. Murano, Japanese 56th Div., in which he mentioned the "road block on the Burma Road and losing some tanks to an ambush." I was on that ambush.

Since writing to you, I have had several letters. One from the 2nd Bn Sgt. Major. He asked if I remembered the 1st Sgt. of E CO. before Richardson. It was 1st Sgt. Clancy. He had been classified for limited duty but went anyway and was commissioned in the AGC just before we went into China. He had a law degree. The Sgt. Major also mentioned the 1st Sgt. in HQ Co. McNally. Followed by T-Sgt. Toomey from Boston and I believe he was promoted to First in China. Robert P. Rose, P.O. Box 2066, Vincennes, IN 47591, 812-488-3517, 5307/2/E/LMG; 475/2/E/LMG.

**EDITOR**

After doing a little checking, I find that the 1st Platoon, I Co., 475th. Here is a list of the 1st Platoon as I have it in my notebook which I carried throughout the campaign. T-Sgt. Browning, S-Sgt. Oakman, Coppens, Van Allen, Thebeau, Rodolari. 1st Squad — Norbes, Plato, Nickel, Johnson, Bernardi, VenGunton, McKissick, Griffith. 2nd Squad — Dye, Snell, Spiker, Wallace, Crivellone, McKenzie, Barrera, Cross. 3rd Squad —

Critcher, Deshaies, Maurey, Denman, Dorsch, Crowley, Skinner, Barbour, Kidd, Gill. Weapons — Bundrick, Hazelwood, Birkback, Gonzales, Ayers, Choat, Noesky, Deerman, Martin, Moran, Mason. Sanford Head, Plat. Ldr., 475/3/I/1, P.O. Box 5097, Athens, GA 30604.

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A couple was seated at a restaurant table for two when the man suddenly slid from his chair. A panicked waiter rushed over and said, "Madam, your husband is under the table!" "No, he's not," the woman replied. "My husband just walked in the door."

**Sharing the Story**

In a notebook belonging to 1st Sgt. Michael F. Gabbett, 475/HQ Co., it shows that Col. Easterbrook took his share of guard duty in action in Burma.

**GUARD 12/13/44**

COL. EASTERBROOK)	6 TO 8
CPL. WOODS )—	
COL. ORTH )	8 TO 10
T/5 AMOND )—	
MAJ. LEONARD )	10 TO 12
SGT. TONNES )—	
MR. DOYER )	12 TO 2
T/5 DARDEN )—	
MAJ. NELSON )	2 TO 4
SGT. MAFFIA )—	
LT. ROTHSCHILD )	4 TO 6
SGT. SHIRAR )—	

**502nd MP Bn Volunteers**

A list of the men who volunteered from the MP's for the 5307th at Camp Deogarh, India, (Continued on page 6)

**PASS IN REVIEW DEATHS REPORTED RECENTLY**

MAJ/GEN ERNEST F. EASTERBROOK, P.O. Box 50, Carmel, CA 93921, Commanding Officer, 475th Infantry. Died of heart attack, February 19, 1989, at Monterey Community Hospital. Col. Easterbrook did attend the last Charlotte Reunion, enjoyed it and we appreciated his attendance. It was a pleasure to all to have him with us at that one time.

In addition to his service with us, Gen. Easterbrook served as CO of the 7th Infantry Regiment in Korea, Director of Army Aviation, Commander of Army Aviation Center, Camp Rucker, Alabama, Chief of US MII Adv. Group, Thailand, and retired as Deputy Commanding General of the 6th U.S. Army at the Presidio, San Francisco, California.

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

EDWARD L. BRAINARD, Landing Rd., Little River, SC 29566, 5307th Plat. Ldr.	January 18, 1989
TIMOTHY CONDO, Plains, PA, 5307/2/E/LMG; 475/2/E/LMG	1958
DEAN CROMER, 239 So. Hartnett St., Ferguson, MO 63135, 5307/1/RCT	November 20, 1988
VICTOR CZERWINSKI, Wausaw, WI 5307	1982
CHESTER FARMER, 219 No. Morelock Rd., Morristown, TN 37814, 5307/1/RCT CO C/3 PL	March 19, 1989
WILLIAM G. GRIGG, Gastonia, NC, 28052, 5307/Engineers	September 1986
FREDERICK R. JONES, 6565 Rockdale, Dearborn Hts., MI 48127, 313-565-5382, 5307/1; 475/2/S-2	March 16, 1989
CHARLES H. KEELER, 1211 Delaware Ave., Bethlehem, PA 18015, Marauders	November 1988
JOHN KETCHUM, 651 First St., SE, Mason City, IA 50401, 475/HQ; 835 Signal Service Battalion	November 3, 1988
FLOYD MAUNEY, Rt. 2, Box 7248, Bessemer, NC 28016, 5307/236 Engineers	February 12, 1989
NORMAN PAGE, 118 Aspetuck Rd., New Milford, CT 06776, 5307/1/WCT; 475/1	March 21, 1989
HENRY PARSONS, 1859 Cherokee St., Stockton, CA 95205, 5307/1/RCT; 475/1	December 18, 1988
NICHOLAS S. PELESKY, 8 West St., Jennings, PA 15546, 5307/2/BCT/HW	December 30, 1988
CREIGHT SMITH, 46505 72nd St., Watervliet, MI 49098, 5307/2/OCT/E CO	March 25, 1989
DEAN K. VOLTZ, RR 1, Centuria, WI 54824, 5307/3/OCT/1st Sergeant	November 6, 1988
M. LEO WILLIAMS, Los Gatos, CA 95030, 5307, Youngest member of 5307th	September 12, 1988
WILLIAM R. WAGNER, 3512 Ave. Montresor, Del Ray Beach, FL 33445, 5307/2/BCT/MED.	



**SHARING . . .**

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and their original addresses. Help us out to find them if you live in these towns!

**From Co. C:**

Lt. Eaton "Red" Miller, Hazard, KY  
S/Sgt. David Trogus\*, Whitehall, Ohio  
Sgt. Paul D. Arbogast, Normal, IL  
Sgt. Ray Hamilton, Alameda, CA  
Cpl. Ben Draper (Deceased), Cookeville, TN  
Cpl. Harold J. Kohler, Allentown, PA  
PFC John L. Clark (Deceased), Sharon, PA  
PFC Walter R. Fatz, 128 Washington St., Milton, PA  
PFC Robert S. Hall\*, 24 McNamara Ave., Binghamton, NY 13903  
PFC Charles L. Holowell\*, RD 1, Cochran, PA 16314  
PFC Fred Ibell, Philadelphia, PA  
PFC Amando I. Jimenez, Los Angeles, CA  
PFC Robert Jones Jr., 4725 Keith Ct., Colorado Springs, CO 80916  
PFC Frank W. Liska (Deceased), Avoca, PA  
PFC Louis J. Mihalic, Rt. 1, Box 266, Mineral Point, PA 15942  
PFC John A. Miller\*, 12209 Galway Dr., Silver Springs, MD 20904  
PFC Edward J. Myers\*, 703 Newton Ave., Barrington, NJ 08007  
PFC Gerald Pena, Long Island, NY  
PFC Ashtan E. Pugh  
PFC William H. Sheaffer (Deceased) Johnstown, PA  
PFC Melvin Winik (Deceased), 111 No. Kenwood Ave., Baltimore, MD  
Pvt William F. McLinden (Deceased), Fairmont, VA

**From Co. A:**

PFC Milton R. Zerbe, Rt. 4, Box 91, Selinsgrove, PA 17870

\*Means already on our rolls.

**ROSTER OF 475/3/1 CO.**

From About Dec. '44 to Feb. '46

**Company Comdr** — Capt. James K. Blocker

**Executive Officer** — 1st Lt. Gene A. Becker

**Platoon Leaders** — 1st Lt. James N. Applegate, Walter W. Brechons, Sanford B. Head, Harry Malnack, Robert C. Newman, Ernest C. Patchet, William N. Payne.

**1st Sgt.** — Worth E. Rector

**Tech Sgts.** — Floyd F. Browning, Lyn W. Hightower, George Mamula, Robert C. Morrison

**Staff Sgts.** — John H. Bundrick, Hurshell Harrison, William A. Holt, John P. Horbes, Merle K. Kelly, Henry B. Kennedy, George E. Koppel, Ival Maxwell, Henry Ockman, Maurice Ronan, Till G. Rosales, James R. Scott, Joseph Selesko, Gondolfo P. Termini, James C. Warman, Harold A. Morse, Elis A. Richardson, James E. Stevens, Mike C. Raueles, Arvil B. Monhollon.

**Sgts** — Robert Adams, Frank Battaglia, Richard M. Benfer, Frank M. Boyko, William Cantcher Jr., Elmit L. Cajangni, Charles E. Dillard, Floyd S. Due, George C. Green, Floyd T. Hazelwood, Elzie F. Joines, Charles H. Keeler, Robert L. Landis, Edward F. Lennon, Ted I. Lewis, Charles E. Little, George A. Mount, Otis Radford, James H. Stewart, Lester Vaughan, William H. Wise.

**Tech. 4th Grade** — Francis H. Foster.

**Corporals** — Morton C. Glazer, George M. Bunton, Ronald R. Clark.

**Tech. 5th Grade** — William Belew Jr., Car-

melo A. Carmono, Jack Coats, George H. Eddy, Anthony L. Falcone, Robert G. Dorsch, Virgil Humfleet, Stanley Janas, Carl P. Logiudice, J. A. Marshall, William R. Mohr.

**Privates First Class** — Quinton E. Anderson, Gerald R. Archambault, Lusa B. Ayres, Frank Bailey, Raymond E. Bailey, Rance V. Banks, Robert F. Bard, Dale C. Bard, Jack T. Baxter, Joseph R. Bernardi, Roberto Berrela, Harry W. Birkbeck, Kelly R. Bradley, Clarence P. Brown, Edward Brown, Raymond J. Brown, Maurice E. Cavey, John D. Choat, Samuel D. Cicora, Cornelius Clements, Roy Cocklum, Clinton C. Cooswell, Carl E. Coppens, Aubrey O. Creasy, Anthony F. Crivellone, Earl C. Cumper, Albert E. Cunning, Charles G. Curry, Robert E. Dasell, Carl F. Denman, Frederick J. Dashmes, William C. Dineen, Kenneth E. Elliott, Carlo Ettippio, John Evanoss, Boyd M. Evans, Eliso A. Fernandez, Frank V. Ferreira, Elwood L. Ferrer, Stanley I. Gemalo,

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Roy, Ernest J. Silva, August C. Thulien, Eugene Weeks, Harry E. Witman.

**Medics - 1st Platoon** - Pvt. Gerald Rodola  
**2nd platoon** - T/5 Charles W. Dennehy; 3  
**Platoon** - PFC Thomas B. Gehan; **4th Platoon**  
Pvt. Fang Y. Wong; **Attached to BN** - Pvt. Lon D. McGee.

**HEADQUARTERS****5307th COMPOSITE UNIT [PROV]**

APO 487

24 July 19

**GENERAL ORDERS)**

NUMBER 15)

**Award of Combat Infantryman Badge**

Under the provisions of War Department Circular Number 186, dated 11 May 1944, a Combat Infantryman Badge is awarded for exemplary conduct in action against the enemy at New Georgia, Solomon Islands, to the following:

Capt. Clarence O. Burch, 0420084 Inf  
1st Lt. Logan E. Weston, 01795021 Inf  
T/Sgt. Robert C. Mallory, 35016079 K  
S/Sgt. John L. Coll, 35008582 HQ  
S/Sgt. George W. Muller, 39678776 K  
S/Sgt. Salvatore F. Rapisarda, 35009154 H-3  
S/Sgt. Quentin L. Waite, 20508501  
Sgt. Donald P. Darsey, 34154552 H-3  
Sgt. Edward C. Kohler, 20506273  
Sgt. Richard Perl, 20504454  
Sgt. Wayne E. Russler, 16108224 K  
Cpl Milton P. Ball, 34188651 K  
Cpl Joseph W. Burris, 20506256  
Cpl Willie Boutin, 34155605 E  
T/5 John F. Allen, 35016145 I  
T/5 Marshall J. Fields, 35015393 HQ  
T/5 Emery Jones, 18059808 H-3  
T/5 Charles J. Lettieri, 20130581 H-3  
T/5 Joseph E. Moriarty, 36240502 H-3  
T/5 Richard Shaner, 20504463 K  
Pfc Allen D. Cowart, 38171461 A  
Pfc Orville K. Elson, 20506738 K  
Pfc Leonard C. Ginter, 35015292  
Pfc Ronald W. Knight, 13041214 H-3  
Pfc Gordon E. Odlum, 20129511 H-O  
Pfc John G. Perry, 38128886  
Pfc Earl Rogers Jr., 34449430 F  
Pfc William W. Ross, 38171482 H-3  
Pfc Cleveland T. Storey, 14067365 H-3  
Pfc Joseph F. Sweeney, 20127086 H-3  
Pfc Joseph F. Wojewnik, 36229821  
Pvt Danny Giancola, 35130897 I  
Pvt Albert H. Kluver, 37195278  
Pvt Samuel B. McGee, 34330414 H-3  
Pvt Bernard O. Mienke, 37195524  
Pvt Titus W. Riner, 34330479 H-D  
Pvt Robert L. Sheaks, 20506278

By order of Colonel HUNTER

TOM P. SEN

Capt, Infantry

Adjutant

**OFFICIAL:**

LLOYD P. KIRBY

1st Lt., A G D

Asst. Adjutant

It is suggested that the above list be kept with copies of GO No. 3 for a more complete list of members of the 5307. Many of the men listed above are not on the list in Circular No. 3. No explanation available as to why's and why not's! RVL.



# The Natives Were Friendly

## The Story of Shadra, a Karen

Within ten days after I was assigned to the 475/2/HQ as the Air Liaison Officer, at the time I was a First Lieutenant in the Army Air Corps, this lad named Shadra came up to me and asked to go with the unit when it moved South.

He had been turned down by others that he had asked but I believed his story and so I told him to come along. He was a Karen Burmese boy between 17 and 20 years of age. He had heard rumors that the Americans were going to move south toward Mandalay. He was hoping to find his sisters, who had been nurses with Dr. Gordon Seagraves Hospital, when the Japanese drove Gen. Stilwell and Seagraves out of Central Burma.

Shadra's father, a minor tribal official of the Karen Tribe had been converted to Christianity by Baptist missionaries working in the Central Irrawaddy River Valley. Thus it was that Shadra was a converted Christian.

His military value was in his ability to interpret certain Shan dialects into Readers Digest English. In addition, he had some hair cutting nippers and could cut hair. So, the decision was made to take him along as an interpreter and he was assigned to my patchall platoon. (Willis, did you have him on the Morning Report?)

As we moved down the trail to outflank the entrenched Japanese, he and I became fast friends. He felt it was his duty to take care of me. So, in effect, I had a personal "bearer" during my assignment with Mars Task Force. He walked along with me as my native interpreter, while I was picking the food and ammunition supply air drop locations.

We pitched our bed rolls, side by side, buddy system. Often we would talk for hours after night fall. I remember one occasion when I tried to explain to Shadra about the heavens. As we gazed upward, watching the vast panorama of the night time sky, I explained the moon's reflected light, the blinking of some stars, the brightness of others, the clusters, and the galaxies, the great distances and the theories of space and distance.

Shadra would tell me about re-incarnation and occasionally in a village show me the Nat poles. To this day, I'm not sure what that meant.

I carried two of the burlap bags that the rule free fall grain came in. Shadra would sometimes make me a cot using bamboo to make a frame. No sleeping on the ground or me.

He would disappear into the mountain angle and return with rice and an occasional bird or egg or two. Of course, he looked it and on Thanksgiving he brought a pheasant.

On another occasion, I was able to arrange a flight over the mountains into Assam, India, to spend a night at a major American air base. Previously, all his life, he had walked or river boated when he

traveled. Now, he had flown and on the air base, he rode several miles on trucks.

I had friends there and was able to get Shadra to steal an air mattress from a friend of mine while I distracted him. This air mattress was an improvement over the cot. However, in one fire fight, I had to give up my foxhole to a wounded boy and he died on the mattress.

When we returned from India (who among you stole all that Carew's gin from me as I slept beside the grain bags?), Shadra could not understand how far we had gone and returned in only one day.

As we penetrated deeper into Burma, our kinship grew. One time, he came up to me and said, "Lt. Harps, what does the word 'grin' mean?" I said, "Where did you get that word?" He showed me a Readers Digest bit, which said, "I like a man who grins when he fights!" Winston Churchill.

On the evening before the morning attack up Loi Kang Ridge and the spy had to be shot — (Oh! What a story!), I asked Shadra what was going on. He agreed the man shot was a spy. The Kachin Levees shot the spy.

When we parted at Kutkai, he called me aside and thanked me for all that I had done for him. Actually, it was a case of all that he had done for me. He put his left hand forward, palm up, and offered me all the rubies in his hand. Ten or 15 of them. I refused them, explaining I would get to go back to America which was reward enough for me. If I had it to do over again, I would have taken one or two and thus showed my respect for his generosity. Yes, I did weep when we parted. So did he.

As we parted, I made mental plans to bring my friend to the USA. So, it was in late 1946 that I wrote to the U.S. Consul in Mandalay inquiring about Saw Shadra. The Consul located him in Myitkyina, North Burma. We exchanged letters. He, Shadra was then, in 1948, married in a Christian ceremony and was employed as Chief Administrator in the public schools in Myitkyina. He had two sons and was interested in obtaining U.S. magazines.

The Burmese Civil War interrupted our correspondence and I have not heard from him since. A later effort thru a missionary in North Burma went unanswered.

JAMES A. HARPS  
P.O. Box 879  
Hot Springs Nat. Pk, AR 71902  
475 / 2 / HQ / ALO

# Officer's Row

## President — Phil Piazza

At our recent Board of Directors meeting we agreed to erect a Memorial Plaque to Lt. Col. Brian Sutton. Dave Hurwitt has been in touch with his daughter to obtain needed information.

The Merrill's Marauders Association has made a donation to the CO, 2nd Ranger Bn, Ft. Lewis, Washington, for a monument located in front of the 2nd Battalion Headquarters. The stone will be granite, 18 x 30 inches, with a bronze plaque engraved with the names of the three Rangers killed during Operation Urgent Fury in Granada.

**Executive Secretary:** We would like to call everyone's attention to the letter concerning George Powell's visit to the Pentagon and what he learned while there. Beside his personal need for supporting witnesses, it would appear to provide an answer to other men's gripes. We have had an offer from a new member, James Truell, to help us in these matters.

Thanks for the support so many of you gave in looking up and finding the present addresses of those listed in "Lost, Strayed or Stolen." In most cases, it appears to be a problem with postal address changes.

We have sent the first draft of the new Directory to the printer. It will be ready, I am sure, for the Louisville Reunion. Dave Quaid and I are also busy working on the publication of the book to contain Father Stuart's Notes, S/Sgt. Anderson News Clippings and GO No. 3. It is quite likely that it will also be available at that time.

We used to sing a marching song in the Army to the effect — When I was young and in my prime, why I could come most any time. But now I'm old and . . . . . whatever it was. That applies to these reunions, also. Don't put it off!

As I was putting the new Directory list into print, I counted 1,397 members and 189 honorary members. Ray Lyons, Executive Secretary and Editor, 11244 No. 33rd St., Phoenix, AZ 85028-2722.

**Historian:** We have done some research into the matter of our War Dead left in Burma as a result of inquiries at the recent reunion. The names were picked at random. We tried to pick out a cross section of places where our men died. Toomey was

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## OPTIONAL FORT KNOX TRIP FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 1ST

7:00 a.m. - 8:15 a.m.

Continental Breakfast

8:30 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Board buses for the Fort Knox presentation. Musical interlude, address by the base commander, All Faiths memorial service, lunch at the N.C.O. Club, tour of the base and General Patton Museum.

The cost of the trip will be \$12.00 per person, and is not included in the hotel package deal.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_

Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

Please reserve \_\_\_\_\_ Tickets for me for the Fort Knox trip.

A check in the amount of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ is enclosed.

Make checks payable to Merrill's Marauders Reunion '89, and return to:

**Philip B. Piazza, Route 3, Box 358,  
Timberlake 1, Seneca, SC 29678**

Cut Off Date — August 15th



**OFFICER'S ROW . . .**

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buried at one of the most remote places. Landis was the first man killed. We picked one that was killed at Nhpum Ga. We have found out from the American Battle Monuments Commission, Casimir Pulaski Bldg, Room 5127, 20 Massachusetts Ave. NW, Washington, DC 20314-0300 the following:

PFC Robert W. Landis, KIA, Lanem Ga, is buried in a private cemetery in Ohio.

2nd Lt. William E. Thornton, KIA, Inkanghawng, is buried in a private cemetery in Mississippi.

PFC Darrell E. Avery, KIA, Inkanghawng, is buried in a private cemetery in Michigan.

CPL Louis Black, KIA, Nhpum Ga, is buried in a private cemetery in Pennsylvania.

PVT George Jerry, KIA, Nhpum Ga, and PFC William Toomey, KIA, Tingkrukawng, are buried in the National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific, Honolulu, Hawaii.

They also advised us that they consulted the Department of the Army, U.S. Total Army Personnel Agency (TAPA), Attn: DAPC-PED-F, 2461 Eisenhower Ave., Alexandria, VA 22331-0482, to ascertain this information. The complete Register of World War II Dead maintained by that organization revealed that following the war, by decision of next-of-kin, their remains were repatriated to the United States and permanently interred as shown above. David Quaid, P.O. Box 1617, Duxbury, MA 02331.

**LOST, STRAYED OR SHANGHAIED**

The Feburary BURMAN NEWS for the following people came back as "Undeliverable." Do you know where they are or what happened to them?

Everett L. Speer, P.O. Box 1065, Hobe Sound, FL 33455.

Leroy C. Brawdy, 1436 Fourth Ave., Conway, PA 15027.

Henry Amyotte, 1200 East 18th St., Hastings, MN 55033.

Edward M. Constanty, 9401 So. 79 Court, Hickory Hills, IL 50457.

William Holt, 2882 Clearwood St., Memphis, TN 38134.

Eugene F. Arnold, Lucas, OH 44843.

Gerald L. Widoff, 157 W. 57th St., #500, New York, NY 10019-2210.

**HEY MEDICS**

Editor: While on an internship in a local nursing home, I had the rare pleasure of meeting one of yours — JAMES GROVES, Meridian Nursing Home, 710 Julian Rd., Salisbury, NC 28144. When I first went into Mr. Graves' room, the first thing I saw was two picture frames — one had a Purple Heart, the other had a shoulder patch, Merrill's Marauders and the other medals. I was quite impressed. There sitting in a wheel chair with one leg amputated and hands crippled by a rare type of arthritis, was a 73-year-old man. Very bright and alert, looking much younger than his claimed years. He was neatly dressed and

hair parted and combed in a military manner. Not long ago, he shared your newspaper with me. He said that his name had been omitted from the list of Purple Heart recipients. His family, who lives about 60 miles away, rarely visits him but it seems he has accepted this. If possible, could you have some of the other Marauders, write to James? It would be good for him. Thank you. Joyce H. Perra, 1250 Rock Grove Ch. Rd, Salisbury, NC 28144. (James Groves, 5307/1/WCT, P.O. Box 927, 710 Julian Rd., Salisbury, NC 28144.)

**MORE REUNIONS**

The Mountain Artillery Assn, mostly the 612th and 613th FA Assn, are getting together in September, the second weekend after Labor Day, at the Stouffers Valley Forge Hotel, 480 No. Gulph Rd., King of Prussia, PA 19406. (215-337-1800). They say that the three M's are welcome. Marauders, Marsmen and Muleskinners. They have been promised that an NG unit will bring around a 75 mm pack artillery piece. The Reunion runs from 1700 Friday thru breakfast on Monday. Room rate is \$59 per night per room. Further infor from W. B. Woodruff Jr., P.O. Box 515, Decatur, TX 76234.

**MARSMEN IN BURMA**

A lot of pushing going on to bring the republication of this book into effect. Woody says that present expectations are that it will be in hand within a year. They will contact interested parties at that time.



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