



# The Burman News



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COMING TO THE RANGER REUNION ?  
WORLD WAR II VETS AND OTHER  
RANGER ASSOCIATIONS INVITED.

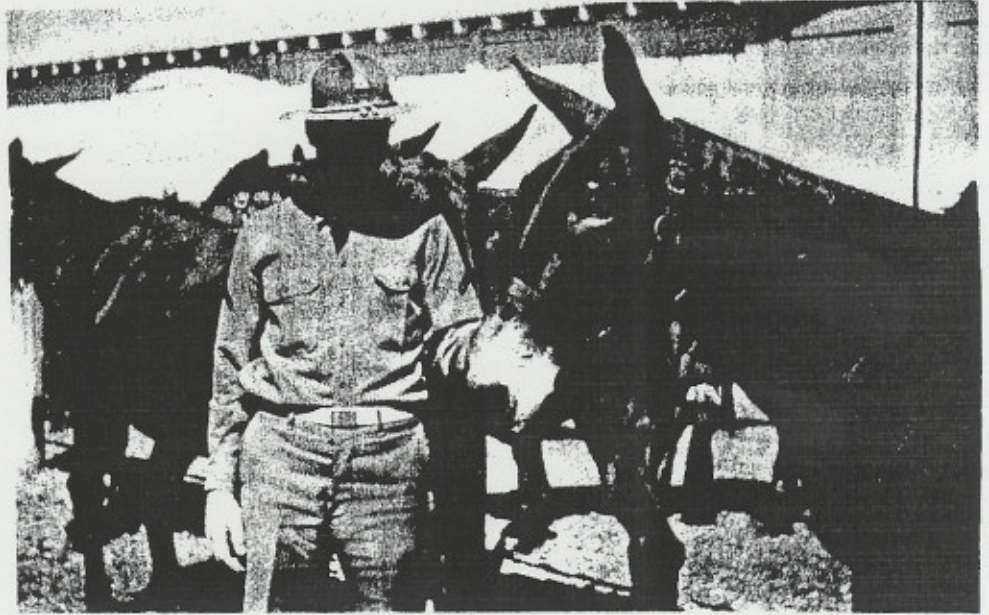
## PRESIDENT - PHILIP PIAZZA.

We were at Ft Benning in November to make plans for the 50th Anniversary Reunion of all Rangers in June, the 17th through 20th. As this affair is being chaired by the WW II Darby's Rangers, they do not work it as we do with a package deal. I am enclosing a schedule of events to be printed in the next BURMAN NEWS. The hotel reservations to be made by individuals. If the Marauders let me know who is planning to attend, I will try to keep us in one hotel. I would also suggest that anyone planning on coming, please let me know, and I will send you a copy of last minute instructions. All the hotels in Columbus will be giving special rates. We do not have the prices on the hotels, or the cost of the various functions, as they did not have them by the meeting time. Everyone is invited to Regimental Awards Banquet on the 18th, Ladies Luncheon will be at the Officer's Club on the 19th, World War II Ranger Bn Association Banquet on the 19th, and the 75th Ranger Regt Association Barbecue on the 20th. There will be a short parade from the Infantry Center to the Dedication of the Ranger Memorial, with each Association members marching in a group. We will be meeting again in the middle of January to finalize plans which will not be in time to include in the February issue of the BURMAN NEWS.

## Sharing the Story

Ray, if you remember, I mentioned a fellow by the name of Chambers being killed near Myitkyina. The three that were injured on that patrol were mentioned in Dr Hopkins report. They are numbers 53, 54 and 55 on Pages 4 & 5, B/N May '91.

Here is a little info on that incident: After the initial attack at Pamali, WCT continued on to the Myitkyina air strip. There we were ordered across the strip and up river hunting a Jap ferry boat. We continued up river as far as Ziyun and had not found the ferry. There a native came into the perimeter and was interrogated by Capt Ahrens. Capt Ahrens was a Medical Officer who had practiced medicine in that part of the world and could speak the language. We found out that the boat we were looking for was up stream and hidden during the day. Major Callson Johnson organized a patrol to go out and destroy it. Our machine gun belts were loaded - one tracer, four armor piercing, one tracer, etc. They stripped one of those belts and gave each



PLUG - Hero/Villian? ED Wade's story in November '91 issue.

member of the patrol a clip of AP. They took the other MG from our section and left our gun in reserve inside the perimeter. It wasn't long after they left that we heard the shooting and the explosions and we knew that they had run into something more than just a boat. Jim and I rushed our gun over to cover the trail that they had gone out. Some time later they came back carrying two and supporting the third. I left Jim and the rest of the crew covering the trail and I helped get the wounded to the Aid Station.

Stan Vrugink would not be quiet. He insisted on telling me what happened. He and Chambers were the front scouts. They were crossing an open area when they saw Japs. They signaled back but were ordered forward. When they did stop, the Japs were just beyond a clump of bamboo and they were afraid that if they laid down, they would not be able to get up in time to defend themselves against a bayonet. They stood behind two trees and the Japs started lobbing grenades over the bamboo. One hit the tree Stan was behind but rolled down the hill before it exploded. Then one landed between the two trees and when it exploded they were both hit in the head area on the opposite sides. Stan could still travel and took off running and stumbling back to the rest of the patrol. Pamplin took off after the Japs on a one-man Tommy Gun charge. Dr Hopkins report said he also was hit with a grenade fragment. Not

so! It was a .25 cal bullet that was removed at the 111th. It had ricocheted off his Tommy Gun and entered just above his penis. It was badly bent.

Now let's go back to the Aid Station. When Chambers was brought back to the perimeter, he was unconscious and had been vomiting. His teeth were clenched and the vomit was up his nostrils and he was having difficulty breathing. Capt Ahrens took a hose from a plasma kit, inserted one end up Chambers nostrils, and sucked the vomit out with his own mouth! The three were loaded onto an ox cart and sent to the air strip. Chambers died before they got there.

Capt Ahrens was quite a guy. Many time when we took a break along a sizable stream and there was a gravel bar close, you could see him sitting on the bar sifting through the pebbles. He had a nice little collection of small rubies he had found this

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## READERS RETREAT

We have published a book in three parts, the Father Stuart Notes, GO #3, and the Staff Sgt. Anderson Story. The book is called, "The Merrill's Marauders War in Burma, Volume I." Cost is \$12.00. Send check to Merrill's Marauders Association, %Ray Lyons, Executive Secretary.

way. I wonder what ever happened to him? I never saw or heard of him after he whipped me out of Myitkyina.

Stan and I became friends going over on the boat. He showed me a picture of his girl friend back in Michigan. While at Nhpum Ga, he volunteered to be a replacement scout in the I & R Platoon. When he told me this, I made the smart remark, "I'll write and tell Jane, how you got it! Boy, did I feel bad when they came back to the perimeter, half carrying him! We corresponded for awhile after 1945 and then he quit answering my letters. Ralph W Pollock, Rt 1 Box 1494, Mount Union PA 17066

**OFFICERS ROW**

**PRESIDENT - PHILIP PIAZZA.**

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The plans for our regular Reunion in Richmond VA are coming along fine. We saw Lt Gen Wayne Downing at the Regimental Ball two weeks ago and he has agreed to be our Guest Speaker at the Saturday Night Dinner. I plan on asking Logan Weston to be our Speaker on Friday night. Having a speaker on Friday Night worked out so well at El Paso that I thought it might be nice to have a speaker again this time. The speaker could be one of our own and many of our members are not aware of his terrific military record.

**EXECUTIVE SECRETARY - RAY LYONS**

We tried the American Legion Vetnet and it did not work out as promised. We also called and wrote to them and no explanatory reply has been received as of this date. As a consequence we advised them that we will abandon the system. Do not call them for Reunion or other MM information!

We have also only received about ten orders for the Magazine Slip Case to hold the copies of the BURMAN NEWS. So we are returning the orders and giving up on that idea also.

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Most of us have spent hours listening to the military briefings of the Gulf War. The Defense Department Spokesman at the Pentagon was Pete Williams, Assistant Secretary of Defense for Public Affairs. Now read this: From PEOPLE magazine, 2/25/91, Page 58 - "Born in Casper, Wyo, he graduated from Natrona County High School, the alma mater of his present boss, Defense Secretary, Dick Cheney, in 1970. (Pete's father, Dr Louis J Williams, an orthodontist, served as an officer with the famed Merrill's Marauders in Burma during World War II; his mother, May Louise, sells real estate)."

**TENTATIVE SCHEDULE FOR RANGER 50TH ANNIVERSARY PROGRAM**

17 June  
Morning 0600-1300 | Regimental Airborne operations RHQ  
1/75; 2/75; 3/75  
Secure drop zone  
Seize declar strip  
Receive airland boats  
Seize objectives  
River Crossing  
Afternoon 1300-1800 | Road March  
Consolidate Barracks  
Preparation for Crew  
Team competitions  
Evening 1800-2400 | Regiment Crew/Team (Night Competitions)

18 June  
Morning | Regiment Endurathon  
Regiment Crew/Team  
Day Competitions (cont)  
Ranger in Action (Demo-RTB)  
Ranger Hall of Fame (Induction Activities)  
(Ranger Training Brigade)  
Afternoon | Regimental Team Sports (Competition) Boxing  
Ranger rubber boats race (RHQ)  
Museum Tour (Ranger Display)  
Evening | Regimental Awards Banquet (All CDRS/CSM/1SGS) & Association Guests  
Informal

19 June  
Morning | Regimental Mass PT  
Commemoration Parade (1000-1030, Route TBD)  
Ranger Memorial (Ground Breaking Ceremony, 1030)  
Headquarters 75th RGR Open House  
1200 Ladies Luncheon Officer's Club  
Afternoon | Ranger Print Dedications  
Signing (1300, O'Club)  
Ranger 50th Anniversary Book Display (1300, O'Club)  
Ranger Veterans (Range Fire) 1400-1700 (Veterans Can Fire Weapons)  
Regiment Equipment Display 1400-1700  
Evening | World War II Ranger Battalions Association Banquet 1800 (At Iron Works)  
20 June  
Morning | Departures  
1/75 (HAAF), 2/75 (FL,WA)  
Commanders Conference & Cross Briefs (Other Association Activities)  
Afternoon | Commander's Conference & Cross Briefs (Continued (Other Association Activities) 75th Ranger Regiment Association  
Bar-B-Que (At Iron Works)

**5307th Composite Unit (Provisional)**

**Dr. James E. Hopkins Report**

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Third Battalion - Action along trail to Nhpum Ga, Burma. April 1st to 6th.

No.85 PORATH, Leonard G, PFC, 35015322 Hq Co, Khaki CT (b)Offensive, radio operator in shallow hole 50 yards in front of perimeter and 100 yards in back of advancing troops. Hole had been dug by Jap and had log in front and back. It was in a known fire lane. Bullet 0.25 caliber machine gun passed through log to wound Porath at 150-200 yards range. 1230 hours, 7 April 1944.

The heaviest part of the offensive during 8 April was carried out by the Khaki Intelligence and Reconnaissance Platoon of Headquarters Company and the 2nd Platoon of I Company. All positions taken on 7 April had been given up at 1800 hours because Japs held high ground. Five attacks were organized during the day. Each was preceded by mortar fire. Both 60 mm and 81 mm were used to give a total of about 400 shells. Fewer than 100, 75 mm artillery shells were used. Much of the fighting took place with only a few yards separating advance elements of the opponents.

With a total strength of 22, the I & R Platoon had 9 WIA. One was killed. Seven were wounded by grenades. They were advancing up a 45 degree slope through thick bamboo and jungle growth. Six of the WIA's were hit by grenade fragments during the first attack 0930-1030 hours.

No.86 MACKIE, Gordon E, SGT, 20647323 Hq Co, Khaki C T (b)Offensive, scout leading the platoon, crouched walking position, grenade thrown 25 yards and exploded in tree, 5 foot range. No immediate disability. 1030 hours, 8 April.

No.87 HUS, Frank J, PFC, 36524811 Hq Co, Khaki C T (b)Offensive, prone, tree burst of grenade thrown 15 yards. Range of fragment 3 yards. No disability. 1030 hours, 8 April.

No.88 BURGOON, David J, PVT, 37229218 Hq Co, Khaki C T (b)Offensive, prone, tree burst of grenade thrown 15 yards. Range of fragment 3 yards. No disability. 1030 hours, 8 April.

No.89 DARCEY, Donald P, PFC, 34154552 Hq Co, Khaki C T (b)Offensive,

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squad leader during attack, standing when Jap grenade thrown 15 yards, exploded 2 yards distant in bamboo. No disability. 00-1030 hours, 8 April.

No.90 LOCKE, Wilford S, Jr, PFC, 33191042 Hq Co, Khaki C T (b)Offensive, walking in crouch through thick bamboo when Jap grenade thrown 15 yards exploded 3 yards distant, immediate disability, moderate. 1030 hours, 8 April.

No.91 DAYTON, Ivan R, T/5, Hq Co, Khaki C T (b)Offensive, prone in 81 mm shell hole when struck by Japanese hand grenade fragment, thrown 20-30 yards and burst 5-10 yards, no disability. 1030 hours, 8 April.

No.92 ASBURY, Ralph L, PFC, Hq Co, Khaki C T (b)Offensive, was firing at Japanese 0.25 caliber light machine gun while prone on ground, struck by same at 30 yards range. 1125 hours, 8 April.

No.93 GILMORE, Edward A, T/5, 17030822 Hq Co, Khaki C T (b)Offensive, delivering BAR fire from 81 mm mortar shell hole when grenade thrown 25 yards burst 2 yards distant. Had just killed Jap light machine gunner who shot at flame thrower. Jap at a heavy machine gun threw the grenade. This disability must not have been great at the time since he called to his platoon leader, "Hearn, how about charging the yellow bastards?" 1130 hours, 8 April.

No.94 PARSON, Karl E, PFC, 20503381 Hq Co, Khaki C T (b)Offensive, prone when struck by enemy grenade thrown 20 yards and exploded two yards distant. Little disability. 1630 hours, 8 April.

The Second Platoon, I Company, Khaki C T fought on the line, to the left of the trail from 0900 hours until 1900. They, even as the I & R Platoon, encountered heavy machine gun fire as well as many hand grenades. Six men, one of whom later died, were wounded. The fighting as on the other side of the trail was up steep terrain through closely growing bamboo and thick jungle and the men advanced by fire and movement.

No.95 MEDEIROS, Joseph F, PVT, 39152715 Co I, Khaki C T (b)Offensive, crawling forward and over a rise in ground instead of around it. This exposed him to a Jap 0.25 caliber rifle at 35 yards range. One shot was fired. Immediate disability not great. 1025 hours, 8 April

No.96 MUELLER, William D, Jr, SGT, 20608060 Co I, Khaki C T (b)Offensive, walking in crouched position into attack. Had just climbed through clump of bamboo where he made excessive noise in his attempt to seek new cover in the advance. He unduly called attention to and exposed himself and was wounded by 0.25 caliber bullet from Jap sniper's rifle. Moderate incapacity. 1030 hours, 8 April.

No.97 SHELTON, Gilbert R, S/SGT, 19032761 Co I, Khaki C T (b)Offensive, a radio man who was crawling back to C.P. for ammunition, when wounded. Grenade thrown about 30 yards, exploded against a clump of bamboo, which protected him. No disability. 1300 hours, 8 April

No.98 POTTER, Montle H, PFC, 34142334 Co I, Khaki C T (b)Offensive, squad leader, crawling when struck by fragment of grenade, 5 yards from burst

and 20 yards from enemy. No disability.

No.99 CARNES, Keith B, S/SGT, 1900838 Co I, Khaki C T (b)Offensive, squad leader in advance on knees, scouting about in a dense clump of bamboo, struck by first burst of Jap heavy 0.31 caliber, at range of 25-30 yards, immediate disability, 1430 hours, 8 April.

On 8 April an unfortunate accident occurred. A 60 mm shell scored a direct hit on a Headquarters Company heavy machine gun crew of four, one lived, two died of wounds and the fourth was killed instantly. A prior air and artillery barrage, when the Japs held this ground, had cleared away bamboo and jungle for 100 yards along the trail and all mortars, two 60's and three 81's were set up there. It being the only spot where there was mass clearance. The front of the perimeter was 200 yards in front of the mortars. At this distance on the left of the trail, there was a large hole in which was placed a heavy machine gun squad commanded by Cpl Norling. Across the trail was a hole occupied by the Battalion Commander and the officer directing the fire. A mortar barrage was planned. The 81's zeroed in. It was decided to add the 60's to the barrage. They were, as explained, about 200 yards behind the front. The initial range was 350-400 yards. One zeroing round was fired. Another was called for. So far as subsequent investigation revealed the usual precautions were taken. This round nevertheless fell short and landed on the gun.

After this accident, the 60 mm mortar was used only as a front line weapon. In a way it was a freak accident, but in any event the likelihood of a short round renders it inadvisable to use the 60 mm any distance behind the front. On 6 April, a 60 mm shell fell 100 yards in front of its gun to explode 5 yards from the aid station wounding Pvt Forty. Another one, 5 April, had wounded two men.

No.100 CLEMENT, Joseph D, Jr, PFC, 11088980 Hq Co, Khaki C T (b)Offensive, crouched in left posterior corner of hole, 60

mm mortar shell exploded from body of heavy machine gun about 4 feet distant. Very little immediate disability. Apparently no effect from concussion, 1000 hours, 8 April.

No.101 LA PANNE, Paul W, PVT, 20150281 Hq Co, Khaki C T (b)Offensive, alongside and to right of machine gun, about 2 feet from gun but somewhat protected by the gun itself, immediate incapacity, 1000 hours, 8 April.

No.102 MARSHALL, Bernard J, PFC, 3112506 Hq Co, Khaki C T (b)Offensive, left posterior corner of dug in machine gun emplacement. One yard from exploding 60 mm mortar, immediate incapacity. 1000 hours, 8 April.

No.103 NORLING, Robert W, CPL, 20504451 Hq Co, Khaki C T (b)Offensive. Was at left of gun, 60 mm mortar shell probably almost touched him just before it exploded.

On 9 April 1944, an early morning patrol was sent forward from the Khaki C T perimeter. In the area where the resistance had been strongest they encountered only one live Jap. He was wandering about carrying the arm of another soldier which had been cleanly cut off below the elbow. He was shot. Rifle platoons soon moved into the area and forward to the Second Battalion without meeting resistance. This battalion had been surrounded by elements of the one battalion reinforced with a heavy weapons company which had opposed us on the trail. They had been subjected to 11 days of mad rushes from all sides of their perimeter, daily point blank artillery fire from two mountain artillery pieces (nicknamed "whiz bangs"), and mortar fire.

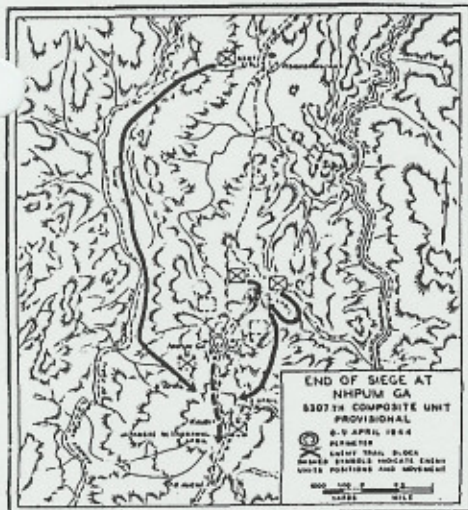
A combat team from the 1st Battalion, which had been on a flanking mission, entered the village somewhat later. The long train of wounded was quickly moved to the air strip five miles away. Soon Orange Combat Team arrived from its unsuccessful flanking movement and a

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#### PASS IN REVIEW Deaths reported recently

Name & Hometown (Where Known), Organization, Where, When Deceased

FRANCIS AMOND, 3245 W Sahuaro, Phoenix AZ 85029, 602-863-2758, 5307/2; MARS TASK FORCE/G-2, .....November 16, 1991  
BEN ANZALONE, 43 Second Pl, Brooklyn NY 11231, 5307/2/BCT, .....August 1991  
EARNEST W BEATTIE, 6518 Oak Hill Dr, Enon OH 45323, 5307/3, .....September 1990  
EDWARD CERVENKA, 1415 Rice, Rosenberg TX 77471, 5307/3/KCT; .....February 6, 1991  
QM PK TR, .....February 6, 1991  
LYLE W COLLVER, 1230 42ND AV NE, Minneapolis MN 55421, 124/Hq/K-9, ...May 11, 1991  
EARL H ETTER, Box 40, Roxbury PA 17251, 5307/1/WCT, .....November 1991  
ALEXANDER GLAVES, 4939 Floramar Terr #703, New Port Richey FL 34652, 5307/2/BCT, .....December 9, 1991  
JOHNNIE B HOLMES, 121 East St SE, Vienna VA 22180, 703-938-6821, 5307/1/WCT; 475/1, Born Oct 1903, - .....December 27, 1991  
LUTHER G RIPPY, 773 New Deal Potts Rd, Cottonwtown Tn 37048, 5307/Muleskinner, .....November 13, 1991  
FRANK WONSOWICZ, 4314 Kentucky St, Gary IN 46409, 219-884-6279, 5307/3/OCT, .....December 18, 1991

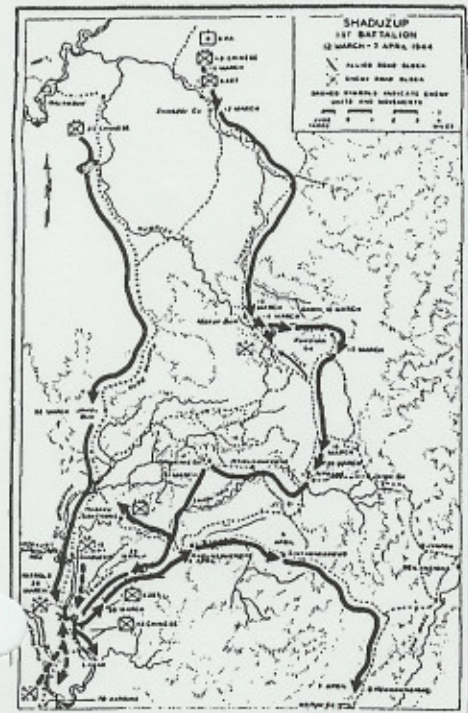


**Total Battle: Nhpum Ga, 57 KIA, 302 WIA, B - 38 KIA or DOW; A Battalion, 4/8 - 5/1, six of ten casualties were caused by U.S. weapons: 3 KIA, 7 WIA.**

strong perimeter was formed about the village. Strong points were placed along the trail to keep the five mile supply route open.

Elements of the 5307th Composite Unit remained in this area until 24 April, when the entire area was turned over to Chinese troops. Constant patrol activity was carried out during this period. The Japanese had withdrawn south along the trail to Auche and Warong. Khaki C T had six casualties and Orange C T one during this period.

No.104 CHANEY, Eugene (NMI), 38321255 Co I, Khaki C T (b)Defensive, sitting on edge of previous Japanese foxhole, 100 yards north of Nhpum Ga



**8 KIA, 35 WIA.**

Village 16 hours after Japs had been driven out. Japs had been firing a few shells every hour during the day. Shell exploded 5 yards from the hole, 1800 hours, 9 April.

No.105 WORSTELL, William N, PVT, 18019662 Hq Co Khaki C T (b)Patrol, walking into U.S. booby trap employing grenade. 1800 hours, 9 April.

No.106 FINN, Alfred L, T/5, 36306304 Co I, Khaki C T (b)Patrol, leading a five man patrol 200 yards west of Nhpum Ga, perimeter after Japanese resistance had been broken, heard a noise, motioned patrol to a stop. Moved from tall grass to trail, struck by machine gun fire at 75 yards, 1100 hours, 9 April 1944.

No.107 GROSS, Thomas J, PFC, 35365918 Co I, Khaki C T (b)Patrol, on patrol with case 106. Became nervous after patrol leader was hit and began to crawl to the rear. 25 caliber bullet from a sniper. 1100 hours, 9 April 1944.

No.108 ROMANOSKY, Frank G, T/5, 31193304 Co I, Khaki C T (b)Patrol, was squad leader, Japs were contacted and all men had cover, became over excited, moved about too much and did not pick proper cover. 0.25 caliber bullet, Jap sniper, 60 yards range, 1115 hours, 10 April.

No.109 LIKE, John W, PFC, 38135781 Co L, Orange C T (b)Defensive, cleaning M 1 rifle, took clip out and forgot cartridge in chamber, gun slipped and accidentally discharged. Immediate disability, 1800 hours, 14 April.

No.110 STEVENS, Winslow B, 2nd Lt, O-1300411 Hq Co, Khaki C T (b)Patrol, thought he heard noise, cocked pistol and forgot to release trigger. Accidental discharge few minutes later in holster. 1810 hours, 14 April.

Forces involved 7-8-9 April

American 400 Japanese, never more than 200-400

#### Casualties

American	Japanese
KIA 3	Estimate of 100-200
DOW 5	7-8-9-10 April
WIA 9 (DUTY)	
WIA 19 (EVAC)	
36	

r. Activity of Third Battalion - Events leading up to and including Battle of Ritpong.

The entire regiment (5307th Composite Unit (Provisional) was in the vicinity of Naubum on the Tanai Hka River, from 25 April to 30 April 1944, after reorganization at Hsamshingyang.

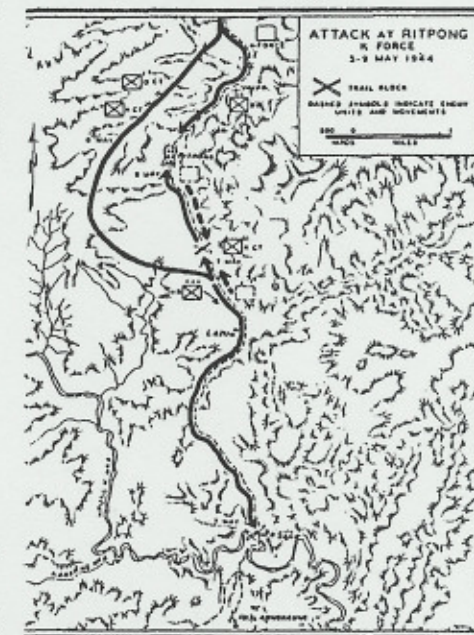
Plans were drawn up for the capture of an airfield at Myitkyina. The 2nd Battalion was to be held in regimental reserve because of reduced strength. The 3rd Battalion with approximately 350 men in Orange C T and 250 in Khaki C T was to work with the 88th Infantry Regiment, and the 1st Battalion with the 150th Infantry Regiment (both of the Chinese Army and American trained and equipped.) The majority of the Americans were in poor physical condition after three months in Burma. Many had medical conditions which under ordinary circumstances would have required their hospital admission.

The 3rd Battalion followed by the 88th Infantry Regiment, left Naubum, 30 April, for the difficult trek over the 6034 foot Janpadu Bum mountain range to the Myitkyina Valley.

No contact was made with enemy despite many alarms, until the King Force, as it was called, reached Ritpong, a typical Kachin hill village 50 miles north of Myitkyina. The north trail into the village rises 500 feet within 500 yards. The south trail runs over a gentle ridge with steep sides. It presents an ideal defensive position.

During the sixth of May, the 3rd Bn cut a trail through the jungle to the left of the

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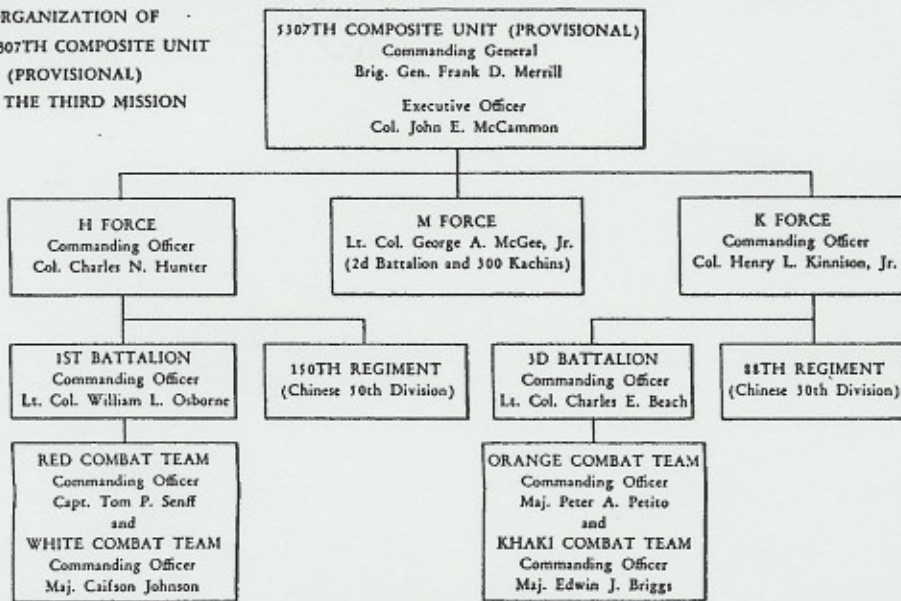


**American: 1 DOW, 4 WIA (evac)  
Chinese: 30 KIA, 100 WIA. Japanese  
185 KIA.**

#### FALL IN

Here are the latest additions to our assembly. Remember them?  
ALFONSO M GONZALEZ, 8441 Hughes Cir, El Paso TX 79907, 915-859-6429,  
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ROBERT P MAXON, 132 East 35th St, New York NY 10016-3892, 212-686-2214,  
5307/2/F/COMDR; 475/2/F/CO  
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village and blocked the south trail. The Chinese closed in on the north trail, and attacked on the 7, 8, 9 and 10th, when they entered the village. The Japanese garrison of one company had been destroyed. One wounded Jap was left by the small party, of about 30 (according to his statement) who escaped.

No records are available on the Chinese wounded but the writer saw all of them and

can make a brief and fairly accurate statement on the subject. During this four day engagement, the Chinese lost, according to their regimental surgeon, between 25 and 30 dead. It was never possible to obtain any more information. 100 wounded were treated by the 42nd Portable Surgical Hospital, located 400 yards north of the village. It was attached to the 88th Regiment. Local anesthesia was used on all cases, but supplemented



April 8, 1944, Hsamshingyang, Burma. Walking wounded make way down trail from Nhpum Ga action to aid station at improvised airstrip. These men were under siege and outnumbered for two weeks before Japs withdrew because of attrition due to continued attacks by 3rd Bn and 1st Bn and determined defense of encircled 2nd Battalion. Sid Savitt with eyepatch. Photo courtesy of David Rubin.

by sodium pentothal on the two abdominals.

Mortar and grenades accounted for at least 80%, and machine guns and rifle fire the other 20%. Probably one half of the mortars were due to their own fire.

Khaki C T was in position on the south trail during the late afternoon of 6 May 1944. No attempt was made to contact the enemy. They had one casualty. Orange CT took no part in the operation.

No.111 PAGE, Charles B, PVT, 34804426 Co I, Khaki C T (b)Defensive, prone in foxhole, stray Japanese bullet at range of 100 yards, passed through heavily wooded area, immediate incapacity 2230 hours, 6 May 1944.

On 7 May 1944, Khaki CT engaged the enemy on two fronts, the 1st and 2nd Platoons contacted and harassed them along the south trail leading into the village and the I & R Platoon engaged and dispersed Japanese reinforcements one mile south of the village on the trail.

The 1st and 2nd Platoons each suffered one WIA. There were two WIA's in the I & R Platoon.

No.112 CHESBRO, Frederick R, S/SGT, 12022752 Co I, Khaki C T (b)Offensive, was bringing up several men to support the LMG which his platoon leader had set up. He knew that snipers had been shooting into this general area for 15 minutes. Just to the right of the trail with poor jungle cover he turned to give a command and was struck by a 25 caliber rifle bullet, range 70 yards, immediate incapacity. 0900 hours, 7 May 1944. Walked 10 miles to air strip for evacuation 3 days later.

No.113 SWANSON, Richard S, PFC, 31125149 Co I, Khaki C T (b)Offensive, advancing in a crouched position, snipers had been active for some time from their commanding position and 25 caliber bullet struck at range of 100 yards. Immediate incapacity, 1210 hours, 7 May 1944.

The I & R Platoon received orders to set up a road block at Lazu, two miles south of Ritpong. One mile from their objective they contacted a column of Japanese with one heavy machine gun, two light machine guns, one 90 mm mortar and an undetermined number of riflemen. Because of the terrain only one squad of the I & R was used. They had no mortar. After 20 minutes fire fight, the Japs withdrew. Very few were killed as they were not aggressive.

No.114 COURTWRIGHT, George E, PFC, 6995866 Hq Co, Khaki CT (b)Offensive, prone with jungle cover firing at Japs when struck by 0.31 caliber bullet from heavy machine gun at 75 yards. Disability not severe, 1215 hours, 7 May 1944.

No.115 KUSSRO, Herman W, S/SGT, 36163958 Hq Co, Khaki CT (b)Defensive, was withdrawing and thus walking with his platoon after Japanese had apparently withdrawn. 90 mm Japanese mortar shell burst on ground one yard in front. Walked a few feet after wounded. 1230 hours, 7 May 1944.

Forces Involved 7, 8, 9, & 10 May 1944

Americans 700 Japanese 200-300  
Never more than three platoons in action.

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Chinese 3000  
Never more than 500 men used.

## Casualties:

American	Japanese
DOW 1	185
WIA 4 (EVAC)	

Chinese  
KIA 30  
WIA 100

**s. Activity of Third Battalion - Action at Tingkrukawng, Burma, 13 May -14 May 1944.**

The I & R Platoon of Orange CT approached Tingkrukawng at 0945 hours, 13 May 1944, after covering 12 miles in the 24 hours since they left Ritpong. Their route led up a steep hill on a razor back trail which threaded its way through thick bamboo and jungle growth.

As the trail suddenly widened to give a view of the village, the first scout motioned for his platoon to halt. He saw about forty men bunched on the trail 50 yards distant on the far side of the village. Their helmets were decorated with parachute cloth such as the Chinese often wore. One of the Japs hallowed the Chinese greeting and the first scout replied. The men now thought they had run into some Chinese. They soon changed their opinions when the party began to take cover and firing positions. Our men could not deploy properly as they were on a narrow ridge. A fire fight began. PFC Harris was killed and PFC Molder wounded. A firing line was soon built up after a temporary withdrawal which lost Harris' body for about 1/2 hour, and many casualties were inflicted on the enemy.

No. 116 HARRIS, Raymond, T/5, 36512550 Co K, Orange CT (b) Patrol, was seeking cover as enemy was recognized, struck by 0.25 caliber bullet from Jap light machine gun at range of 75 yards. 0945 hours, 13 May 1944.

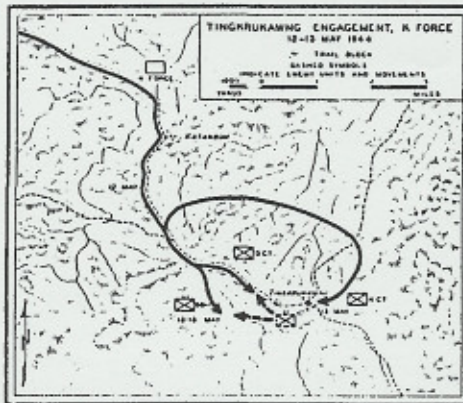
No. 117 MOLDER, Carroll R, PFC, 38107034 Co K, Orange CT (b) Patrol, prone firing M 1, when 0.25 caliber rifle bullet grazed supra-orbital area at range of 75 yards. 1000 hours, 13 May.

No. 118 TOOMEY, William F, Jr, PFC, 13013923 Co K, Orange CT (b) Offensive, standing putting light machine gun into operation when struck by 0.25 caliber light machine gun bullet at 100 yards range.

## KEEP IN TOUCH

Some of the men who have asked that we call, visit or write to them for the sake of comradeship: Lyn Hightower is in bad shape in Hospital according to sister. RD 1, Box 404, Sadler TX 76264.

LOST, STRAYED or got away from us, somehow: Jack L Goff, PO Box 884Y, Manchester TN 37355 Sidney Block, 1021 Society Hill, Cherry Hill NJ 08003 Launa Faye Lusby, PO Box 220, Sayre OK 73662 Mrs Thomas J Fogarty, 2003 Robin HL, Voorhees NJ 08043



3rd Battalion: 4 KIA, 2 DOW, 15 WIA.  
Chinese: 5 KIA, 1 DOW, 25 WIA.  
Japanese: 355 KIA.

About one hour earlier in day this had been a Jap field of fire. Men had, however, been walking in this area and it was assumed the Jap gun had been moved, 1100 hours, 12 May.

No. 119 BEACH, Robert E, T/3, 20619495 Med Det, Hq Co, Orange CT (b) Offensive, was walking in back of Toomey (KIA) in order to go a few yards forward to get Harris' body. Had been told by Battalion C.O. that there was no danger. First burst of fire sent 0.25 caliber light machine gun bullet through his canteen and the wounded area. Moderate incapacity, 1100 hours, 12 May.

The First Platoon of L Company was setting up a perimeter for the night, in the vicinity of and on a somewhat protected ridge to the left of the trail near the entrance to the village. Two men who had been assigned a sector in back of a small ridge which offered excellent protection became casualties. They carelessly exposed themselves.

No. 120 NOE, William C, S/SGT Co L, Orange CT (b) Defensive, standing on a small ridge 70 yards from Jap held village, when struck by a 0.25 caliber sniper's bullet. 1445 hours, 13 May.

No. 121 VALDEARAMA, Emanuel G, PFC, 6592385 Co L, Orange CT (b) Defensive, standing on knoll in view of Jap area 70 yards distant. Saw two Japs behind tree and fell prone as he warned Noe who was killed at the same instant. 0.25 caliber Jap sniper at 70 yards range. No immediate disability, 1445 hours, 13 May.

On 13 May 1944, Khaki CT was sent on a flanking movement to the left in order to form a trail block on a trail leading from the north into Tingkrukawng. At the same time, two Chinese companies were to form blocks on two trails entering from the south.

Khaki CT was in position, about 100 yards north of the village early in the afternoon. The entire combat team dug in on the sides of the razor back ridge over which the trail led. One casualty soon occurred on the trail and the next three in aid station.

No. 122 OSBORNE, John J, PVT, 34109395 Co I, Khaki CT (b) Offensive, walking up trail in order to locate Jap sniper when struck by 0.25 caliber bullet at 100 yards range. Bullet hit and exploded

a U.S. grenade carried in belt on right. Did not take advantage of cover and concealment. Immediate disability, 1300 hours, 13 May.

No. 123 FENTRESS, Layman (NMI), S/SGT, 15045084 Med Det, Hq Co, Khaki CT (b) Offensive, on one knee administering blood plasma to case No. 122 (Osborne) behind a small hill 250 yards from Japs, knee mortar burst in a tree 10 yards distant. 1315 hours, 13 May.

No. 124 BEY, Reuben M, T/SGT, 20649202 Hq Co, Khaki CT (b) Offensive, walking by aid station when knee mortar exploded in tree ten yards distant; no incapacity, 1315 hours, 13 May.

No. 125 HUBBARD, William R, PVT, 20847110 Co I, Khaki CT (b) Offensive, walking by aid station with T/SGT Bey, when knee mortar exploded in tree ten yards distant, no incapacity, 1315 hours, 13 May.

Two men in the Third Platoon, I Company, were wounded by snipers at 1400 hours. Their squad was being moved across the trail.

No. 126 PANETTA, William J, PVT, 13008352 Co I, Khaki CT (b) Offensive, squad was being moved across trail which was exposed to enemy fire. Hit while running across trail, by 0.25 caliber bullet of sniper at 75 yards. Immediate incapacity. 1400 hours, 13 May.

No. 127 MILLER, Lee (NMI), PVT, 38740779 Co I, Khaki CT (b) Offensive, sitting in back of bank preparatory to crossing trail when fragment from sniper's bullet at 75 yards struck him in face. 1400 hours, 13 May.

During the afternoon, the 1st Platoon had put on a fairly heavy attack with little apparent success. When they came back to their prepared line, Hecht, Hill, Bicknell Cross and several others were bunched up, a burst in a nearby tree wounded the four mentioned.

No. 128 HECHT, Richard J, CPL, 12023794 Co I, Khaki CT (b) Defensive, sitting off edge of trail, no helmet, knee mortar burst in tree 3 yards distant, no disability. 1600 hours, 13 May.

No. 129 BICKNELL, Paul R, T/5, 35117641 Co I, Khaki CT (b) Defensive, sitting off edge of trail, no helmet, knee mortar burst in tree 3 yards distant, no disability, 1600 hours, 13 May.

No. 130 HILL, George H, SGT, 36161781 Co I, Khaki CT (b) Defensive, sitting off edge of trail, knee mortar exploded in tree 3 yards distant, no disability, 1600 hours, 13 May.

No. 131 CROSS, Thomas J, PFC, 35365918 Co I, Khaki CT (b) Defensive, sitting off edge of trail, knee mortar exploded in tree, 3 yards distant, moderate disability, 1600 hours, 13 May 1944.

One man was mortally wounded and another killed in the 1st Platoon by sniper's bullets. They were located very near the spot where the mortar shell injured four.

No. 132 SMITH, Johnnie (NMI), PFC, 34396554 Co I, Khaki CT (b) Defensive, sitting in a well protected spot. Had just removed his helmet when he looked over

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the hummock which protected him. 0.25 caliber snipers bullet creased his skull. Immediately unconscious, range 100 yards, 30 hours, 13 May 1944.

No. 133 TORSON, Karl J, PFC, 35009584 Co I, Khaki CT (b)Defensive, was sitting near where case no. 132 wounded, when struck by a 0.25 caliber bullet at 70 yards range. Moderate disability, 1700 hours, 13 May 1944.

No. 134 PAUSCH, H.T., PFC, Co K, Orange CT (b)Offensive, advancing in a crouched position when struck by first burst (in his direction) of 0.25 caliber Japanese light machine gun at 50 yards range. 1200 hours, 13 May.

No. 135 VAN TOL, Clayton A, PVT, 16150149 Co K, Orange CT (b)Offensive, advancing in crouch with case No.134 (Pausch). After a few seconds firing, directed at Jap gun, he tried to reach Pausch. Struck by Jap light machine gun at 50 yards. Walked 50 yards to litter after

he was hit. 1200 hours, 13 May 1944.

No.136 BELL, William T, Capt VC, O-369760 Hq 3rd Bn, veterinarian. (b)Defensive, walking down trail while machine gun, which killed Pausch and wounded Van Tol, was still in action, stray bullet probably a ricochet struck at 70 yards range. No disability, 1230 hours, 13 May 1944.

Chinese casualties began to filter back to the 42nd Portable Surgical Hospital during the afternoon 13 May. They left an estimated five dead in the jungle during the two day operation and sent out approximately 25 wounded.

At least 90% of the wounds had been caused by mortar fire. The enemy had a 90 mm as well as knee mortars. In this group no brain or penetrating abdominal wounds were seen. One penetrating chest wound died. All surgery was simple debridement. Several of the extremity wounds were very severe with one

compound fracture of the femur. These men, after treatment by the 142nd Surgical Team, were littered or walked, on 14 May, 12 miles to Arong for air evacuation.

On 13 May, when Khaki CT had been ordered to the right flank, a Chinese company took over the defense of the main trail for three or four hundred yards in back of Orange CT, which was working up this trail toward the village. They neglected to make a strong point of the high ground to the left of the trail and put inadequate defense on a small trail which ran over it into the main trail. Five Japs with a light machine gun set up on ground commanding the main trail. The Chinese were unable to cope with the situation. A few of our mule skinnners attempted to knock out the machine gun, one was killed and one wounded. Later a heavy machine gun was brought up from Orange CT and our men took over mortars in the area. The Jap gun was soon knocked out. Capt Bell was struck by a stray bullet.

Forces Involved 13-14 May 1944

American 600 Chinese 3000  
Japanese 400

Casualties:

KIA 4	KIA 5 355
DOW 2	DOW 1
WIA 15	WIA 25
21	31

t. Engagements of the 3rd Battalion in vicinity of Myitkyina, 18 May - 31 May 1944.

On 14 May 1944, the King Force received orders to break off contact with the Japanese and proceed toward Myitkyina. The 1st Battalion, with the 150th Infantry Regiment of Chinese, had passed us during the last day at Ritpong and was now well on the way to the Myitkyina Air Field.

The 3rd Battalion preceded attached Chinese into the village of Charpate, 5 miles north of Myitkyina and 3 miles north of the airfield, 18 May 1944. The 1st Battalion with attached Chinese had captured this airfield on 17 May 1944.

The King Force was disbanded 24 May. The 3rd Battalion after 18 May had little contact with the Chinese and was used for an offensive push (which was called off in the early stages) road and railroad blocks and patrol activity. They were gradually replaced by the 236th Combat Engrs and had, with the exception of a few men, now with the artillery, been evacuated by 1 June 1944. Approximately 150 of the men however, fought in various capacities and for varying lengths of time during the next two months. They had been returned to Burma.

The battalion had 10 men wounded and 7 killed during this period. Approximately 100 casualties were inflicted on the Japanese.

A squad of Japanese were dug in at the far end of Charpate 18 May. Orange CT routed them during the afternoon with one

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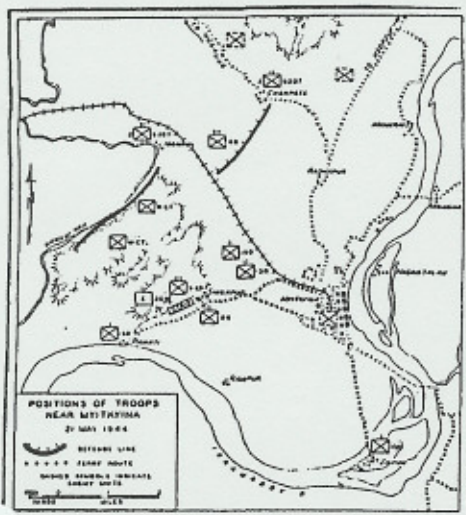


Hsamshingyang, Burma, early April 1944. Marauder checks dogtags on grave of dead comrade. A section of the bivouac area was reserved for burial of bodies which could be removed in combat areas, when conditions permitted. Photo courtesy of D. Lubin.

casualty.

No. 137 HUNT, Frank H, SGT, 35117268  
I, Khaki CT (b)Offensive, prone  
protected by a small ground elevation,  
struck by a 0.25 caliber rifle bullet with  
range of 150 yards, moderate incapacity,  
1400 hours, 18 May.

Between 19 May and 22 May, the 3rd  
Battalion made a drive down the  
Mogaung-Myitkyina Road toward its  
junction with the Sumprabum road about  
three miles north of Myitkyina. Most of  
this activity consisted of patrol work. They  
suffered two casualties.



Charpatc 5/18 - 5/24. U.S. 3rd  
Battalion: 1 DOW, 6 KIA, 9 WIA.  
Japanese: 83 KIA. Myitkyina 5/7 - 6/8.  
1st Battalion: 2 DOW, 1 KIA, 9 WIA.

No. 138 MAHMOOD, Albert (NMI), PFC,  
17107651 Co L, Orange CT (b)Patrol,  
located an automatic weapon at 200 yards.  
This man used very poor judgment when  
he advanced considerably ahead of rest of  
patrol across open field, standing,  
to knock out the gun. Struck at 100 yards b  
0.25 caliber LMG bullet. 22 May.

No. 139 PRUITT, John W, Jr, PFC,  
14138944 Hq Co, Khaki CT (b)Defensive,  
stood up in foxhole at 2200 hours, Guard,  
five yards in front, thinking him a Jap,  
turned suddenly and fired one shot with his  
M 1. Stumbled 10 yards and fell dead.

On 23 May 1944, at 1000 hours, while  
holding road block near Charpatc, Orange  
CT had several five man outposts. Sgt Dills  
outpost was located 400 yards from the  
perimeter. He had been told Chinese would  
be through the area during the day. The  
outpost was well dug in and protected by  
jungle growth, armed with 1 BAR and 4 M  
1's. Dills saw a man at 60 yards range and  
instead of waiting for positive ident-  
ification went to meet him. He, of course,  
thought he was a Chinaman. Dills was  
mortally wounded before the man, a Jap,  
was killed.

No. 140 DILLS, Willard C, SGT, 34088879  
Co L, Orange CT (b)Patrol, left outpost to  
investigate soldier he thought was a  
Chinese. Walked a few yards and while  
kneeling was wounded by 0.25 caliber

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APO #218

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## AWARDS OF COMBAT INFANTRYMAN BADGE

1. Under the provisions of WD Circular No. 186, dated 11 May 1944 Combat Infantryman's Badge is awarded the following officers and enlisted men of this organization effective as of 20 February 1944, for exemplary conduct in action against the enemy during the North Burma Campaign. All officers and enlisted men indicated by an asterisk (\*) hereon are authorized this award effective as of 1 June 1944.

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Hill, Virgle V, 35667951 Pvt  
Hillsman, Roger, O-25899 1st Lt \*  
Holmes, Lawrence, 35697808 Pfc \*  
Holowell, Charles L, 33571181 Pvt  
Homler, Russel, 13084229 Pvt  
Hornbuckle, Dewey, 7083464 Pfc  
Hunnewell, Elwood J, 32713078 Pvt  
Ingle, Paul T, O-516480 1st Lt  
Iwanosky, Michael D, 33606955 Pvt \*  
Jackson, Ray G, 37513702 Cpl  
Jenkins, Daniel L, O-486937 1st Lt  
Johnson, Jessie E, 33046517 Pvt  
Johnson, John D, 38336513 Pfc  
Johnson, John W, 35725815 Pfc \*  
Johnson, Willard E, 35163448 Pvt  
Griffin, John B Jr, O-393700 2nd Lt  
Jones, Robert Jr, 33498081 Pfc  
Jose, George W, 10100533 Sgt  
Kappel, Walter H, 12027046 T/4  
Keasling, Ralph L, 15061313 Pfc  
Kennedy, Glendon W, 34428442 S/Sgt  
Kallhof, Harold, 15010523 S/Sgt  
Kidd, Johnnie V, 34768639 Pvt \*  
Kidney, Neal H, 37336123 T/4  
Kinder, Henry T, 36430428 Pfc  
King, Henry C, 34428932 Cpl  
Kirpatrick, Elden J, 20502330 T/5  
Klocke, Lawrence E, 37158800  
Kochler, Harold J, 33488348 Cpl  
Kopec, Stanley J, 32035499 Sgt  
Kortowski, Stephen F, 32751215 Pvt \*  
Kummer, William Jr, 36291970 Pvt  
Lamb, Harry L Jr, 35547694 Pvt \*  
Larson, Delmar D, 37111072 Pfc  
Lawson, James F, 13035033 Pfc  
Lee, Charles A, 33315461 T/4  
Lee, Darwin H, 34683549 T/5  
Lighthart, Clifford E, 36199527 Sgt  
Lilley, Arlie D, 35638963 T/5  
Lindgren, Leonard L, 37432529 Pfc  
Lombardi, Felix, 33302788 Pfc  
Loughlin, Robert T, O-331329 1st Lt  
Loutzenhiser, Paul C, 33406746 Sgt  
Ludwig, Charles P, 35604009 Pvt \*  
Lunahan, Robert J, 32893745 Pfc  
Lyles, Jack J, 31185642 Pvt  
Lyles, Jack L, 7085245 Pvt  
Lyons, Charles, 6725614 Pvt \*  
MacMaster, Roswell J, O-407470 Capt \*  
Madray, John Q, 34050604 S/Sgt  
Mald, Sam A, 36196646 Pfc  
Markley, Wilbert L, 35043996 Sgt  
Markovic, Frank J, 35048165 Pvt \*  
Marsh, Jim, 38056042 T/Sgt  
Martin, Paul S, 35629664 Pfc \*  
Martin, Robert K, 39201216 Pfc  
Martinez, Eufemio E, 37353803 T/4  
Matlovich, Clarence T, 33302814 S/Sgt

Mattozzi, Elio, 31355569 T/5  
Mayer, Jack V, 20508098 S/Sgt  
Maykley, Wilbert L, 36043996 Sgt  
Mayle, Thurwood, 35741615 Pvt  
McCasland, Wilbur H, 19046046 Pfc  
McGown, Woodrow A, 38088612 S/Sgt  
McKelvey, John W Jr, 18115240 T/5  
McLinden, William F, 38271034 Pfc  
Mead, Victor M, 39376014 T/4  
Meadors, Warren G, 35424726 T/5  
Mealer, Noel L, 38081298 Sgt  
Merrill, Frank D, O-17638 Brig Gen  
Mertz, Robert G, 35629257 Pvt \*  
Methven, William C, 32918194 Pvt  
Michaelson, Louis J, O-385911 Capt  
Michalowski, Joseph S, 33353507 Pfc  
Mihalic, Louis J, 33570597 Pfc  
Miller, Clyde E, 38251840 T/5  
Miller, John A, 33539322 Pfc  
Mills, Robert C, 14015679 Pfc  
Moats, Gerald E, 35154478 T/4  
Montoya, Jose L, 38168415 Pvt  
Montrose, Frank, 32506598 Pvt  
Moriarty, Joseph E, 36240502 T/5  
Morris, Edgar D Jr, O-1313775 2nd Lt  
Morris, Eugene, 37215242 Pvt  
Morris, John J, 7026109 Pvt  
Morrison, Jack O, 37353982 Pvt  
Morrison, William S, 31296107 Pvt \*  
Mueller, William D Jr, 20508060 S/Sgt  
Mustacchio, Harry L, 32297300 T/5  
Myers, Edward J, 33578162 Pvt  
Nadon, Mose R, 6154109 Pfc  
Nealis, Frank B, 35790083 Pvt \*  
Neeman, Elmer D, 37266804 Pvt  
Nelson, Orin H, 37324941 Cpl  
Niles, Leland K, 12024175 1st Sgt  
Nisi, Frank, 32807279 Pvt \*  
Norvelle, Glen E, 19044340 Pvt  
Novak, Stanley J, 36240642 T/5  
Nugent, Charles W, 35698232 Pfc \*  
Nunnally, Gerald L, 39856980 Pfc \*  
Odlum, Gordon E, 20129511 Cpl  
Olge, Alvin L, 20845078 Sgt  
Olson, Oscar E, 16004160 Sgt  
O'Neill, Bernard J, 33335719 Cpl  
Orlowski, Walter, 16110964 T/5  
Pamula, Joseph V, 31185642 Pvt  
Pape, Fred H, O-670311 2nd Lt  
Pappalardo, Angelo M, 20130328 T/4  
Patterson, Richard J, 35603272 Pfc \*  
Pena, Gerald, 33570550 Pvt  
Perkins, Albert H, O-375871 Capt \*  
Peri, Richard R, 20504454 Sgt  
Perry, Linnie G, 37457965 Pfc  
Petty, Linney G, 37457965 Pfc

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bullet at 50 yards. Jap was killed. Immediate disability, 1000 hours, 23 May 1944.

Third Battalion continued to hold Mogaung-Myitkyina Road as it passed through village of Charpate, the night of 23-24 May. It was the feeling of the majority of the officers that the perimeter was too large and consequently the defensive plan poor. The region is quite flat and most of the area occupied was open terrain. Early in the evening 20 Chinese had passed a 5 man outpost 400 yards west of the perimeter and on through the U.S. lines. At 2300 hours the night was very dark, it was raining and windy. A company of Japs passed by the outpost before the Americans realized what was happening. For some reason they had no communications with the perimeter. The entire outpost started toward the perimeter by way of the jungle. The Japs beat them to the area; the machine guns on the road were late in opening up on the Japs. They also took them for Chinese. About 30 got into the perimeter. The rest deployed about the area.

During the night fight which followed, the battalion lost five killed and six wounded. The Japanese had an estimated 50 casualties with 15 dead inside the perimeter.

Grenades killed two of our men and wounded three. A bayonet wounded one. The rest of the casualties were bullet wounds. One man was wounded by a bayonet and grenade.

No.141. SCHAFFER, Thomas C, S/SGT, Co L, Orange Ct (b)Entering perimeter from outpost, ran into midst of Japs who had entered perimeter. Grenade exploded a few inches from center of chest, 0200 hours, 24 May.

No.142 MATLOCK, Thomas C, S/SGT, 6978587 Co L, Orange CT (b)similar to case 141.

No.143 BELGER, Moye M, SGT, 6927924 Co L, Orange CT (b)Defensive, prone in shallow hole, when struck by grenade fragments, range unknown, 0230 hours, 24 May 1944, slight incapacity.

No.144 BLAZIER, George C, S/SGT, 36610620 Co L, Orange CT (b)Defensive, prone in hole, when struck by grenade (Jap) fragment 0230 hours, 24 May. Slight incapacity.

No.145 KOMAR, Stephen, PFC, 17047768 Co L, Orange CT (b)Defensive, prone in hole, firing Thomson sub-machine gun. Had killed several Japs when 25 caliber rifle bullet at 10 yards wounded him. 0200 hours, 24 May 1944. Complete incapacity of right arm.

No.146 OGDEN, Charles A, PFC, 20105959 Co L, Orange CT (b)Defensive, was with machine gun section which became disorganized. Walked into center of a group of Japs as he tried to find L Company Command Post. Had no weapon. Bayoneted. 0200 hours, completely incapacitated.

No.147 BURTON, Milburn M, SGT, Med Det, Orange CT (b)Defensive, under shelter with no hole. Japanese were on all sides. Became frightened and attempted to crawl away. Shot by own man with M 1. Buddy

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- Pierson, Dewey, 35789404 Pfc \*
- Pfeiffer, Albert P, 36436058 T/4
- Piehl, Edward W, 36224610 Pfc
- Pittaro, Vincent J, 32565503 Pfc
- Podar, Albin S, 37072673 T/5
- Phillips, James B, 18170082 Pvt
- Paxton, Robert J, 35623255 Pfc \*
- Poppe, Richard H, 30508068 S/Sgt
- Prange, Richard, 37267021 Pvt
- Prevatte, Perry, 34554628 Pfc \*
- Price, Fred, 34367866 Pfc
- Pruitt, Frank L, 34319922 Pfc
- Pugh, Ashton E, 33570547 Pvt
- Pugh, Leo, 38067143 Cpl
- Raines, Theron, 35725092 Pfc \*
- Rebello, Jesse X, 31182702 Pfc
- Recke, Henry, 6135303 S/Sgt
- Reed, Henry B II, 6958704 Pfc
- Reed, John L, 34384807 Cpl
- Reis, Anthony J, 37161730 Sgt
- Repaci, Vincent J, 7025269 Pvt
- Reppucci, Rinaldo, 11020495 T/5
- Rice, Norman E, 7008031 Cpl
- Richards, Earl W, 33271866 S/Sgt
- Riner, Titus W, 34330479
- Robbins, Joseph L, 32269858 T/5
- Robertson, Henry L, 39047394 Cpl
- Rock, John, 33304718 Pfc
- Rooke, James E, 35790667 Pvt
- Ross, Jerome H, O-1283142 Capt
- Ross, Roy W, 34170367 Cpl
- Ross, Samuel I, 20619961 Pfc
- Rothschild, Edwin A, O-1303548 2nd Lt
- Rugzynski, Frank T, 31284682 Pvt \*
- Sakalowkas, John, 6122870 Pvt \*
- Sanders, James R, 38092959 Pfc \*
- Sarakos, George J, 11017009 Pfc \*
- West, Edrman Jr, O-3937700 Capt
- Savitt, Sidney, 13115393 S/Sgt
- Schittler, Rudolph S, 35715401 Pfc
- Schneider, Richard M, 33240146 S/Sgt
- Schumer, Howard D, 37076639 Pfc
- Schuster, Phillip K, 37086936 Pfc
- Schwartz, Forest S, 33486428 Pfc
- Scott, Buford F, 36538732 Pfc
- Seay, Aubrey, 35651447 Pvt \*
- Sec, Melvin L, 35234919 Pvt \*
- Selvers, Edward L, O-1795000 1st Lt
- Sergos, Peter, 35428720 Pfc
- Shade, George W, 37139150 Cpl
- Shaffer, William H, 33570618 Pfc
- Proper, Francis J, O-1\_4237 Capt
- Shelton, Woodrow W, 6936056 Pvt \*
- Shields, Francis J, 33616694 Pvt \*
- Shoemaker, William D, 35059663 Pfc
- Shrone, John, 6978927 Pfc
- Shuck, Harvey W, 33374783 Cpl
- Siegal, Harold, 32839751 Pvt \*
- Sims, Herman B, 38230906 Pfc
- Singer, Carl, 36708484 Cpl
- Sites, Kenneth E, 35415185 Pfc
- Stwawi, Ervin W Jr, 34723356 Pvt \*
- Smejkal, Anton J, 35044678 Cpl
- Smith, Bert W, 38271034 T/4
- Smith, Louis W, 33302821 Pvt
- Smith, Samuel J, 12093502 Pvt
- Smith, Willie H, 34377697 Pvt
- Snyder, Charles R, 35629617 Pfc \*
- Speers, James W, 34038775 Pfc
- Spurgeon, John L, 37271048 Pfc
- Stanley, Art V, 13013888 Pfc
- Stanton, Harvey A, 38332678 Pvt
- Steele, Lloyd H, 36333694 Pvt
- Stoddard, Robert C, 31298386 Pvt

- Stout, Melvin L, 35094168 Pfc \*
- Sullivan, William H, 37056545 S/Sgt
- Takacs, Alex J, 35749623 Pfc \*
- Tatman, William, 35424516 Pvt
- Taylor, Raymond A, 36402272 T/5
- Teal, John V, 13115698 Pvt
- Teixeira, John, 32416050 Pfc \*
- Theile, Henry W, 36374702 T/5
- Theodes, James, 32807088 Pvt \*
- Thomas, Alvis C, 38286385 Pfc
- Thurlow, John E, 37513930 Sgt
- Utz, Gordon P, 20822059 T/4 \*
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- Trout, Charles A, 35638085 Pfc
- Trussell, John E, 33437897 Pfc \*
- Vane, William B, 37272212 T/5
- Vaughn, Russell C, 39905656 Pfc
- Vaughn, Sherman C, 31027080 S/Sgt
- Vicary, Morton H, 37036166 Cpl
- Wagner, Nicholas, 20634642 Pvt
- Wall, Melvin D, 6959127 Cpl
- Wallin, Harold J, 32540323 Pvt
- Ward, Herrin H, 34445664 Pvt
- Ward, John E, 13016782 Cpl
- Webb, Matson E, 38425368 Pfc
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- Wertman, Chester, 35629272 Pvt \*
- Whisenant, Grady B, 34166071 T/5
- Whitney, George M, 31296747 Pfc \*
- Wigginton, James C, 34801159 Pvt
- Williams, Robert M, 38102437 Cpl
- Winters, Arthur, 35605232 S/Sgt \*
- Wilson, Harry L, 37602148 Pvt \*
- Wofford, John R, 38088791 T/Sgt
- Wykes, Harry B Jr, 32338508 Cpl
- Zebett, Harold S, 37310374 Pfc
- Zerbe, Milton R, 33498697 Pvt
- Ziemblicki, John A, 36652844 Pfc
- August, Joseph J, 32736097 Pfc
- Bevans, Frank J, 35629997 Pvt
- Birkbeck, Harry W, 35049820 Pfc \*
- Bletstein, Morris, 31422295 Pvt \*
- Boyle, Howard, 35774396 Pfc \*
- Bronkowski, Raymond J, 35548351 Sgt
- Carrol, Harold J, 32795473 Pvt \*
- Connery, Henry J, 36710923 T/Sgt
- Cooper, Richard D, 36572653 Pfc \*
- DeHummel, Ernest M, 39856922 Pfc \*
- DeMerlis, John, 33616849 Pfc \*
- Dillon, Henry W, 11132700 Pfc \*
- Donohan, Thomas F, 32751396 Pvt \*
- Federline, John R, O-362611 Capt
- Fernandez, Tony L, 39410797 Pfc \*
- Fry, Oliver W, 35629492 Pfc \*
- Frezzini, Leon, 37282177 Pfc \*
- Hagerman, Joseph C, 32807411 Pfc \*
- Hartwell, John H, 35630348 Pvt \*
- Joness, Gerard J, 31266994 Pfc \*
- Wonsowicz, Francis, 15103944 T/Sgt

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MEMORIAL - Leo Przeborowski. Mrs Jeanette Przeborowski, the widow of Leo has made a Donation to his memory. Mrs Przeborowski, lives at 5744 So Moody Av, Chicago IL 60638, 312-585-2428.

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stayed under shelter and killed a Jap with his pistol. 0200 hours, 24 May 1944.

No. 148 HOGAN, Donald J, 1st Lt, O-397934 Co K, C.O., Orange CT (b)Defensive, had no hole, crawled from under shelter and in a loud voice called over radio, while standing, to learn what was going on. Killed by 0.25 caliber bullet at close range. 0200 hours, 24 May.

No. 149 SMITH, Warren R, 2nd Lt, O-1312726 Co K, Orange Ct (b)Defensive, prone in hole but took kneeling position to use telephone. Killed instantly, 0.25 caliber bullet at 20 yards range. 0200 hours, 24 May 1944.

No. 150 STEVENSON, Harold R, PVT, 13013280 Co K, Orange Ct (b)Defensive, crawling to help Lt Hogan at the radio. Had been in a hammock and had no hole. Struck by 0.25 caliber bullet at 25 yards range. Moderate incapacity. 0200 hours, 14 May 1944.

On 24 May 1944, the Third Battalion formed a perimeter across the Myitkyina railroad. Several night skirmishes took place with Japanese. They must have had casualties but the Americans had none. On two nights a few artillery shells fell in the area but did not result in casualties. Considerable activity took place on 25 May when a 10 man American patrol, with 4 BAR's, 1 Thomson sub-machine gun and 5 M 1's, hit 45 Japs armed with four LMG's and one knee mortar. Twenty Japanese were killed and a large percentage of the rest wounded. No American casualties.

On 26 May 1944, S/SGT Mathis was told lead a patrol to the east beyond his advance outpost. He knew Japs were in the area, but advanced alone to the designated place and was wounded by a grenade.

No. 151 MATHIS, Paul M, S/SGT, 37097227 Co K, Orange CT (b)Patrol, walking, had advanced 100 yards from the outpost when Jap grenade exploded few feet in front. 1800 hours, 26 May 1944. Made way back to outpost.

Forces Involved  
Myitkyina

American Japanese -Estimated.

18 May 1 WIA	18 May 2
22 May 1 WIA	22 May 0
23 May 1 DOW	23 May 1
23-24 May 6 KIA	23-24 May 50
6 WIA	
24 May 0	24 May 30
26 May 1 WIA	26 May 0
Total 16 DOW 1	Total 83
KIA 6	
WIA 9	

The Bastards of Burma, a new book (part fact and part fiction) is out. M/Sgt Mike Gabbett has finally put together his recollections of what went on in Burma and apparently added to it to make it more interesting. For your copy, write Michael F Gabbett, PO Box 11606, Albuquerque NM 87192-0606. Enclose check or money order for \$9.95 plus \$1.50 postage handling (\$11.45 total).

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2. So much of Paragraph 1, General Orders Number 3, this headquarters, dated 2 August 1944 as reads "Shearer, Robert E, 2d Lt" is corrected to read, "Shearer, Robert E O-1308876 2d Lt".

3. So much of Paragraph 2, General Orders Number 3, this headquarters, dated 2 August 1944 as pertains to the following named Enlisted Men is rescinded and the following substituted therefore:

AWARD OF COMBAT INFANTRYMAN BADGE

Under the provisions of WD Circular No. 186, dated 11 May 1944 Combat Infantryman's Badge is awarded the following enlisted men of this organization effective as of 20 February 1944, for exemplary conduct in action against the enemy during the North Burma Campaign. All enlisted men indicated by an asterisk (\*) hereon are authorized this award effective as 1 June 1944.

Dunton, Leo A, 39681804 Pfc  
Moore, Harold E, 31316173 Pfc \*  
Negoshien, Malcolm, 31297927 Pfc \*  
Reed, Walton T, 6722930 Pfc

Rinker, Carl T, 34081378 Sgt \*  
Schad, Edward A, 33323897 T/5  
Weston, Paul W, 39164621 Pvt \*

AWARD OF EXPERT INFANTRYMAN BADGE

4. Under the provisions of WD Circular No. 186, dated 11 May 1944, Expert Infantryman's Badge is awarded the following enlisted man of this organization effective as of 20 February 1944, for satisfactory conduct in action against the enemy during the North Burma Campaign. All enlisted men indicated by an asterisk (\*) hereon are authorized this award effective as of 1 June 1944.

Adams, Anthony J, 20607202 Pvt  
Alford, Joe V, 6544394 Sgt  
Alsobrook, Jerry R, 38439298 T/5  
Anderson, Morris S, 20711607 Sgt  
Archer, Herbert S, 33360781 T/4  
Bailey, Ernest D, 36539494 Sgt  
Bailey, John, 35008177 T/4  
Banks, Charles E, 37444459 Cpl  
Barber, Elmer, 38169381 Pvt  
Barnes, Robert E, 34430096 Pfc  
Barrett, Cecil, 6021384 S/Sgt  
Bartlett, Earl E, 14149790 Pfc  
Bartow, Edward F, 32766020 T/5 \*  
Bennett, Elmer G, 13107492 T/5  
Bennett, Graham, 38272565 Pfc  
Bice, Philemon P, 15013699 Pfc  
Bires, Walter, 33270454 Pfc  
Bishop, Robert O, 20151193 Pfc  
Blackwell, Milton R, 38040888 Pvt  
Bookner, Max M, 6908112 Pvt  
Borecky, Steven, 36025032 Pvt  
Boucher, George J, 31025315 Pfc  
Boyle, Thomas J, 31236380 T/5  
Bradt, Frederick W, 33410314 Cpl  
Breese, Ralph K, 35519791 T/5  
Brown, Joseph C, 11011337 Pvt  
Brown, Laverne F, 36428386 Pvt  
Brown, Walter A, 33385000 Pfc  
Bullock, Vernon G, 16108583 Pfc  
Burns, Edward J Jr, 38172008 T/5  
Burriss, Carl H, 18089066 Cpl  
Cabral, Henry, 32443851 Pfc  
Caral, Francis J, 33368015 Pfc  
Ciccolella, John B, 32202712 Cpl  
Clann, Herbert J, 36125705 S/Sgt  
Coats, Richard O, 37115208 T/5  
Cooper, Harold E, 33353476 Pfc  
Corbett, James W, 34663249 Pvt  
Corbin, Marvin C, 6295608 T/5  
Crain, Earl D, 36486142 T/5  
Davidson, Perley W, 11015618 Pvt  
Deebach, Walter A, 20944547 Pfc  
Delashmitt, Harold A, 17160883 Sgt  
Demczyk, Raymond C, 15322243 Pvt  
Demnsev, Edmund F, Jr, 33265086 Pfc

Doheny, Lawrence E, 20647109 T/4  
Dorris, Walker A, 38336650 Pvt  
Dougherty, Harry J Jr, 38020799 T/4  
Duckett, Carter T Jr, 7085167 T/5  
Elm, Raymond C Jr, 16020024 Sgt  
Everly, James B, 15116700 Sgt  
Felix, William, 6871846 Sgt  
Fields, Marshall J, 35015393 T/5  
Fisher, Ford D, 39238727 Pfc  
Fisher, Paul C, 33302776 Pfc  
Flitzgibbon, Cyril J, 31019706 T/5  
Ford, Ivan, 34197683 Cpl  
Freed, Lloyd H, 37280750 Pfc  
Friedman, George W, 32236100 T/Sgt  
Fryant, Charles M, 20509291 Sgt  
Funderburk, Ralph C, 20730423 S/Sgt  
Gambill, William B, 36014684 S/Sgt  
Gardner, Earl J, 37200700 Cpl  
Gardner, Martin E, 33139150 Cpl  
Gavin, Edward F, 37123911 Pvt  
Gorman, Raymond J, 31051702 Pfc  
Grotte, Joel B, 20710688 T/Sgt  
Guthrie, Leonard, 38321471 T/Sgt  
Haglock, Albert A, 15088911 Pfc  
Hanson, Kermit J, 37310556 Pfc  
Harper, James H, 36026959 T/4  
Hartigan, Edward T, 34280542 Sgt  
Hatton, William C, 35268128 T/5  
Hayley, Woodrow L, 38230412 Pvt  
Heath, Roy T, 34280542 Pvt  
Heise, Robert C, 36155690 S/Sgt  
Henderson, Herbert L, 7083873 Cpl  
Heppola, Clarence V, 37273524 Pfc  
Herring, John D, 7083417 Pfc  
Hester, Hubert L, 6967673 Pvt  
Hickenboth, William D, 13038066 T/5  
Hickey, Robert R, 20932676 Pfc  
Hicks, Will C, 34586849 Pfc  
Hinton, Julius T, 38329757 Pfc  
Hionis, John, 32428029 Pfc  
Hoffmeier, Arthur C, 36346201 T/5  
Jantzen, Gordon W, 20711277 Pfc  
Johnson, John D, 38336513 Pfc

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# Letters

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## EDITOR

I obtained your name and address from the American Legion Magazine. I am in great hopes that you will provide me with more information regarding my brother, PFC Johnnie Smith, ASN 34398554 from Warrior AL. He was a member of the 5307th/3rd Bn/Khaki CT/Company I and was one of the Pacific veterans who joined the Unit at New Caledonia. He was killed in combat on May 13, 1944 at Tingkrakawn. The last letter we received from him was dated, 23 January from India, just before the 5307th went into battle. I also have a letter written to our family by his best friend in the outfit, Cpl John T Spurgeon. In the letter, he told us precious little but said he would write more later and try to see us after the war. We never heard from him again. We don't know what happened to him. I would be most grateful for any assistance that you can provide in my quest. Please call collect (916-342-8600) or write to me. Frank R Smith, 4202 Keefer Rd, Chico CA 95926.

## EDITOR

Please accept this check in memory of my husband, George F Ahlfors, who was a Merrill's Marauder trained in Trinidad and with them from Ledo to MYITKYINA. Although he passed away on February 13, 1965, your newsletters have helped keep his military memories alive for me and my children. His son was only 6 years old when his Dad died, so he did not have an opportunity to share his experiences with him. He was so very proud to be a Merrill's Marauder and recalled his time with them as some of the best and worst moments of his life. I would appreciate any help you could give me that would put us in touch with people who had any information on his military status, so we could better recreate his experiences in the C.B.I. Theatre. His discharge papers listed his last assignment as Sergeant, Co A, 798th Military Police Bn. His ASN was 37270105. Thank you for any help in this matter. Sincerely, Mary T Ahlfors, 112 Adams Av, Eveleth MN 55734

## EDITOR

My Father, Johnny Theodor Eckert, ASN 380100483, was an enlisted man in the Army. I am interested in hearing from anyone who knows about his service in the Merrill's Marauders. From the research that I have done so far I have found the following references. HQ Co H, 14th Inf, Camp Carson Co, 5307/3 Bn/Co L, 14th Evac Hosp, 475th Inf, Co L, 475/1/Co C and Co A. I look forward to hearing from anyone who can help me. Linda Eckert Ballard, PO Box 158, Purdon TX 76679

## EDITOR

My father, Thomas Edward Wilkinson, was a Communications Officer with the 5307th and 475th in Burma. I am an Infantry Officer, assigned to the 3rd Brigade, 24th Infantry Division, (Mech), formerly the 197th Infantry Brigade (M)(S)

Joyner, Lloyd L, 34319842 Pfc  
Kampman, George W, 20501507 Sgt  
Kelley, Clarence J, 6899930 Cpl  
Kelley, Frank G, 33288345 T/4  
Ketchum, John H, 37651589 S/Sgt  
Klemas, Frank J, 33166224 Pfc  
Konstantakis, Harry, 32291506 Pfc  
Laine, Tolvo, 36189103 Pfc  
Larbes, James T, 35794625 Pfc  
Lasseter, Thomas L, 34109552 Pvt  
Lewis, Hallie L, 33359886 Pfc  
Light, Joy K, 39111713 Cpl  
Lighthart, Clifford E, 36199527 Sgt  
Lim, Lawrence, 39162699 Pfc  
Long, Hollis G, 37195529 Pvt  
Lowe, Elbert L, 6970386 Pvt  
Loy, Gerald L, 20502534 Pvt  
Lussler, James C, 31031995 T/5  
Lutz, Charles E, 33333144 Pfc  
Madden, Gillis, 35465117 T/5  
Madray, John G, 34050604 S/Sgt  
Maletta, Paul, 11012027 Pfc  
Major, Everett E, 36425637 Pfc  
Martini, Thomas J, 32404040 S/Sgt  
Mason, Wendell R, 20508684 Pfc  
Mattys, Henry J, 37354779 Pvt  
Maynard, Horace, 34358400 Pfc  
Maynard, Joe, 35641633 T/5  
McCullar, William H, 6399580 S/Sgt  
McGinnus, Paul E, 6578901 S/Sgt  
McGovern, Paul F, 15532035 Cpl  
McLaughlin, Bernard A, 37513168 T/4  
Meehan, Thomas J, 32508333 Pfc  
Methven, William C, 32918194 Pvt  
Mitchell, Russell J, 37422330 Pvt  
Moon, Howard M, 20711181 Pfc  
Nealson, Frederick J, 20149772 Sgt  
Nielsen, Verner F, 37439126 Pvt  
Norton, Jesse L, 38120740 Cpl  
Orrs, Guy M, 33366290 Sgt  
Padgett, Laurie, 14000460 Cpl  
Partridge, Clarence G, 17052899 T/5  
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Polson, John L Jr, 19136755 Pfc  
Portala, Daniel L, 15019718 Cpl

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Purdon, William, 20508320 Sgt  
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Stephen, Eugene, 15043823 Cpl  
Stiegler, Ralph G, 38134980 S/Sgt  
Stone, Thurman, 34096367 Pvt  
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Suchary, George, 36124717 T/5  
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Thoemke, Raymond E, 36279735 Pfc  
Truex, Robert W, 35344261 Pfc  
Tupyczka, John, 35241705 T/5  
Turri, John R, 20410140 Sgt  
Unruh, David H, 37123891 Pfc  
Upton, Robert E, 31059515 Pfc  
Valle, Felix, 39263565 Pvt  
Van Brunt, Lester, 32385455 Pvt  
Van Meter, William L, 6659339 T/5  
Walker, Lonzo G, 34428626 Pfc  
Ward, Louie H, 34408150 Pfc  
Webb, Matson E Jr, 38425368 Pfc  
Webb, Vernon A, 39544067 Sgt  
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which fought along with the 24th in Iraq during Operation Desert Storm. I got your name from a Merrill's Marauders newsletter. My Father died in 1977, a retired Lt Col. We never got the chance to talk about the Army or the war and my sisters do not recall much either. Over the last few years, I have been compiling my father's 201 file and trying to piece it

together. I have a photo dated 2 August 1944 that is labeled Galahad Forces. It shows seven men looking at a map, one of them is my father. The men are: Major Spaulding, Capt Johnson, Major Briggs, Lt Ryan, Lt Wilkinson, Lt Avery, and Major Johnson. I also have other photos from

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that part of my father's life. Through my research, I believe that my father was a battalion commo officer of the 5307th from 1 Jun 44 to 10 Aug 44. He was then assigned as a Commo Off of the 475th from 11 Aug 44 to 4 Oct 44. He was the Regimental Commo Off of the 475th from 5 Oct 44 to 31 Mar 45 and finally the battalion Commo Off of 1st Bn, 475th from 1 Apr 45 to 11 May 45. I would greatly appreciate anything you could tell me about him or the missions they conducted. Also anything about the **Breast Order of Yun Hui** with ribbon which he was awarded. Captain Thomas P Wilkinson, 224 Austin Loop, Ft Benning GA 31905

## EDITOR

The picture of the ox-cart on Page 27 in the "The Merrill's Marauders War in Burma, Volume I" and in the May 1991 issue of the BURMAN NEWS on Page 5 shows me lying on a stretcher. I was wounded on July 11, 1944 and stayed overnight at an Aid Station near the front. Next morning I was brought out by ox-cart to the air strip. I had never seen the picture before but I recall when the picture was taken. It was a surprise to see it after 7 years. The other man on the cart could not speak English. Did enjoy reading the material. William P Thompson, Rt 1 Box 210, Ellerbee NC 28338, 5307/3/K Co; 475/3/K, 652-5167

## EDITOR

I went overseas on the US General George Randall, which docked in Bombay. Then to Calcutta, India. Flew to Myitkyina, Burma. I was with the 5307th & 475th, 1st Battalion, Company C, 2nd Platoon as a Rifleman, M1. I believe the Commanding Officer of Company C was **Pete McDowell** and my Platoon Sgt was **O E Smith**. After Burma flew from Myitkyina to Kunming China. Was in a convoy to deliver Chinese troops from Kunming to Lal Long, China. Then with American and Chinese troops went to Taikokix, Formosa. Returned to the

United States in March 1946. Albert Frederick, 6930 Coronation Ct, Rio Linda, CA 95673

## EDITOR

Yes, I was in the 5307th, 3rd Bn, Khaki CT, I & R Platoon and I was a member of the 475/1/P&D Platoon that got to set off a few charges on the Burma Road. I made it all the way to Myitkyina and all the way to Lashio. As you probably know, most of the men of the 5307th did not go on to China but came home after that Central Burma Campaign. Raymond Shumaker, PO Box 13156, Edwardsville KS 66113

## EDITOR

I was with the Orange Combat Team, 3rd Bn that came up the hill to the 2nd Bn at Nhpum Ga on April 1, 1944. I was a Radio Operator (SC 300). **LEO B WILDMAN**, 1836 Wild River Rd, Roseburg OR 97470,

## EDITOR

My father, **Aaron C Brown** passed away on 9 April 91. He served with the 2 Bn, Blue Combat Team as a Recon Sgt. I would like to hear from anyone who served with Dad in Burma. Stephen A Brown, RD #1 Box 116, Sackets Harbor NY 13685.

## EDITOR

I was a member of the 475th, 3rd Bn, L Co in Burma and China. L company made its first contact with Japs in the Tonkwa area. The 2nd Bn got its baptism of fire in that area. I remember some very nervous and frightened young soldiers. I knew some of them from Fort Riley. L Company went into the jungle at Tonkwa and set up camp. It was really scary. The next day we went on post. I was on it. About noon that day, we heard some talking but couldn't tell what they were saying. When we saw their uniforms, we knew they were Chinese. We went on patrol and saw nothing but a black leopard and monkeys. The next morning we went on another combat patrol

across a little creek, in a few minutes all hell broke loose. Nambus, rifles and mortars. Our Gurhka guide went around the Japs flank and opened up with his Tommy Gun. He killed 3 or 4 Japs before his gun jammed. The Japs pulled out taking their dead with them. We found their packs which contained some ric balls, a flag and some articles of clothing. This happened in December 1944. The month I turned nineteen. **John H Doty**, Edward Pl, Washington MO 63080.

## EDITOR

Name, Rank and Serial Number: **Donal M Fuller**, Sergeant, 36570731. I was briefly in the 5307th and 124th Cavalry a replacement. Then finished up my 13 or 14 months in Burma with the 475th Infantry. I left the states on March 9, 1944 on the SS Mariposa. Arrived in Bombay India on April 9th. Then came a slow trail ride to Ramgarh, and another slow ride to Ledo. I arrived at Myitkyina just as Galahad was capturing the Airfield. When re-organization occurred several months later, I was assigned to an 81 mm Mortar Squad in the 124th. Shortly thereafter our mule fell and the mortar gun baseplate flew and smashed-in my face. When released from the Field Hospital, I was re-assigned as a rifleman in the 475th. I didn't last long in that job either. Like so many others, I acquired amebic dysentery. When my weight fell below 100 pounds, I was flown to a small missionary hospital in Gauhati. I recall that the nurses had been transplanted there from Burma, Surgeon Gordon Seagraves Hospital in Burma. After recovery from the dysentery and some regaining of weight, I returned to the 475th and was re-assigned to the Headquarter Company. I remained in that company throughout the remainder of the campaign. After deactivation of the 475th, I was sent to Kunming. I arrived home (Detroit) the day before Thanksgiving, 1945. **DOI FULLER**, 32 East Santa Rebecca Dr, Green Valley AZ 85614, 602-625-7424.



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