



The Burman News



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Here We Go Again - Back To Orlando!

Another chance to entertain the Grandchildren at Disney World, or maybe not. Do they read the BURMAN NEWS? We expect to have an excellent hotel accommodation with nearby access to events other than our reunion. So for whatever reason, plan on coming this one more time.

The Hotel has been changed to the **RAMADA-PLAZA HOTEL-GATEWAY**, at 7470 Highway 192 West, (Walt Disney World Exit), Kissimmee, Florida 34747. Toll free number for reservations **1-800-327-9170**, FAX 407-396-4320. Make sure you tell them that you are with the Merrill's Marauders Association Group to get the special package price of \$281.50 double and \$198. single, which includes 3 days, 2 nights lodging, and four meals. All rooms have a King size or two Queen size beds and mini-refrigerators. Children free if in same room. Reservation cut-off date 7/27/97. Reservations received after this date will be accepted on a space available basis only. If you check out early there will be an early check out fee charge of \$25 unless you notify the hotel when checking in of your change in plans.

Banquet Friday Night, Banquet Saturday Night, Breakfast Saturday Morning, (not a Continental one), Saturday Night one hour Cocktail Party - Open Bar, Sunday Brunch. All of the above includes all taxes and gratuities. For extra nights, beyond the package, there will be a \$57. per night + tax charge.

The young people's group will be having their meeting alongside one of the swimming pools. The hotel is a beautiful facility which has just recently been remodeled, especially the Grand Lobby. It is only minutes away from all the Central Florida attractions, and the Hotel has a shuttle service to Walt Disney World, which is just down

the road. Remote color TV, free HBO, ESPN, DISNEY CHANNEL. Mini refrigerators in the room. Two swimming pools, and **children under 17 staying in the same room with their parents are free**. A miniature 18 hole putting green, shuffle board, basketball courts and a Fitness Center to work out. It is right on a Major Highway, and you can walk out of the hotel to many fast food restaurants or fancier eateries, as well as attractions. The hotel has a security gate at night. Parking is also free. We are looking forward to a big turnout.

Banquet Friday Night-Breast Chicken, Banquet Saturday Night-Choice of Prime Rib/Chicken Cordon Bleu, Breakfast Buffet Saturday Morning, (not a Continental one), Saturday Night one hour Cocktail Party - Open Bar, Sunday Buffet Brunch. All of the above includes all taxes and gratuities. For extra nights, beyond the package, there will be a \$57. per night + tax charge. The Ladies

will be treated to a Friday Afternoon Coffee, Tea and Cookies Get-together to be Hosted by Agnes Ketcham and Emma Piazza.

No Hotel Parking Charge. The Mears Shuttle available from Airport \$25. round trip.

Free shuttles to Disney World, Magic Kingdom, EPCOT Center, MGM Studios, Universal Studios and Sea World.

See area map at end of B/N pages.

Charles R Ketcham, Reunion Chairman 1-407-268-0680.

The Mars Task Force

Mountain Artillery Association will be having their Annual Reunion in Salt Lake City UTAH, at the Little America Hotel, 500 S Main St, SLC UT, September 17 to 21st. Toll Free Reservations 1-800-453-9450. Contact Orland Crandall, 801-783-5231 for dinner reservations. Great chance to check up on your Family History.



AJA Marauders Reunion at Pagoda Hotel, Honolulu, Hawaii, 7 Jan 96. Left to right: Tom Tsubota (3d Bn), Roy Nakada (2nd Bn), Howard Furumoto (3d Bn), Roy Matsumoto (2d Bn), Russ Kono (1st Bn), and Grant Hirabayashi (1st Bn). Only one absent: Eddie Mitsukado (1st Bn) due to his illness.

OFFICERS ROW

PRESIDENT - Phil Piazza

We have made three trips in three weeks to Ft Benning, along with innumerable meetings. In addition I have been making the 325 mile round-trip to the VA Hospital in Columbia for back spasms. We are going down to Florida the first week in April to check with Ketcham on Hotel reunion plans. Ranger Hall of Fame Rendezvous information elsewhere in this issue.

EXECUTIVE SECRETARY -

Ray Lyons

The special exhibit of Merrill's Marauders material that was put together by David Quaid and exhibited at the most recent reunion will be shown in the Rotunda Room of the State House in Boston during the last two weeks in October, continuing to Veterans Day, November 11th. We understand that Massachusetts Governor Weld and Secretary of Defense Cohen of Maine, will make appearances. It will then be moved to Milwaukee and finally to the Hoover Library at Stanford University. We urge the Merrill's Marauders Association men living in those areas, to try to be present to help out at the exhibitions.

The Military Intelligence School at Fort Huachuca AZ, South East of Tucson will be having a Hall of Fame Medal Presentation to Roy Matsumoto and others on Friday, June 27, 1997. We urge those members who can attend to do so to support Roy in his hour of recognition. There is an airport at Sierra Vista/Fort Huachuca and flights from Phoenix are available. Rental cars are also available at the Sierra Vista airport.

On May 4th, Roy will also be presented with a Bronze Star Medal for valor at the Presidio, San Francisco. He advises that a Lt Gen is scheduled to make the presentation. Support your fellow soldier if you can make it.

The March 1997 issue of the magazine, WORLD WAR II has an excellent article about the Mars Task Force written by Richard W Hale, from the 475/3/HW/MG.

The Video about the 124th Cavalry, Last Horse Soldiers, is available from PBS-TV station, KMBH-TV, 1701 Tennessee St, Harlingen TX 78550- 8908, Phone

#210-421-4111. An 800 number - 1-800-433-2522 is also available.

The National Office of VFW has refused to print our Reunion Notice this year for the first time. Reason - I am not a dues paying member. I suggest that those of you who are VFW members write to them stating that you are dues paying members and that I am your designated representative to send out Reunion Notices.

SHARING THE STORY

PAUL TOBEY - EULOGY

by Son Robert Tobey

During The siege of Myitkyina during the summer of 1944, Captain Tobey was a liaison officer with a Chinese Battalion, part of the Task Force attacking the Japanese defending the city. He directed a penetration through the Japanese lines. When discovered by the Japanese, the battalion set up a defense perimeter and, for three days, withstood Banzai attacks. The unit was then ordered to withdraw, since supporting units were unable to join them. The battalion made a successful night withdrawal.

In January of 1945 while serving with the 475th Infantry, 2nd Bn, Tobey then the Bn S-3 officer, single handedly staved off a

Japanese Banzai attack which had opened and penetrated their established perimeter. The perimeter soldiers manning the position which included a machine gun position, had vacated their posts in the face of the advancing attack. Running counter to the retreating traffic and under heavy fire, Tobey took up a position at the perimeter, returned the fire inflicting several casualties upon the enemy, secured the machine gun and its position, posted a solitary guard while he reported the incident and then organized and directed the re-securing and re-manning of the vacated position. The security of the entire battalion was thus preserved.

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ALBERT J LA VOIE, 13001 SW 11th St, Miami FL 33184-2123, 5307/1; 475/1, January 27, 1997

TONY LOBROVICH, 9057 No Olive Ln, Sun Lakes AZ 85248-6403, 602-895-0250, 612FA/LIAS PILOT, May 1996

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DARYL K SMITH, 732 W El Prado, Chandler AZ 85224, 602-814-9060, January 28, 1996

RANGER COLUMN

**Ranger Rendezvous/
Hall of Fame 1997
Ft. Benning, GA
June 17-20**

The Ranger Rendezvous and Hall of Fame Induction Ceremonies will be held on June 17-20 this year. As usual it will be a great affair with all kinds of competitions including boxing, sports, weapons, airborne assault, regimental barbecue, informal award banquet, etc. There will be a terrific Rangers in Action Demonstration highlighting the things that the Rangers do in their training. On the 19th, the new Hall of Fame Members will be installed. On the 20th, the Change of Command Ceremony will be held with Col William Liszcynski turning over command of the 75th Ranger Regiment.

It is always a great time, and as two of the Marauders will be inducted, it would be nice to have some Marauders there to cheer them on as we always do. Nominations have been sent in to the Ranger Award Committee for consideration for Marauders Don Delorey and Hank Gosho.

We usually have a good turnout. We stay at the La Quinta Motor Inn, where we are always treated very well. Anyone wishing to attend, please call Phil Piazza at 864-972-3239 or drop me a line at 374 Timberlake One Cir., Seneca SC 29678. You make your own reservations at the La Quinta Hotel, Columbus GA. Toll free phone number 1-800-531-5900. Make sure that you tell them that you are with the Merrill's Marauders Association to get the special rate.

LETTERS TO EDITOR

EDITOR

I took my training at Ft Riley KS. Drafted April 8, 1944, at age 28 and married. Went overseas Sept 26, 1944 from Oakland CA. Arrived Bombay, India October 28, 1944 and on to Camp Landis. I don't remember all the different places from Myitkyina down the road to the Y, Bhamo, Tonkwa, Nampakka to Lashio. I was with Co C, 1st Bn, 475th. After the road was opened, was flown to Kunming, China. Hauled gasoline, was in Grave Registration for some time which I volunteered for, flew down to

Ceylon once. When they found out that I was from the Infantry, they released me from that job. Not much doing after that. Was in the riots on Thanksgiving Day in Calcutta, was at the Red Cross Building for 8 days, wasn't allowed on the streets. Went over on the Anderson, came home on the Hershey. Left Calcutta on May 21, 1946. Arrived in New York, May 28, 1946. Elton C Garee, 183 W Home St, Westerville OH 43081-1442, 614-882-5002, 475/1/C CO.

EDITOR

I would like to know of the whereabouts of Sgt Joseph Subich, PFC John J Durkin from Ohio and Cpl Frank Bolino from Columbus Ohio. Charles Zappolo, 1st Sgt (Ret), 5307/3/1 Co., 16 Cherry St, Glassboro NJ 08028-2814



Roy Matsumoto and Grant Hirabayashi uncovering plaque at the dedication held at Ft. Benning, Georgia.

Merrill's Marauders Association

Presents this certificate of Appreciation to

David L. Quaid

A photographer by profession, becoming a soldier in World War II, David L. Quaid volunteered to join Merrill's Marauders during the unit's earliest engagements behind Japanese lines in Burma to cover its hazardous mission on film. In the ensuing months of combat and hardship, he very quickly distinguished himself by the courage and enterprise he displayed in recording with his camera the unfolding story of our elite fighting force -- even at a later point risking conviction as AWOL for rejoining our ranks in defiance of orders so as to cover the action to the bitter end.

In the years that followed, Dave, as we all came to know him, further distinguished himself as Historian of the Merrill's Marauders Association by tirelessly seeking out and collecting photographs, personal recollections, official records and other material, not only for the annals of the Association but for the Ranger Museum, Army War College archives, National Archives, and most recently a Stilwell museum in Chongqing, China. At the same time, through years of exhaustive effort in filming interviews with many of us and preparing detailed maps, he produced an absorbing two-video chronicle of our legendary mission.

Dave relinquishes the post of Association Historian with our sincere gratitude for the rare combination of dedication, energy and skill that he has displayed in rendering outstanding service over so many years to the Marauders.

Presented at the 50th reunion of Merrill's Marauders Association, Washington, DC, August 30, 1996.

Philip B. Piazza
President

LETTERS TO EDITOR

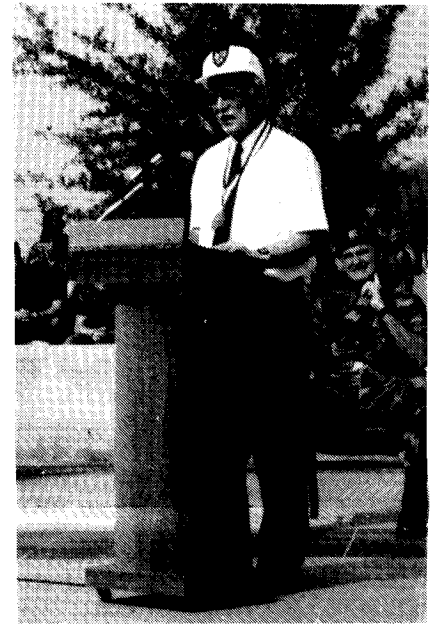
EDITOR

This past Sunday, March 23, I had a meeting with Mrs Nancy Easterbrook (the widow of Gen Ernest Easterbrook and the daughter of Gen Joseph W Stilwell) to discuss a proposed tour we are organizing for travel to Myanmar (Burma) and Yunnan Province in China in late November 1997. At the conclusion of our meeting, Mrs Easterbrook gave me a copy of "The Burman News" and suggested that I might contact you to see if a notice of this proposed trip might be included in the next issue of "The Burman News".

Planning to date is that the trip will take about 2-1/2 weeks and cost about \$3,750 for round-trip air transportation from and to San

Francisco, meals, accommodations and visits at various places. We hope to cover Bangkok, Rangoon, Mandalay, Myitkyina, Lashio, Kunming and Delhi. More detailed information on schedule, itinerary and cost will be available at the end of May. I hope to get a show of interest from CBI vets who will make up the core group.

For your information, I served as Aide-de-Camp to Gen Stilwell and was on his staff from Jan 1942 till Sept 1945, serving with him in CBI, in Army Ground Forces GHQ in Washington DC and in Tenth Army GHQ in Okinawa. I have been in close touch with the General's family all these years, especially with the Easterbrook family. I was a good friend of Gen Merrill and during the attack at Myitkyina, I was attached to the 5307th for a



Clarence Branscomb accepting induction into Ranger Hall of Fame.

FALL IN

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

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ALFRED CLIFFORD, RFD #2 BOX 3500, Sabattus ME 04280, 5307

The lost has been found. Thanks be to Joe Wohlfeil.

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NORMAN V MOEN, PO Box 264, Chetek WI 54728, 5307/2/E Co

while and received the Combat Infantryman's Badge from the unit. Thanks for your cooperation.
Richard Young, 3387 Kipling St, Palo Alto CA 94306-3013

EDITOR

I received the copies of the B/N and I enjoyed them very much. Brought back many memories from the 5307th. I was with the Original 5307th. I was in the 2nd Bn at Nhpum Ga and Myitkyina. At Nhpum Ga, a tree burst sprayed our fox hole with shrapnel and blew my jungle first aid kit off my ammo belt. My foxhole buddy, Jim McDougal and I never got a scratch. I wasn't so lucky at Myitkyina. Took a hit in the head from a Jap sniper, 6/1/44. When I regained consciousness, the doctor standing over me was Col Seagraves. Then the Japs started shelling the area. I saw holes being blown in the top of the tent. Don't remember much after that until I was in a hospital in Ledo, India. I was in hospitals in the USA for 18 months. I still consider myself lucky. A lot of Marauders didn't make it back to the US. Hope to make it to the next reunion.

PS: I would like some information about James McDougal, my foxhole buddy in Burma. Do you have his name in the Association? He was from Milwaukee WI. Norman V Moen, 5307/2, PO Box 264, Chetek WI 54728

"MERRILL'S MARAUDERS WAR IN BURMA"

3 HOUR & 20 MINUTE VIDEOTAPE {2 CASSETTES}

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THE MERRILL'S MARAUDERS ASSOCIATION

THESE TAPES ARE AN HISTORICAL STUDY OF THE EPIC 5 MONTH 1944 CAMPAIGN IN NORTH BURMA OF THE 5307TH COMPOSITE UNIT {PROV.} DUBBED BY THE PRESS MERRILL'S MARAUDERS.

INCLUDED IN THE TAPES:

- *THE PERSONAL RECOLLECTIONS OF 42 MARAUDERS.
- *58 MAPS WHICH DETAIL EACH STEP OF THE CAMPAIGN.
- *THE GLIDER LANDINGS AT MYITKYINA, JAP ZEROES STRAFING THE FIELD, THE AIRSTRIP FLOODED BY MONSOON, FIGHTING AROUND THE TOWN.

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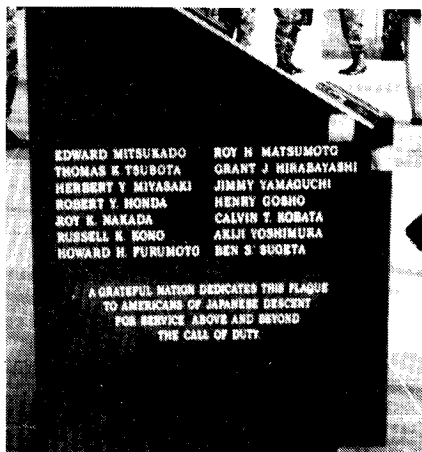
Art Wilson diary 1st plat A Co. and P&D plat, HQ Co. 1st Bn 475th Infantry Regiment—Central Burma campaign, 18 Nov 1944

Date:		Map Miles	
Nov	18	Burned Camp Landis. Left Myitkyina, marched to Waingmaw Ferry.	13 1/2
	19	Crossed Irawaddy River. Two mules with sore backs.	3
	20	Waingmaw Ferry to Namlum Sakan. 9 men with sore feet.	9
	21	Namlum Sakan to Kazu. Air drop. 3 days K-rats. Set perimeter.	15
	22	Bivouac near small river. Tough day, many men fell out.	14
	23	Uneventful march, men hardening in. Bivouac at 1600 hrs.	19
	24	Crossed river at Nalong. Air drop, 10-in-1 rations & 9K's Bacon!	18
	25	All day bivouac. Washed clothes. Church services.	0
	26	Lousy rough trail. Met Chinese on outpost dy. Traded cigs for rice.	12
	27	Left bivouac 0615. Bivouac at Tali, 0930. Short day, why?	6
	28	Airdrop, 8 lbs turkey, 8 loaves bread for 49 men! Plat on outpost dy.	0
	29	Left Tali 0930. Arrived Myothit 1400 after ferrying river. Hundreds of bombed, burnt out British vehicles from 1942 retreat on road to river.	8
	30	Arr Momauk 1300. Chinese artillery pounding Bhamo. Traded cigs, 21 eggs!	18
Dec	1	Lv Momauk 0700. Bypassed Bhamo to So. Plat got lost, 3 extra miles!	20
	2	Lv trail bivouac 0815. Malaria, 103°, 10 Quinine tabs. Trail bivouac again.	26
	3	Lv trail bivouac 0800. Temp 103 1/3. More quinine. Airdrop at 1145.	12
	4	Trail bivouac, resumed march. Fever broke. Mt. trails, 6000 ft. Tough day.	9
	5	Trail bivouac to Swegu airfield. Temp 101. More Quinine.	15
	6	Bivouac for airdrop. Ammo & K rats. Temp 102. Atabrine & Quinine.	0
	7	Swegu to Mankin, joined rest of Co A here. Very mountainous. No fever.	18
	8	Mankin to Sweli river. Many Japs reported in area here at Nga-O	27
	9	Set up platoon at Nga-O. Patrolled to Sing-O. Japs vamoosed on 5 Dec, say our Kachin scouts, 'Sunshine' and 'Tomcat', who talked with natives.	(24)
	10	Recon patrol to Kuga. Ran into Jap ambush at Peinlaha. Withdrew. We had no casualties. 3 Japs KIA. Natives say 300 Japs in Peinlaha.	(28)
		Returned Nga-O and joined plat in attack at Nanhwe. 17 Jap KIA.	(22)
	11	Took patrol to Nanwhe. Natives say Japs & their wounded moved south.	(22)
	12	Natives say all Japs moving south, all to be in Mandalay by Xmas. Too bad, this perimeter could have held off a Jap Co! Katha falls to Brits.	0
	13	At Nga-O. Heavy firing from NW. Sounds like Jap .31's and Brit Brens	0
	14	Patrol to A Co Hq at Managale. Sunday walk in the park.	(22)
	15	Patrol to Wetu. No sign of split toe tabis anywhere. Cake walk.	(26)
	16	Brit patrol from Katha. Their Bn will arrive tomorrow. We will then pull out.	0
	17	Nga-o to Managale. Jap planes overhead. No bombs.	12
	18	Managale to Mankin. Rcvd 3 days K rats, Wpns sqd sent to Swegu for ammo.	8
	19	Mankin to Sithaung. Good trail. No sign of Japs. Bivouacked for day.	8
	20	Lv Sithaung 0700. Sprained ankle. Hobbled along rest of day, part way in a mountain stream bed. Arr 4 hours late at perimeter yelling 'lolapalooza!'	12
	21	Bivouac, Thank God. Ankle looks like a cantaloupe in an Ace bandage.	0
	22	Headed out 0500. Lonely. Co. left bivouac at 0645. Got in 1730, 4 hrs late.	16
	23	Lv bivouac 0700, Co. ar Saga 1215. Pulled in 1430. Ankle a little better.	16
	24	Bivouac. Rest day for Christians & heathens. Move to Yanbo tomorrow.	0
	25	Lv bvc 0915. Ankle very sore, but can keep up. Good Xmas present.	10
	26	Bivouac to trail bivouac. Very mountainous. Lv 0600, arr 1030.	9

	27	Moved to Sithau. Airdrop, 3 days C rats. Traded C's to Kachins for rice.	2 1/2
	28	Lv Sithau 1300. Trail bivouac. Will move to Nansin tomorrow.	5
	29	Lv 0715 Ar Nansin 1400. Ankle better thanks to Rocky's Ace bandage.	19
	30	Bivouac. Rested, ate and read all day. Vacation in the exotic Orient!	0
	31	More exotic vacation, but no dancing girls, just guys needing a shave.	0
Jan	1	Happy New Year! 9 Xmas pkgs. One, a big can of pineapple, but when opened, it was 4 Roses Bourbon! Sure glad I married a smart woman!	0
	2	Lv Nansin 0715. Chinese also moving up. Word is this move is to open the Burma Road. 3 days C rats. Traded with Chinese for dried beans.	11
	3	Lv trail bivouac 0800 for Nan-mou River(The Sweli) Very rugged low mts.	12
	4	Crossed Sweli on unstable pontoon bridge. One mule went over, but swam ashore with several guys helping to balance his pack. Trail bvc.	7
	5	Lv 0700, Ar Monghkak 0930. Bombing & Artillery in distance. K rat drop plus some QM Fairy Godmother put oatmeal and condensed milk in the drop!	5
	6	Lv 0715. Ar Lungsong 1500. Hvy rain all day, mountainous and slippery. Many dropped out. Had sore shoulder from lugging both my M-1 and a BAR	14
	7	Lv Lungsong 0700 Ar Manhakang 1300. Rainy & very cold, 6000 ft mts.	13
	8	Lv Manhakang 0700 to near Mong-wi. Will get drop tomorrow.	4
	9	Mong-wi bivouac. Indefinite stay here. Some 10-in-1 and B rats coming in. Many evacuations due to typhus and from "strain of the trail".	0
	10	Mong-wi Rest Home for tired soldiers still in business.	0
	11	Much more leisure like this and some dud in HQ will think of training.	0
	12	Word is that we will move tomorrow. Typhus evacuation continues.	0
	13	Lv Mong-wi 0645. Rugged country 8000 ft elevations. Ar Namsang 1330.	11
	14	Lv Namsang 0715. 5 rugged miles to bivouac. Word was, held up by B Bn.	5
	15	Picked up drop and bivouacked at a "river". These mountain trails are the worst we have seen. More typhus evacuations. Medics are busy.	6
	16	Left airfield at 0700 and marched until 0400 next morning. Word is we attack tomorrow, typhus understrength or no. Somebody is gung-ho.	28
	17	Moved out at 0600 after 2 hours sleep, for Nawkham overlooking the Burma Road. Made objective without Jap interference. Set up trail block to protect our artillery pounding Jap truck movement on the Burma Road. Heavy enemy movement in area. We are near Southern Mong-yu. 7000 Japs reported. Night march last night over those mountains was the most rugged 24 hours I have ever experienced. Makes work in a logging camp feel like kindergarten.	3
	18	Still holding trail block. A Co. took Wangkaba and Honaw. No Japs hit our block. Patrolled to maintain contact with rest of A Co. (10 miles)	0
	19	Japs have counter battery fire on our artillery. Hitting us also in our trail block position and at airfield slowing evacuation of our wounded. Heavy fighting in our 2d and 3d Bn sectors.	0
	20	Lv Nawkham 0900 on recon to B Co, south of Honan. We take over their perimeter tomorrow. B Co will move into attack position. (8 miles)	0
	21	New perimeter 3 miles from rest of Co. Japs shelled us. Made me spill my coffee! Good position. Take a Jap Bn to dig us out of here.	0
	22	Short patrol. No Japs. Word is truck convoy left Bhamo for Chungking. Road to China now open. 2d & 3d Bns took their objectives.	0
	23	Sad sight at daylight. Jap attack last night at 2000 stopped cold. Heard moans all night. Daylite, two Jap bodies. Also one dead and nine wounded Kachins, four men, three women, one child and a baby. Japs had burned their	

- village, including 4 burned alive in their basha. These were used as foils, pushed ahead at bayonet point to trip our booby traps and make noise while they hit different spots on our perimeter. Japs must be the worlds nastiest bastards. Medics did their best, but the child died. Others evac'd. 0
- 24 124th Cav and Nips are going at it hot and heavy at N end of the big paddy. Japs using 47ATs, 70 & 77mm guns and a 150mm howztr. Whizzbangs are deadly, no incoming noise. Just whizz and bang! Japs hit perimeter at our block again this AM at 0430. Got within 10 ft of perimeter before detected. One Jap KIA and two wounded left behind. Chow drop. 2 cans C's/man 0
- 25 Moved to "old C Co" psn SW end of Mong-yu, top of knoll overlooking Loi-Kang. 2d Bn still hung up, Japs well dug in. No chow today because of move, but mail came in. Everybody divided up Xmas pkgs. Fruit cake another can of 'pineapple' in mine. Everbody had a belt as far as it went. 0
- 26 Same psn. Took detail to drop field, help retrieve drop. Two men wounded by whizzbangs, both from 2d squad, one killed when sack of mule feed in a free drop hit him, drove him into the ground like a bent nail hit by a hammer. Got shrapnel in my combat boot. Hit buckle and cut the strap, mostly spent. Thank you St Pete, just keep setting right there on my shoulder.
- 27 Big beef with the boss after we got back to plat psn. 0
- 27 Transferred to P & D Plat, HQ Co, 1st Bn. Lucky to keep my stripes. Japs shelling HQ psn. Out of frypan into fire. The 150 seems to have unlimited ammo. It all seems aimed right here. Chow is better though, closer to HQ, better the rations! P&D has been in this rest area for past 4 days.
- 28 Still in reserve. Dug deep 2 man hole, 2 ft of logs and 3 ft of dirt over lined with red nylon from ammo chute. Keeps dirt from trickling down when a 150 hits nearby. Taylor and I call it our "French Whorehouse". 0
- 29 One of our artillery batteries moved onto hill 40 yds above us. Went to drop zone to recover drop. Whizzbangs worse this time. 1 KIA and 4 WIA
- 30 Still in reserve. Jap counterbattery put six rounds in plat psn. One caved in our french bordello, ruined my helmet, canteen and M-1. Damn near suffocated before I could dig out enough to get some air. Woozy. Also lost a can of Meat&Beans warming up. One consolation, got Tommy Gun, a real "Chicago Thompson", with foregrip, as replacement weapon. Came with 6-30 round clips. Made ammo belt by using pouches from 2 rifle belts 0
- 31 Took over former psn of I & R plat on recon toward Loi-kang village. Japs must have spotted move, they tried to infiltrate in plat strength into the 40 man I&R psn now held by my 11 man section. We were lucky, they ran into line of fire of our Bren Gun and into cross fire from our BAR. One TSM, 8 M-1s, the hot music of a Bren/BAR combo, and the Japs decided they did not like our style of dancing. We had no casualties. 0
- Feb 1 I&R returned to resume old psns. We went back to psn below the artillery. 150 Jap howtzer still banging us. Only three shorts today, no one hit. No chow today. Back to my iron ration of Chinese dried beans, not much for 11 men One guy threw in his hoarded can of Xmas salted pnuts. Pnuts& Beans! 0

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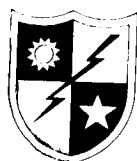
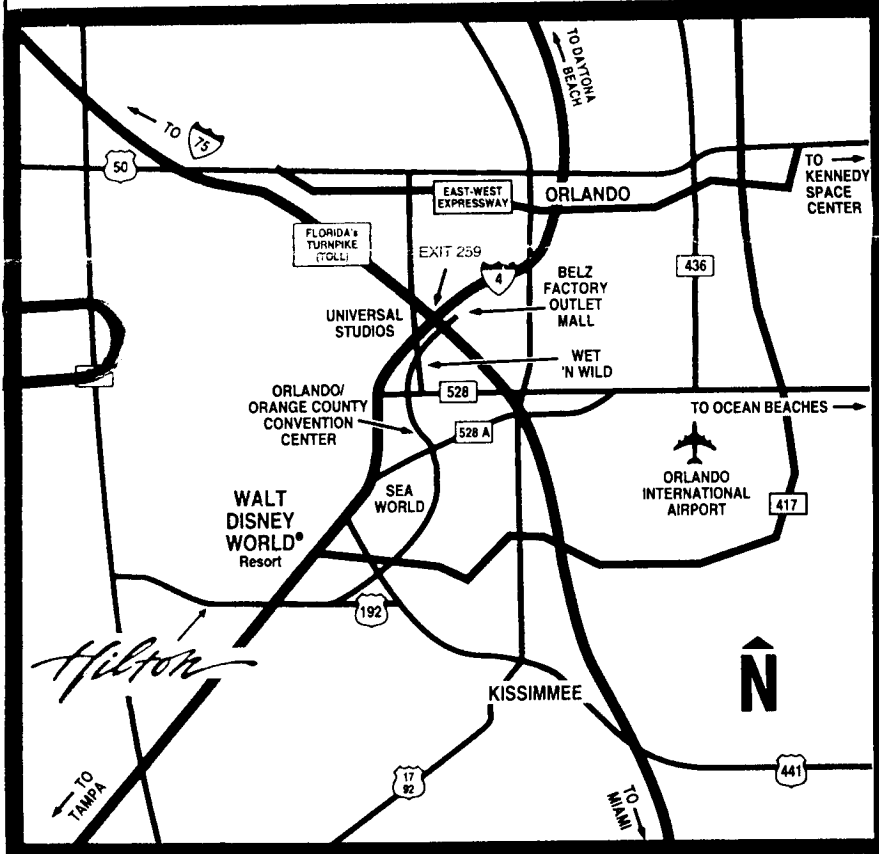
Side view of Merrill's Marauders Monument at Ranger's Memorial, Ft. Benning, Georgia.

LETTER TO EDITOR

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My Father, Arthur E Winters was killed on or about June 11, 1944 during the Battle at Myitkyina. He was a Staff Sgt in Co K, 3rd Bn, 5307th, New Galahad. I would like to meet some of the people who fought beside my Father and hopefully I'll see pictures of my Father. I'm told that I look a lot like him and sure would like to run into someone who would recognize me as my Father's son. Hope to meet K Co members in Orlando. William D Winters, 6826 Avenida Cala, Rohnert Park CA 94928-3586, 707-795-3035.

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