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FIFTY YEARS AGO! WHERE HAVE THEY GONE?

"A DANGEROUS AND HAZARDOUS MISSION", that was the call for volunteers. No details were given us as to what that meant. We found out a little bit, when we arrived in Bombay. We found out more when we started training at Camp Deogarh in the Central Provinces with/against the British under Brigadier Wingate.

Remember when we were young and foolish. Some of us volunteered because we were anxious to get into combat. Some to get out of an undesirable outfit. Some to foster careers or get promotions. Some tired of marking time in an outfit that wasn't going anywhere. We all had our different reasons.

"MERRILL'S MARAUDERS"

by Lt Charlton Ogburn, Jr

Doctors, farmers, drunkards,
failures,

There's no trait we share but one:
We have to butt our heads into
those

Things that aren't or can't be done.
'Put 'em on...The column's moving!
Come on, then, you're not yet dead.
And there's fighting left a-plenty
While the trail still leads ahead.

(In part, from the NEW YORK
TIMES MAGAZINE, October 28,
1944)"

But we wound up in the same outfit. It looked like the same Army to us. Only different officers and NCO's. What made us a different, an elite unit? We know now what we did not know then. It was the act of volunteering. We shared that action. We remember that our Fathers, Uncles, other relatives had warned us against



volunteering for anything while in the Army. But we did it nevertheless.

What was the result? When the shooting started, we knew that the buddy alongside us would support us no matter what. The Army expected 30% survivors.

It turned out 30% casualties, mostly sick or wounded but not KIA. The British, under Wingate's first campaign left theirs behind. We did not. We were fortunate to have the light planes doing remarkable jobs of landing and taking off from improvised strips with wounded. We were fortunate in having excellent medical support right at hand.

When Myitkyina finally fell on August 3rd, only 400 men of the famous Japanese 18th - Chrysanthemum Division got away. The proud conquerors of Singapore and the Malaysian Peninsula were no more.

No more flying over the "Hump". A shorter, less hazardous air route to China supported by the Myitkyina airfields was now available to increase shipping tonnage. The land road. Stilwell /

Pick's Pike/ Ledo Road, was protected and soon completed to China. Hey, some of us even walked on it, at the beginning or at the end.

The more we have learned over the years, the more we can be proud of our efforts. We did the most with the least as the Army determined when they made a study of WW II Elite units. Today's Rangers wear our patch because of that study.

So today's survivors will come to Chicago and wonder at the wonder of it all. Remember the buddies, friends now gone. Help to perpetuate the history, the good times, the bad moments. We have our sentimental moments. We should have them. It was an unusual experience that never happened again.

Sharing the Story

ANOTHER ORANGE COMBAT TEAM STORY

From the Ocala FL Star Banner, 1/29/92 by Frances DeVore. Provided by Jim Gilbertson/Ken Langford.

Mention Merrill's Marauders today and folks might figure it's a football team.

But in World War II it was a fighting force to contend with in a new kind of jungle warfare where the greatest enemy was nature itself.

This special force of the United States Army fought and bled and died in the fetid jungles of Burma, but in so doing helped break the

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back of the Japanese war machine there.

Made up of 2,830 experienced jungle fighters, it was designated as the 5307th Composite Unit (Provisional), but better known as Merrill's Marauders after its commander, Brigadier General Frank Merrill. The only active United States ground force operating on the mainland of Asia during World War II, its mission was a long-range penetration through enemy-held territory.

The men were to go behind enemy lines, destroy communications and supplies and disorganize and weaken the enemy so that it would be ill-equipped to fight the main force following - two Chinese Divisions commanded by General Joseph (Vinegar Joe) Stilwell.

Few of the Marauders got home and most of those died early or lived with heavy health problems. It wasn't the Japanese who nearly destroyed them, but the jungle's tropical diseases - malaria, typhus and dysentery.

Japanese bullets and shrapnel killed only 93 men and wounded 293 others. The rest of the 2,394 casualties (about 85% of the total force) were due to illness. Merrill, immortalized in military annals, died in 1955 in Fernandina Beach, at age 55, of a heart condition acquired in Burma.

Ray Braden of Whispering Sands is among the few survivors, housebound with breathing problems brought on disease and bearing the scars from shrapnel in his legs and eye. Here is his personal account.

Not only was Braden a survivor of the bombing of Pearl Harbor, which triggered the war, he already had two years of combat on Guadalcanal and New Georgia, when he answered a call for volunteers for a special unit of "rugged men able to live off the land and teach others" on a bulletin board at Peru Plantation, New Georgia.

Braden thought that he was volunteering for a cadre to teach fighting techniques. Instead he found himself in a hand-picked body of jungle guerrilla warriors, developing the skills that the Green Berets would hone in Vietnam.

Snakes and lizards augmented cold K-rations. Braden said lizard flesh was sealed in bamboo shoots

with a little water, wrapped in banana leaves and steamed. Half tents were the only shelter from monsoon rains that measured as much as five inches in an hour and turned the ground to thick, viscous mud. Lots of the men had malaria they had contracted on Guadalcanal. Field hospitals were roofed only by parachutes stretched overhead and tied between trees and beds were stretchers on the ground.

"But the doctors were the best in the world," he said. "Without them we all would have died." Little medicine was available. The only medicine we had was penicillin. Quinine was hard to get. Atabrine turned your skin yellow. We were surrounded all of the time. "For ten years, the sheets on my side of the bed would rot away from the poisons still in my system." His wife, Opal, agreed. Mite borne typhus caused temperatures to shoot up to 106 or 107 degrees. Nothing helped. Alcohol baths, as many as nine a day would give the victims temporary relief.

Equipment and supplies too heavy for men to carry were loaded on some 700 mules, whose hooves were muffled with oat sacks. Air drops were supposed to get supplies to the men. Without any roads through the trackless jungle, jeeps, trucks or other motorized vehicles were useless. Often the men had to cut their own trails through bamboo which had to be hacked at top and bottom, through forests where trees 80 to 100 feet high cut off all sunlight from the jungle floor and rotting vegetation piled up 2 to 3 feet, or through clearings covered with sharp-bladed Kunal grass 6 feet high.

Documentaries, books and movies have recorded the exploits

of the Marauders led by 39-year-old Merrill, the youngest Brigadier General in the Army at that time. Enlisting at 18, he passed the West Point examination six times before the Army overlooked his nearsightedness and accepted him for officer training. He was commissioned in 1929.

Braden said Merrill fought and marched right along with the men. "Rank meant nothing to him," Braden said. "He treated me like a son. He had respect for us and we for him. The men all loved him."

Braden was a member of the Third Bn which freed the 2nd Bn pinned down so completely on Nhpum Ga Hill where the men dared not leave their foxholes for any reason. Merrill suffered a heart attack and had to be evacuated to a hospital behind the lines.

The beleaguered battalion was freed Easter Sunday, April 9th. Merrill was again in command when the Marauders took the vital Myitkyina Airstrip May 17th, but having returned too soon, he suffered a second heart attack May 19th and had to be evacuated again.

WEATHER WISE

One fall day, I found the following list on my husband's desk.

Things to do before winter sets in:

1. Install Franklin Fireplace.
2. Chop firewood.
3. Check weather-stripping.
4. Clean furnace.
5. Repair snowblower.
6. Check antifreeze in cars.
7. Replace broken storm windows

OR

1. Get the hell out of Wisconsin (Minnesota)(Dakotas)(Buffalo).

FALL IN

Here are the latest additions to our assembly. Remember them?
CHARLES F DOLAN, 145 Hicks St #68B, Brooklyn NY 11201,
 5307/2/GCT; 475/2
DAVID C DOLBY, CONGRESSIONAL MEDAL OF HONOR, RANGER HALL
 OF FAME MEDAL, PO Box 531, Oaks PA 19456-0531, RANGER; 75th
 Rgrs/1st Cav.
CAMILE JACQUES DUPAS, 204 Cedar St, Poplarville MS 39470, 601-795-
 4846, 5307/3/M CO
ZACHARIAH C EBAUGH, 165 Brentview Dr, Grafton OH 44044, 458-6800,
 OSS-101, OSS-202
ROBERT JONES JR, 2433 Whitmire Blvd #74, Midland TX 79705,
 5307/HQ & HQ DET
GARRY ROBERT NORSWORTHY, 251 W Dekalb Pike, King of Prussia, PA
 19406-2431, RANGER; 75 RGR (AB)/ C CO.

OFFICERS ROW

PRESIDENT - Phil Piazza

Soon after returning home from the Reunion, I had to make two trips to Ft Benning on Ranger business. Also Camp Merrill. They are building a Museum there. Planning on a satisfactory turnout at West Point on Easter Sunday. It looks good from here. We will also be at Arlington Cemetery Ceremony on April 8, 1994.

EXECUTIVE SECRETARY -

Ray Lyons

We are concerned over the absence of any submissions of proposals for the Ranger Hall of Fame Medals for our soldiers. We need to be able to provide claims for this medal from our membership recollections. I do not have the time available to go back over the copies of the past B/N issues but certainly do recall some outstanding actions. For example, I can remember someone telling me in a hallway years ago of a machine gunner at Walawbum who wiped out hundreds of Japanese attempting to cross the river. Who was he? What did he accomplish? What effect did it have on the action? Will somebody volunteer to do this worthy work? Time is running out.

HISTORIAN - Dave Quaid

Working hard on the video tape. Not yet ready to release to membership. We had a notable funeral ceremony on January 5th at Belmont Cemetery, MA. It was created by Mrs Delphine Wixon, the daughter of Sgt Warren Olsen, 5307/2/HQ, who passed away on August 6, 1993. She is proud of her father's association with the Merrill's Marauders unit and wanted a Military Funeral in his honor. The Army said no funds were available for such an affair. She kept after it and finally wrote to the President.

There was a change. A detachment of 12 soldiers from Fort Devens, 305th M I Bn, took part in a ceremony. I wrote to nearby members asking them to come if at all possible. Present for the Merrill's Marauders Association were James M O'Hara, John Coughlin, Mike Saraco, Francis Howley & Dave Quaid. We had a terrible snowstorm in the area. Our congratulations to Mrs Wixon for her determination and

successful culmination. She is now an Honorary Member of Merrill's Marauders Association.



Later that same day, went to West Point to check on progress of the Nhpum Ga Anniversary Ceremony at General Merrill's Grave, etc. See notes elsewhere

REUNION CHAIRMAN - Ed

Zaino, 312-238-1466 Remember us! "The City With the Broad Shoulders" Not to forget the superior sports teams. It will be at the Hyatt Regency Hotel, 1909 Spring Rd, Oakbrook IL 60521, 800-233-1234. We are pleased to have the Fiftieth Anniversary of the 5307th India-Burma Campaign here. Think about it. Then plan on coming here.

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(Why mothers have grey hair) A mother, pounding away on the bottom of a ketchup bottle, heard the phone ring. She asked her son to answer. Obligingly, the boy answered and advised the caller: "Yes, she's here, but she can't come to the phone right now 'cause she's hitting the bottle."

PASS IN REVIEW

Deaths reported recently

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

- THOMAS W AVERETT, 326 Oregon Way SP 22, Longview WA 98632, 5307/3/OCT, October 22, 1972
- PETE N BARTOLOVICH, 4114 Brooke, Weirton WV 26062, 5307, January 20, 1991
- GEORGE CRANSTON, 395 West Gates Av, Lindenhurst NY 11757, 516-226-6805, 5307/2/GCT Nov 1 1993
- JAMES O CLINTON, 515 Highland Av, Dunedin FL 34698, 5307/MED, November 28, 1993
- GLEN W FOX, 3518 Dearing Rd, Spring Arbor MI 49283, Spring 1993
- WILLIAM B GAMBILL, 490 Stepp Av, #1A, Hendersonville NC 28739, 5307/HQ/RE, January 15, 1992
- JOSEPH S HACKERMAN, 9 Pomona So Apt 6, Baltimore MD 21208, 5307/HQ/RE, 1990
- HANS T HANSON, PO Box 207, Philip SD 57567, 5307/KCT/33 QM PK TR, November 11, 1993
- ARTHUR A LA PIERRE, 38 Pleasant St, Spencer MA 01562, 5307/3/OCT, March 17, 1992
- ROBERT E MORRIS, 606 St Clair Av, Spring Lake Heights NJ 07762-2016, 201-449-4377, 124 CAV/HQ, December 26, 1993
- GEORGE H POWELL, 206 N Cameron Rd, Falls Church VA 22046, 703-534-6405, 5307/2/GCT, April 17, 1992.
- CLARKE (Eddy) RICHARDSON, Rt 2 Box 2887, Melrose FL 32666, 5307, June 3, 1993
- WILLIAM Z SCOTT, PO Box 121, Pocono Manor PA 18349-0121, 5307/2/BCT/EX O, November 4, 1993
- RUDOLF A SERRA, Ferndale MI 48220, Merrill's Marauders, July 3, 1993
- JOHN T SPURGEON, Bear Valley, Hillpoint, Richland County WI 53937, 5307/3/1 Co/KCT, January 1976
- FLOYD A WOESHNIK, Vandyne, Fond du Lac County, WI 54979, 5307/3/HQ/HW PL SGT/KCT April 1987

RANGER COLUMN

FROM THE PRESIDENT - PHIL PIAZZA

Six Rangers of the Third Battalion, were killed in Somalia in October. I attended the two Memorial Services for our fallen comrades from the 75th Ranger Regiment. They were very impressive and somber.

Regardless of what the news media printed regarding the action, the men did a fantastic job under very adverse conditions and completed their missions as they were supposed to do. It was not a fiasco as the news media intimated. All of us Marauders should be very proud of these fine soldiers as they took heavy casualties to live out the part of the Ranger Creed that says - "I will never leave a fallen comrade to fall into the hands of the enemy and under no circumstances will I embarrass my country."

We Marauders can certainly appreciate this, as we never did leave one of our comrades. Our hearts go out to the families of the Rangers who fell in action. **Sgt James Casey Joyce, Sgt Dominick Michael Pilla, Sgt Lorenzo Manuel Ruiz, Cpl James Manuel Cavaco, Cpl James Edgar Smith, and SPC Richard Wayne Kowalewski, Jr.**

As well as the six other Special Forces men who also lost their lives in the same action. May they all Rest In Peace. We also have great respect for the 35 other Rangers who were wounded in action and fortunately survived.

Letters

EDITOR

I am interested in collecting any information on military working dogs, particularly scout dogs that were attached or assigned to Merrill's Marauders. In a report by **Colonel Hunter**, dated 17 Feb 45, mention is made of scout dogs and handlers that were attached to the **5307th Composite Unit** (Provisional). The commander of the War Dog Detachment, C.B.I., indicated that his unit supported the 475th Infantry, 124th Cavalry, the OSS, and the Chinese Army. I would greatly appreciate any information you may have on the Special Orders which either attached or assigned elements of the War Dog

Detachment to these units.

This information will be incorporated into a War Dog Exhibit that is currently being planned for the National Infantry Museum in Ft. Benning. Also, any photos, documents, war stories, etc., pertaining to the scout dogs would be greatly appreciated and included in the display. **Jesse S. Mendez, SFC, US Army, Ret., 1203 Bismarck Dr., Columbus, GA 31907, 706-563-1775.**

EDITOR

How I was made an Honorary Member of the Merrill's Marauders Association. At a meeting of the CBI Basha in Richmond VA, we were asked to tell our story. **George Rose** was present. I came to the CBI as a member of the **478 QM Truck Regiment, Co A**. On our way up to **Ledo** we were kicked off the train at **Chabua Air Field** and told we were going to "Fly". We were to be part of the Air Drop operations. We moved over to **Dinjan**, doubled our operation, split up and began another operation at **Sookerating**. By this time, the MM's were down south in Burma. Our Colonel became the Air Re-supply Officer on General Merrill's Staff, Major **George T Kanley**. This made us guys first cousins of yours.

We got information that some of you people were pinned down on a hill by the Japs. Could not escape. Two A/C I E C47's were loaded with 75 mm field pieces pack with chutes. A Second A/C C47 loaded with the ammo. I was on the 3rd A/C that kicked first ammo to you guys. "This was manna from heaven to you guys from your cousins in the sky!" After 47 years **George Rose** told me you guys came down off the hill within 25 short hours.

After you guys took **Myitkyina**, we were shipped over to China, **Yunnay Air Field**. Did the same job on the **Salween River Front**. We came to the CBI as truck drivers.

We never drove a 6 x 6 anytime while in CBI. But flew in the tail end of a C47, all over the CBI with the cargo door off. What a hell of a switch. Came back with 1900 Combat flying hours. **William Bottoms**, 2705 S Walmsley Blvd, Richmond VA 23234-3132

EDITOR

Writing for the first time to give a little personal history and my new address. I am **Sgt Ernest M Reid**, Light Machine Gun, Khaki Combat Team, Gunner **Johnny Allen**, Asst Gunner **George Young**. We carried the guns on horse **Buddy**, Leader **Edward Wade** (Oregon). Drafted 27 Mar 41 at Boston Mass. Assigned to B Co, 182nd Inf, Yankee Div Camp Edwards MA. Went off to North Carolina maneuvers in the Fall of 1941. Returned to Camp Edwards on Pearl Harbor Day. On 23 Jan 42, we left New York Harbor on the USS **Argentina**, thru Panama Canal, to Melbourne, Australia. Arrived there 21 February. March of '42 to New Caledonia on USS **Santa Rosa**. The 132nd Inf, 164th Inf and 182nd Inf became the Americal Division November '42 to Guadalcanal, on USS **A. Jackson**. November 20th wounded. Flown to Naval Hospital on the New Hebrides Isles December '42 to Fiji Islands, 18th General Hospital - via Hospital ship.

Returned to active duty when the division came to the Fiji Islands in the Spring of 1943. Volunteered for unknown mission and went back to New Caledonia on the USS **American Legion**, Sept '43 - Oct '43 Left New Caledonia on USS **Lurline** Picked up more troops in Australia Had a walk thru Perth and arrived in Bombay on my birthday October 28. Survived **Walawbum Inkangatawng, Nhpum Ga**. After **Nhpum Ga** went for check up for fever of unknown origin - flown out

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LOST, STRAYED OR WHATEVER HAPPENED TO THESE GUYS?

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EDGAR M GETHING, 9263 Sharrott, Poland, OH 44514

ERNEST HAMMER, 2025 Bear Ridge Rd., Apt. 102, Baltimore, MD 21222

ERNEST KIVLIN, 320 O'Neil Blvd, Brookhaven #12, Attleboro, MA 02703

JOHN F LAKOMEK, 808 Victory St., Johnson City, NY 13790

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JOHN D PRUETT, 124 S Mill St., Alamo, TN 38001

ALVIN SUTTON, 59 Van Reypen St., Jersey City, NJ 07306

Ledo to Myitkyina - Feb. 8 - Aug. 3, 1944



February 8, 1944 - 140 mile march down Ledo Road to combat area. Ordered to "sweat in" the pack saddles and to "separate the men from the boys."



February 24, 1944 - Crossing the Tarung River; Galahad was warned that from this time on: "... the time might come when, wounded or sick and unable to keep up with the column, he might be left to his fate alongside the trail."



February 25, 1944 - Nzang Ga, North Burma. Cpl. Warner Katz, 3rd Bn., Orange C.T., I & R Platoon kills first Jap by an American infantryman in Asia. He is slightly wounded.



February 25, 1944 - Pvt. Robert Landis, right, 2nd Bn, Green C.T. I & R Platoon, first Marauder KIA. Middle, Pvt. Sidney Savitt wounded at Nhpum Ga later on. Pfc. Philip Morrissey, left.

to hospital with scrub typhus. Had enough points, flew home via Karachi, Africa, So America to Florida. Discharged December '44. Boston Police Dept 1945-1975.

There were nine guys that came with me out of B Co, 182nd Infantry. Some that I can remember were Matthew G Arthur (Food supplies), Rifleman - Matthew Fitzgibbons, Bill Henderson - OCT, Kenneth Chuck Dewhurst, OCT, Stan Pliska

(deceased), Mortars - Vardic Golash (deceased), BAR man? Big Polock wounded in foot on Nhpum Ga trail. Just remembered - Aloysius Kazlousky OCT, Rifleman - Honore Gallant, OCT. Thanks for listening, Ernie Reid, 6908 West End Av, New Port Richey FL 34655

EDITOR

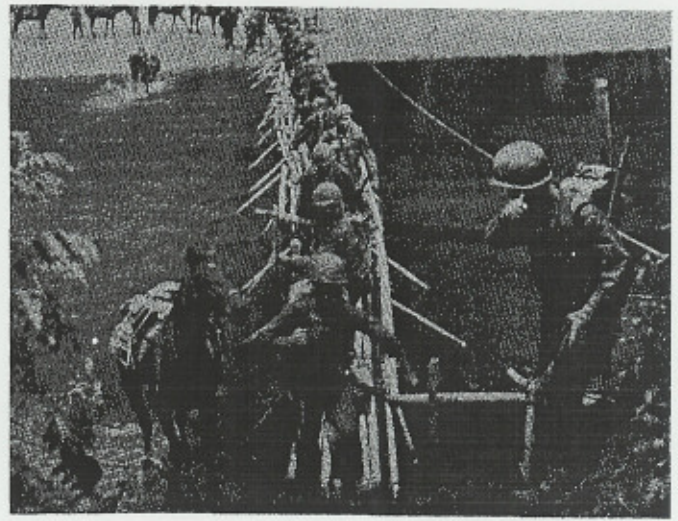
I remember that I arrived in Bombay, India, in May 1944. We

flew from Ramgarh to Myitkyina and I was wounded in an ambush at Sitapur on June 5th while a member of Khaki Column in the 5307th. After recuperating at the 20th GH, I rejoined my outfit in the 475th and remained till I was evacuated for medical problems at the end of the Second Campaign. Bronis A. Puzas, 807 Washington Ave., Waterbury, CT 06708, 754-1721, 5307; 475/3/1 Co.

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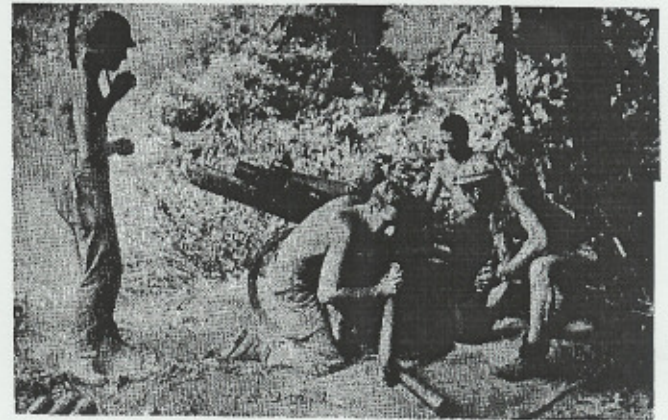
March 3, 1944 - Vicinity of Wesa Ga. On the trail to Walawbum, Phil Morrissey evens the score.



March 20, 1944 - Vicinity Weilangyang, North Burma. Crossing the Tenai River on a bamboo bridge built by Kachin Scouts of the 101 Detachment, O.S.S.



April 4, 1944 - Relief of the 2nd Bn. on trail to Nhpum Ga. Third Bn. 81mm mortar crew awaits orders to fire.



April 6, 1944 - Relief of 2nd Bn. on trail to Nhpum Ga. Sgt. "Red" Acker's 75mm Pack Howitzer crew firing point blank into Japanese bunkers.

EDITOR

I landed at the airstrip at Myitkyina June 1st 1944 and was assigned to the 5307/3/HQ. I was Battalion runner. Colonel Gestring was Battalion Comander. We went up the river from Myitkyina and stayed up there about 25 days before we were relieved by the 2nd Bn. We went back to the air strip for a 2-3 week rest. At that time the 2nd Bn went down the river. The 1st Bn came up the river with the Chinese. We went in about 1:00 o'clock some time around the first of August, 1944. We made a last push to the river after Myitkyina fell. We then went up to Camp Landis and formed the 475th Infantry. I was in Company L, 3rd Bn and Captain "Panny" Clark was

the company commander. Merrel G "Pete" Ewing, James Miller, John "Buck" Neal, Steven Burkingback, and myself were the mule skinnners for Company L. We left Myitkyina some time around the last of September, 1944 heading to the Burma Road. We went through the Tonkwa Battle and from there to the Burma Road. Got there sometime around the middle of February, 1945. The 3rd Bn was on the left hillside and the 2nd Bn was on the right hillside of "Dead Mule Gulch". Demolition teams went during the night to blow out a creek crossing of the Burma Road to cut off the enemy's supply line. Just above Kutkai, Captain Clark was killed late February 1945. We went from Kutkai to Kunming, China

where we then left on a truck convoy to Chickning. From there we went to Annan, Anlung Pawshan, Nanning, Leweghow then back to Kungming, to Calcutta, where we left on the 11th of November, 1945 on the "Marine Raven". We landed at Tacoma Washington, the 11th of December 1945. From there to Ft Smith Arkansas where I was discharged on the 23rd of December 1945. Sg Albert Paten Thomasson, Rt 2, Box 34, Bon Aqua TN 37025, 615-670-3650

EDITOR

My brother was Alfred R. Golle. He was in the Marauders at the Battle of Myitkyina. We would ap

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April 9, 1944 - Hsamsingyang, North Burma. Pvt. Sydney Savitt and other walking wounded on their way to air evacuation to hospitals in India.



April 9, 1944 - Hsamshingyang, North Burma. Father Barrett, 3rd Bn. Chaplain hears confession of a Marauder just returned from heavy fighting on Nhpum Ga trail.



April 9, 1944 - Hsamshingyang, North Burma, Easter Sunday Service celebrating relief of 2nd Bn. on Nhpum Ga.



May 17, 1944 - Myitkyina Airfield. Generals Stilwell and Merrill confer with Colonel Hunter on the Japanese airfield at Myitkyina. The strip was just taken by 1st Bn. Galahad and the 150th Chinese Regiment.

preclate hearing from anyone who remembers him at that time. His sister - Mrs. Elfrieda Flescher, 2131 Brightwood Dr., Forked River, NJ 08731, 609-693-7620.

EDITOR

We received a six-page letter from Philip Olsen of West Allis, WI, who was Leon Wralstad's Asst. Squad Leader. He was in charge of the 1/2 squadron Leon was in. We finally got it right. Philip Olsen was leading up the trail and he motioned to Leon to move aside. As they both were stepping aside a machine gun opened up and Leon took it. Philip crawled back and saw that Leon was gone. He was shot in the chest. They withdrew (3rd time) and tried to attack once

more before dark. This time Charles Bias, following Phillip, was shot in the back and killed an hour later. He was Leon's foxhole buddy. On this withdrawal, they took Leon with them. Joe and Avis Stein, 2121 Pat Ct., Denison, TX 75020.

EDITOR

I joined the 5307 in Marguerite, India, approximately two weeks before we walked the Ledo Road in full gear. I was assigned to 3rd Bn (Col. Beach) I&R Team. If you remember, we walked after sunset, and by the time we got deep into Burma, we had nothing to fight with, because we were totally exhausted. Even the pack mules were in bad shape. Our battalion was trapped in Nhpum Ga Hill. This

was the first time we had taken serious casualties from Jap action. Basically because all air drops were delivered to the opposing forces.

Were you with us when we first captured Myitkyina early in '44? Shortly after that 1st and 2nd Battalions were being relieved, because two Chinese Divisions were supposedly mopping up. I received ten days R&R in Calcutta. When I returned to Myitkyina, had to jump out of a C-47 because Japs had part of the two airfields. Pilot was ordered to drop passengers.

Being only a T/4, I was passed from unit to unit because according to all, 5307 was disbanded

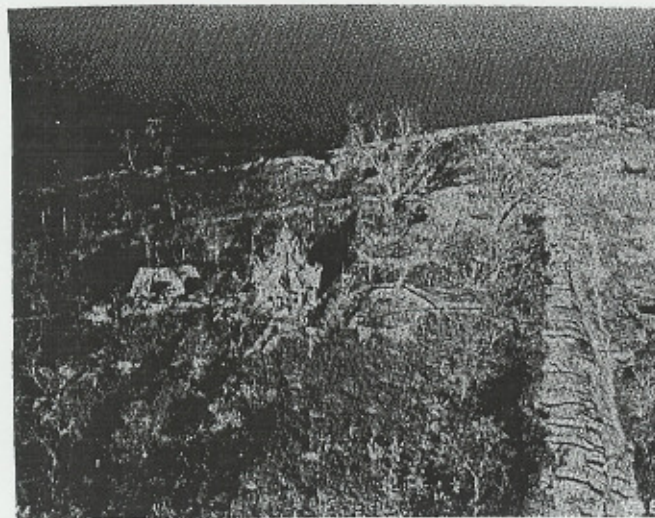
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May 17, 1944 - Myitkyina airfield. Japanese platoon wiped out at Pamati by elements of 1st Bn. Galahad.



July 27, 1944 - Battle of Myitkyina. Galahad artillery pounding Japanese positions. The pile of brass represents nine hours of firing.



August 3, 1944 - Battle of Myitkyina. Abandoned Japanese positions after the town fell to allied forces.



June 6, 1945 - The American Military cemetery at Myitkyina, North Burma. The remains of the Marauders buried here were repatriated to the States.

and the records were shipped to an unknown location. The only thing I had was my pay book and dog tags to show I was in the U.S. Army. I worked four Chindits on patrol. Near Bhamo, I was injured and ended up in Col. Seagrave's Bhamo Hospital. Gen. Stilwell visited the hospital and decorated me with the Silver Star for action performed north of Myitkyina. That day, Pat O'Brien's USO Troop was visiting the hospital and I was the center of attraction.

I was discharged from hospital and put on a convoy and dropped off at a Signal Det., Youngping, China. I retired from Army, 31 March 1968, as a CWO with 25 years, 3 months and 28 days.

If you are in touch with anyone from the original 3rd Bn, mention this name. It would make me most

happy if someone remembers a former ground pounder, Andrew Petro, Jr., 149 N 3rd St., Catawissa, PA 17820-1219, 1-717-356-2206.

EDITOR

My story: I was with the 103rd Infantry in the Islands, Guadalcanal, New Georgia (Where we were cut to pieces by some poor judgment by our intelligence). After the Hospital back at Guadalcanal, I volunteered for an unknown mission which was to last about three months. My outfit, the 43rd Div., was slated at the time to hit Truk Island. I think you know what that mission would have meant, so I chose the unknown.

We went on the SS Lurline to Bombay, across India by train and to training in Ledo. I was Platoon Sgt of Khaki CT. I&R Platoon. my

last action was at Walawbum. After that, I was called unfit for further action and was evacuated by Cub plane to the hospital at Ledo - I weighed 118 pounds.

The people I recall are few - Col. Beach, my platoon officer, Lt. Hearn; my platoon guide, Sgt. Kussro; platoon photographer, Quentin L. Waite. I met Andy Pung at a VFW get-together. Andy was platoon sgt. of Orange CT. Ed King, Rt. 2, Box 3040, Old Town, ME 04468.

EDITOR

I would like to contact anyone who remembers an incident that happened while training at Camp Landis. I was in the platoon of Lt. Lewis B. Mitchell, Flint, Michigan,

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124/3/L Tr. On that day we had "live ammo fire." I was blown out of my foxhole by our own mortar fire. I was also wounded on Jan. 26th on Hill 77 while on patrol led by Lt. Mitchell. Two days later I was flown out of Burma by L5 plane, never to rejoin my outfit again. James V. Surtusco, 42 Marshmallow Dr., Commack, NY 11725, 1-516-368-3402.

EDITOR

The following Marauders all came from Middleton, Ohio: all came from Co. I, 147th Infantry; all fought on Guadalcanal before volunteering for the 5307th.

Barnett, ASN 20509086, Kicker
- Deceased

Paul Fields, ASN 20509097,
Deceased

Griffin, ASN 20509102,
Whereabouts unknown

John R. Myers, ASN 20509125
GT Peck, ASN 35116783,

Whereabouts unknown

John R. Myers, 301 Moore St.,
Middletown, OH 45044, 5307/3/
KCT.

EDITOR

A few questions that have bothered me for a while. Were you in Quayang, China, shortly after the end of the war? (Ed: No.) Were

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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. Send check to Merrill's Marauders Association % Ray Lyons, Executive Secretary.

We have available the Mike Gabbett Book, "The Bastards of Burma". \$10 per copy. Mike was one of the Original Marauders and the book covers in Regular Army Top Sgt style his observations of what went on in the 1st and 2nd Campaigns in Burma.

We had sold out of all copies of "The Marauders" by Charlton Ogburn. We recently received our back order. \$8. per copy.

Woody Woodruff is working on a re-print (again) of "Marsmen in Burma". Price appears to be going up but that is not news.

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GENERAL ORDER #8 - PURPLE HEART AWARDS - Continued
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CHARLES E JAMES, 35697202, Pvt - 1 July 1944
JOSEPH W JANCOVICH, 35093592, Pvt - 23 June 1944
WALTER JASINSKI, 6975590, Cpl - 1 August 1944
HARLEY E JEFFRIES, 35537538, Pvt - 11 July 1944
CHARLES W JOHNSON, O1289435, 1st Lt, Inf- 1 July 1944
ELLSWORTH E JOHNSON, O1312938, 2nd Lt, Inf-1 July 1944
ROY E JOHNSON, 7083997, Pfc - 3 August 1944
FRANK B JONES, 33559468, Pvt - 2 July 1944
HERSCHEL V JONES, O437714, 1st Lt, Inf-16 June 1944
JOHN W JONE, O1322037, 1st Lt, Inf - 30 July 1944
RALPH E JONES, 35603782, Pvt - 31 July 1944
ROBERT E JONES, O1321043, 2nd Lt, Inf - 27 July 1944
ROBERT A JORDAN, 35629813, Pfc - 8 July 1944
STANLEY P KAHANEK, 38557708, Pvt - 14 July 1944
EDWARD KANE, 32810321, Pvt - 23 June 1944
RAYMOND V KANE, 33585414, Pvt - 30 June 1944
ALBERT J KAPLER, 32766436, Pfc - 16 June 1944
ARTHUR KATZ, O1302311, 1st Lt, Inf - 15 July 1944
HOBART T KAVEL, O1313614, 2nd Lt, Inf - 15 July 1944
MERRITT V KEAR, 32810570, Pvt - 14 July 1944
IVAN L KENDALL, 35629560, Pfc - 12 June 1944
JOHN G KERBY, 39038315, Pfc - 28 July 1944
JOHN E KERR, 31324877, Pfc - 1 August 1944
WILLIS E KESSLER, 33573441, Pfc - 29 July 1944
HOLLIS A KETCHAM, 33433175, Pvt - 12 June 1944
JOHNNIE V KIDD, 34768639, Pvt - 1 July 1944
EDWIN F KIERNAN, 32748060, Pfc - 29 June 1944
EUGENE P KIMMET, 35547987, Pfc - 13 July 1944
WILLIAM L KITTLE, 33439837, T/5 - 31 July 1944
HARRY T KLINE, 33426369, Pfc - 16 June 1944
THOMAS W KLOHOK, 32749505, Pfc - 2 August 1944
JOSEPH KLOLOWSKI, 32839206, Pfc - 15 June 1944
LOUIS E KNAUSE, 33433008, Pvt - 28 July 1944
HAROLD E KNECHT, 35603248, Pfc - 28 June 1944
PAUL E KOLP JR, 7022448, Pfc - 16 June 1944
CARL T KONSTONTONOPULAS, 36880506 - 27 June 1944
WALTER T KOSEK, 31298553, Pfc - 1 July 1944
KARL KOVACH JR, 32839594, Pfc - 5 June 1944
NORMAN B KRAUSGILL, 35697472, Pvt - 13 July 1944
HAROLD H KRETCHMAR, 37623874, Pvt - 1 July 1944
DONALD P KUHN, 35094910, Cpl - 30 July 1944
HAROLD LAASE, 32766724, Pvt - 21 July 1944
GREGOIRE J LA CHANCE, 31319461, Pfc - 27 July 1944
MORRIS E LAMB, 35486532, Sgt - 29 June 1944
LESLIE W LANE, O376606, 1st Lt, Inf - 2 August 1944
RAYMOND R LAPIERRE, 11108044, Pvt - 27 July 1944
PHILIP J LA ROCCO, 32802273, Pvt - 11 July 1944
JAMES H LASHWAY, 32838408, Pvt - 28 July 1944
WILLIAM LASSITER JR, 34666502, Pfc - 3 August 1944
EVANS LAVENDER, 35776038, Pvt - 2 July 1944
EURA W LAWSON, 15044716, Sgt - 30 July 1944
ROBERT J LENAHAN, 332893745, Pfc - July 1944
NORMAN A LEVESQUE, 31317298, Pfc - 28 July 1944
JOSEPH LIEBER JR, 35697475, Pfc - 26 July 1944
WILLARD J D LILLY, 6944198, Sgt - 23 June 1944
SALVATORE LIOTTA, 332790511, Pvt - 1 August 1944
RICHARD A LISTON, 32839713, Pfc - 14 June 1944
JESSE R LITTEN, 39329713, Pfc - 16 June 1944
JOSEPH A LOKIS, 31343455, Pvt - 11 July 1944
JACK H LORD, 35697391, Pfc - 1 August 1944
JAMES LORD, 6926089, S/Sgt - 1 July 1944
WILLIAM P LOREY, 33437530, Pfc - 28 June 1944
ROBERT T LOUGHLIN, O331329, 1st Lt, Cav - 5 June 1944

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you stationed temporarily, for two months in a cemetery behind a large brick schoolhouse near Quayang?

Why is it that several of the men that I fought alongside are not on the MM rolls? In particular, two men: Perry Michols or Nicholas from Palmyra, NY, and a friend that I can only recall by his last name, Minoque (Eugene Mineque in GO #3). These two men often went on weekly reconnaissance missions with me. We shared some very rough times together. Twice I dug Minoque out of his foxhole after Japanese bombs had buried him alive. I'll never forget the bottle of whiskey that his mother sent to me in gratitude for saving her son. How that bottle made it to me unbroken, I'll never understand.

Lastly, why is it that those of us who fought in the rotting jungles of Burma and China got such a raw deal from our commanders? It seemed at times as if they would go to great lengths to make an already unbearable circumstance even worse. Stilwell and his underlings seemed to have had nothing but contempt for the tireless soldiers who fought under them. I recall once, going eight days without any real food, I remember burying friends deep in the jungle in shallow nameless graves, and I recollect the sudden fear that overcame me when a Japanese bomb landed directly in front of my foxhole . . . and did not explode! And, for all those things not only were we ignored and mistreated by our superiors, we were scorned by them also. Could you help explain these things to an old dog face. Domenick Piccinini, Box 18, Forbes Road, PA 15633, 412-834-4489, 5307; 475/2/HQ/1&R.

EDITOR

The next Reunion of the Mountain Artillery Assn (612th & 613th) will be held September 15-18th, 1994 at Colorado Springs CO. WB Woodruff Jr, Secretary, PO Box 515, Decatur TX 76234

EDITOR

In the last Burman News that I just received, about Dale Abbott's story on Nhpum Ga. I remember that before we went into Burma, we were told we would carry "seven days" rations. Several other Marauders agree with my thinking. I know it was really hell for "B"

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HENRY L LOVELACE, 38022624, Pvt - 3 August 1944
 JAMES D LYONS, 35774540, Pvt - 27 July 1944
 PHINEAS A MACDONALD, 35348306, Pvt - 31 July 1944
 FRANKLIN M MADDOX, 35094401, Pfc - 5 June 1944
 JULIO D MAGHINI, 31324441, Pfc - 27 July 1944
 FRANK X MAHER, 13004590, Sgt - 23 June 1944
 ROBERT J MALICK, 33109038, Pfc - 1 July 1944
 HARRY MALNACK, O1312779, 1st Lt, Inf - 21 July 1944
 JOSEPH N MALONE, 35603163, Pfc - 31 July 1944
 GEORGE MAMULA, 6889042, Sgt - 3 August 1944
 ELWOOD MARSHAL, 35789393, Pfc - 13 June 1944
 CHESTER G MARTIN, 39125625, Cpl - 28 June 1944
 PAUL S MARTIN, 35629664, Pfc - 15 June 1944
 CHARLES MASONIS, 6672203, Pvt - 1 August 1944
 RAYMOND W MATOTT, 35095264, Pfc - 27 July 1944
 FRANK A MASTRANGELO, 31284943, Pvt - 12 July 1944
 NORARIS D MATTESON, 32833520, Pvt - 26 July 1944
 DONALD E MAVES, 36203219, S/Sgt - 31 July 1944
 DONALD L MAYNARD, 37487109, Pvt - 27 July 1944
 HERBERT E MC CARY, 34706454, Pvt - 28 July 1944
 WAYNE C MC CRACKEN, 33437850, Pvt - 1 July 1944
 JOHN W MC CUTCHEON, 31253868, Pfc - 4 August 1944
 JOHN C MC DERMOTT, 35749895, Pfc - 5 June 1944
 ALEXANDER B MC FADDEN, O1312961, 1st Lt, Inf - 3 August 1944
 PAUL H MC GRATH, 35790430, Pfc - 9 August 1944
 CLIFFORD A MC KIBBIN, 35547514, Pfc - 5 June 1944
 WILLIAM A MC MEEKIN, O463961, 1st Lt, Inf - 2 August 1944
 FREDERICK J MC PHEARSON, 15333269, Pfc - 14 June 1944
 RICHARD J MEADOWS, 35629838, Pfc - 12 June 1944
 EUGENE B MEEKS, 35749137, Pfc - 27 June 1944
 THOMAS J MENNEL, 35094302, Pfc - 27 July 1944
 NICHOLAS J MERIGLIANO, 33586201, Pfc - 31 July 1944
 RUDOLPH J MERINGER, 32807105, Pfc - 13 June 1944
 HENRY A MERRITT, 35651709, Pvt - 11 July 1944
 ALBERT R MERZ JR, 31316335, Pfc - 28 July 1944
 GARRETT T MESSICK JR, 35754039, Pvt - 3 August 1944
 RAYMOND R MESSIER, 31285105, Pfc - 14 June 1944
 ROBERT S MIDDLETON, O1285269, 1st Lt, Inf - 11 July 1944
 DONALD O MILLER, 32749210, Cpl - 28 June 1944
 ELLWOOD L MILLER, 33501151, Pvt - 12 June 1944
 HARVEY C MILLER, 33244025, Pfc - 4 June 1944
 WALTER L MIKULSKI, 30839610, Pfc - 3 August 1944
 HERMAN M MILLER, 35093458, Pvt - 28 July 1944
 ROSE O MILLER, 3460565, Pvt - 28 July 1944
 EUGENE S MINOGUE, 32519977, Pfc - 14 July 1944
 LEWIS R MITCHELL, O511847, 2nd Lt, Inf - 5 June 1944
 FRANK W MOAK, 35464404, Pvt - 29 June 1944
 JOSEPH H MONAGHAN, 15058777, Pfc - 23 June 1944
 CLAUDE C MONEY, 34605766, Pvt - 5 August 1944
 ARVIL B MONHOLLOW, 35789712, Pfc - 1 August 1944
 JOSEPH MONOSKY, 33119712, Pfc - 13 July 1944
 WILLIAM M MONROE, 35557718, Pfc - 6 June 1944
 BRUCE MOORE, 35789409, Pfc - 13 July 1944
 JAMES H MOORE, 13042233, Pfc - 30 June 1944
 NORMAN E MOSHER, 32736440, Pvt - 29 July 1944
 SAMUEL E MOUNT, 35510681, Pvt - 23 June 1944
 HAROLD C MOWRY, 35094840, Cpl - 1 July 1944
 JESS A MUNOZ, 39694554, Pvt - 3 June 1944
 WALTER W MYERS, 33559594, Pvt - 8 July 1944
 PASQUALE A NARA, 32735560, Pfc - 2 August 1944
 ANTHONY NATALE, 12017430, Pfc - 28 July 1944
 ROBERT B NESTER, 35749634, Pvt - 16 June 1944
 HOWARD E NEWMAN, 33131032, T/Sgt - 3 August 1944
 ROBERT C NEWMAN, O1285984, 1st Lt, Inf - 1 August 1944

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Battalion at Nhpum Ga, and maybe they did have to eat oats or barley to stretch their rations. But I never heard of anyone in "A" or "C" Battalions having to do this. When we got hungry we raided gardens in deserted villages, or dropped grenades in rivers to stun fish to supplement our rations. **John G. Holt**, 5307/3/OCT, 1822 34th St S, Fargo ND 58103

EDITOR

I was with the 5307th & 475/2/G Co. I spent a long time with them wading through the jungles of Burma. I finally got gangrene in my feet and could not walk any more. I was sent to a "hospital" (a large tent with a lot of cots). It was somewhere in Assam on the Ledo Road. I almost lost my feet but Red Cross and doctors cured them. I could not walk very good but I was not discharged, either.

I was given a truck drivers license (which I still have) and became a truck driver. I was transferred to the 3841st QM Truck Co, 88 QM Bn Mobile Unit. I drove the "6 bys" over the "Hump" (the Burma Road). When the monsoon season came, that was when the truck drivers really had to know how to drive. **William H Hoover**, 15737 Muskingum Blvd Brook Park OH 44142,

EDITOR

I was a replacement to the 475th Infantry in January 1945. I do not recall which company. My ASN was 37596555. **Calvin G Sass**, 2634 Angela Ct, Maplewood MN 55119-3155, 612-777-3984, 475th Inf.

EDITOR

Was I glad to hear from you and to receive copies of the BURMAN NEWS. My personal history: Sept 1940, 33rd Inf, Co E, Trinidad; 1943, 1688B, 5307/2/GCT/2/2, Lt MC Logan's Platoon. Hope to see some of you in 1994. **Luther S Player**, PO Box 829, Gladewater TX 75647.

EDITOR

I first went into Burma at Taro, on the Chindwin River with a Sgt Tuggle and a radio operator. I was a Captain at the time and we ended the operation with a guerilla band of about 50 Kachins, after providing intelligence for our HQ in India, conducting some ambushes

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STEVE PAROLISE, 32766609, Pvt - 28 July 1944
HERMAN PARRISH JR, 34710092, Pfc - 14 June 1944
GEORGE F PASHLEY, 32750971, Pfc - 31 July 1944
FRANK A PASSERELLI, 32810693, Pfc - 3 August 1944
ERNEST G PATTERSON, 35094490, Pfc - 2 August 1944
ANTHONY A PAZGAN, 33463745, Pvt - 13 June 1944
CLINTON L PEDRONI, 6558532, Sgt - 28 June 1944
ELBERT D PELUSO, 33433266, Pfc - 28 July 1944
JOHN L PENGILLY, O529330, 2nd Lt, Inf - 16 July 1944
EMIL M PETRO, 35050100, Pvt - 16 July 1944
RALPH O PINA, 39541930, Pfc - 28 July 1944
RALPH D PINA, 39694485, Pvt - 28 July 1944
JOSEPH J FIRSITL, 32801741, Pvt - 30 June 1944
CLIFTON E PITTMAN, 34760358, Pfc - 30 July 1944
FRANK L POGUE, O1291515, 1st Lt, Inf - 22 July 1944
CHARLES B POOLE, 35697235, Pfc - 23 June 1944
GREGOR A POPKA, 35094812, Cpl - 14 June 1944
SILAS F POTTER, 32749507, Pfc - 10 June 1944
CLARENCE N POWERS, 39694534, Pvt - 15 July 1944
GILBERT POYNTER, 35092762, Pfc - 1 July 1944
HENRY J PRECKAJLO, 32765525, Sgt - 11 July 1944
EMIL E PRIVA, 33437660, Pfc - 28 July 1944
BRONIS A PUZAS, 31324050, Pfc - 5 June 1944
HOWARD E QUADNOW, 32833346, Pvt - 12 June 1944
JACK H RABY, 34722756, Pfc - 27 July 1944
RICHARD H RAND, 31317349, Pfc - 14 June 1944
EDWARD B RANSON, 31298482, Cpl - 28 June 1944
BERNARD RATCLIFF, 6997070, Cpl - 31 July 1944
JAMES J REAGAN, 35093289, Pfc - 14 June 1944
CHARLES R REBELLO, 31297644, Pfc - 4 August 1944
DOUGLAS E REED, 33533860, Pfc - 3 August 1944
VINCENT J REED, 31314895, Pfc - 7 June 1944
JAMES M REEVES, 34723384, Pfc - 30 June 1944
ROBERT H REW, 32833691, Pfc - 17 July 1944
CARL N RHOTEN, 33559305, Pfc - 15 July 1944
RAYMOND L RICARD, 31267029, Pvt - 16 June 1944
ALLEN E RICE, 31318649, Pfc - 16 July 1944
CECIL RICE, 356299875, Pfc - 28 July 1944
GEORGE R RICHARDSON, 17046811, Pvt - 26 July 1944
WILLIAM RIGGINS, 34710532, Pfc - 2 July 1944
FRANCISCO G RIOS, 38132187, Pfc - 27 July 1944
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ANTHONY ROMANS, 33587379, Pvt - 29 July 1944
LOUIS ROSENZWEIG, 32806191, Pfc - 27 July 1944
GEORGE W ROUGH, 35094233, Pfc - 2 July 1944
RICHARD R ROY, 35093577, Pvt - 16 June 1944
EARL L ROYER, 35603538, Pfc - 21 July 1944
FRED J RYNEER, 35603862, Pvt - 23 July 1944
ARMANDO SANCHEZ, 34543561, Pfc - 27 July 1944
JAMES R SANDERS, 35092959, Pfc - 16 June 1944
PAUL J SANTRO, 31297428, Pvt - 15 July 1944

ERNEST F EASTERBROOK
 Colonel, Infantry,
 Commanding.

and sabotage against the Japs. I got Malaria and Amoebic Dysentery and was evacuated to Nazarie, India. When I recovered, I joined our outfit in Bhamo. We did not have a unit designation, just Detachment 101-OSS.

After Bhamo, I went on the first OSS convoy over the Burma Road to Kunming. I was given a team of Americans to travel to Ching S, on the Indo-China Border and to train two companies (about 150 men each) of Anameas. We were one of three OSS teams to enter Indo-China. We had a code name "Cow" and were under the 202-OSS operations which included China.

We captured a large French Fort - "Banca" and proceeded to work our way South. Our operations were "Hit and run" - ambush type. Our mission was to delay and harass the Japanese who were retreating from Burma, Thailand and Indo-China. When the war ended, we were cooperating with the Viet Cong. Then called the Viet Mien. And were 100 miles North of Hanoi.

I would like to attend some of your meetings, since I know a number of people in Mars Task Force and Merrill's Marauders. Zachariah C Ebaugh, 165 Brentview Dr, Grafton OH 44044-1501, 458-6800.

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A wife complained that her husband was too much of a perfectionist. It seems she asked him to do the job right or don't do it at all - so he didn't do it at all.

ARLINGTON CEMETERY CEREMONY

FRIDAY, APRIL 8, 1994

There will be a Merrill's Marauders Association ceremony at the Arlington National Cemetery after the Easter Sunday Affair. There will be a Wreath laying ceremony at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier by President Piazza, Col Logan Weston and Doctor Kolodny at 11:30 AM. Afterwards we will present a Merrill's Marauders plaque to the Cemetery Superintendent for permanent display inside Museum? Following that there will be a tree dedication by two of our Nisei soldiers, Roy Matsumoto and Grant Hirabayashi at 12:05 AM.

A bronze plaque is being obtained to be placed at the tree. Msgr Glavin has promised to be present if possible to be the speaker.

IN MEMORIAM

William O Hill, 5307/2/BCT; 475/2/I & R Platoon, and Director of the Department of Veterans Affairs, Erie County, PA 16501, has purchased and dedicated a Memorial Tree on behalf of the Merrill's Marauders Association.

NHPUM GA RELIEF REUNION - WEST POINT NY EASTER SUNDAY

There will only be 50 rooms available at the Hotel Thayer on the West Point Reservation grounds. Make your own reservation. Hotel Thayer, West Point NY 10996, 800-247-5047,

Contact Susan Smith, Asst Sales Mgr, cite Group G9984. Room cost \$70 single, \$80 double. Cut off date March 1st. Brunch Sunday 10-12 AM, cost \$19.01. There will be no package rate or arrangements for Marauders.

There are other nearby motels such as the West Point Motel in nearby Highland Falls, \$60. double, that will take care of overflow. There is a Palisades Motel also, rate unknown. We understand that meals are expensive at the Thayer so you may plan to eat at restaurants in Highland Falls or other nearby towns. Try the Park Restaurant, Joseph's Restaurant in Highland Falls, also a MacDonalds within walking distance of Thayer.

A possibility of early Mass at Catholic Chapel. Father Glavin will not be able to make it due to his own parish responsibilities on Easter. Then Brunch. Then at 1 PM, the Graveside ceremony at General Merrill's Grave, Section Two of West Point Cemetery (Gilbert Howland advice). Col Logan Weston, if available, will preside.

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for the
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