



The Burman News



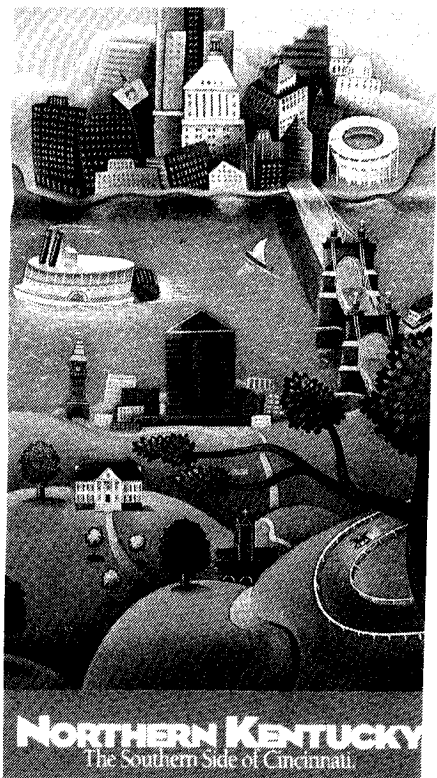
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First Time in Cincinnati – No Bologna

We have met on the Ohio River before but now we are meeting upstream. Actually we are going to be across the river in Kentucky where there apparently was more room for an airport. Sam Rapisarda is the Reunion Chairman.

Sometimes I have to explain my jokes. No one understands them including my family. Note Headline above. When I was young, we used to buy cincinnati at the butcher shop (remember them?). It was a kind of tasty cold cut that we had sliced thin so that it would go farther on sandwiches. We frequently stop at the Cincinnati airport while enroute to family in Manchester NH. So I methodically asked all the stores and information clerks where I could get some cincinnati. They look at me like I'm out of my mind. When I explain what it was, it only gets worse.



WHAT TO DO IN CINCI!

At the end of this publication is a reservation form for you to fill in, cut out and mail to the Hotel. We put it at the end so those of you who want to save these issues would not lose anything of value.

THINGS TO DO:

The Northern Kentucky Convention Services recommends the following activities: Cin. Museum Center, Historic City Tour, Krohn Conservatory, Cin Art Museum, Railway Museum, Fire Museum, Taft Museum, Oldenberg

BREWERY & Beer Museum, Bebringer Crawford Museum, Cincinnati Zoo & Botanical Gardens, Horse Racing at Turkway Park or River Downs, Celebration Riverboats & BB Riverboats. Group Packages available for Coney Island, Paramounts Kings Island, The Beach Waterpark and Surf Cincinnati. The US Air Force Museum at Wright Patterson AFB at Dayton OH. Cincinnati Reds Baseball Team, Bengals NFL team. Cathedral Basilica of the Assumption, Covington KY, a 1/3 size replica of the Notre Dame in Paris.

Sharing the Story

THEN AND NOW!

I will have to relate a story about Burma in 1943. I took a patrol out to contact another Column to deliver a message. All I had was an Azimuth reading. We got over there okay, but on the way back to our unit, a Jap machine gun opened up on us. No one got hit, our two BAR men opened up on the Jap area and that stopped the MG. We went on back to our outfit OK and that was that. Charlie Beck was one of the members of the patrol. Years later, we had a reunion in a nice hotel with a waterfall in the lobby. I was standing by the desk and the lobby was full of people. Charlie saw me when he came in and shouted, "Holt, you almost got me killed in Burma." Everyone in the lobby stopped talking and looked at Charlie and me embracing. I had not seen him in years. John G Holt, 5307/OCT, No I, Second St S, Apt 5-304, Fargo ND 58103-1944.

AN UN-MEDICAL REPORT

I would like to update the report from Dr. Hopkins, Report Feb. 1992, Edition on April 8, 1944 – Nhpum Ga Burma I and three others were hit with friendly fire (60 MM mortar).

Cpl. Robert Norling died instantly. PFC Bernard Marshall,

Paul W La Panne were flown out early AM. I was evacuated in mid-after noon. Paul died at the transfer air strip while Marshall and myself were taken to the Hospital. It was here I went to sleep for two weeks. It seems as though everybody celebrated my return to life!!! The wonderful care I got enabled me to return to a comfortable way of life. Bernard Marshall passed away while visiting me at my hospital bedside. This caused me to become despondent. They had saved my right leg and were fighting a bad osteo condition which I still have today, as I must change bandages twice a day. My left leg had extensive muscle damage and shoulder and chest wounds were minor. As I celebrated my 21st birthday there, I am very grateful to all the doctors and nurses for their excellent care.

After 52 years, they (VA) have elevated me from 80% to 100% disability because of the constant draining of my leg. I don't suppose there are any hospital people around but if there are – "God Bless You."

Sincerely, Joseph D Clement Jr.,
5307/3/KCT/HQ CO/HW, 17 Swan
Dr, Nottingham NH 03290-5646

OFFICERS ROW

PRESIDENT - Phil Piazza

I met with Sam Rapisarda and the Hotel Sales Manager and Catering Manager and the Chamber of Commerce. They are all very cooperative, and I have talked to them all since coming home. The Hotel is right at the Airport and you can see it from the building. Anyone flying in just has to get on the phone connected to the hotel. They will send a van to pick you up. There are a number of fast food restaurants in the airport terminal at very reasonable prices, and once again to get there, the hotel will supply free shuttle service. There is a bus that runs on the half hour, also from the terminal, which will take you the 12 miles into the city, or stop at shopping malls, etc., on the way. The cost is only 35 cents for senior citizens and 75 cents regular fee. There is a terrific WW II museum in town, which we visited, and plenty of things to see and do.

The Best Ranger competition is scheduled for May 1-5, at Ft. Benning, and the Rendezvous and Hall of Fame induction is tentatively scheduled for August 18-21st. Col. Damian Anderson, the C.O. of the Ranger Training Brigade will be turning over command at that time.

There are still spaces available for the Ranger Memorial Bricks in the Memorial Walk and anyone who is interested, please contact me.

EXECUTIVE SECRETARY - Ray Lyons

We have been advised by Phyllis Dunham that there is a Memorium page on the internet which applies to the Merrill's Marauders deceased as well as other Rangers. It is as follows - <http://www.ranger.org/root/memorium.htm>. At this hour and date it only has Sgt Hus on it. I have sent them a page of names from this newsletter issue.

HISTORIAN - Bob Passanisi

We have created a WEBSITE for the Merrill Marauders Association. It is not and probably will never be a completed item. But at this point with the help of my son, it appears on the e-mail networks as http://home.sprynet.com/sprynet/bob_pass/

HISTORIAN EMERITUS - Dave Quaid

Plans are rolling for the

Exhibition at Milwaukee. There may be other details elsewhere in the B/N. We understand that the plans for the dates at the Hoover Institute, Stanford University CA, have been changed to have it there from October 1st to December 31st. It appears that they consider it should be of interest to students. The Chinese Museum will be waiting for a longer period of time. We are also considering making another set of photos to be located in a permanent museum location in this country. There has been much talk about it being a desirable end result.

In the past we have corresponded with the American Battle Monuments commission about the interment of the Marauder dead. They have provided confirmation that all were returned either to the local cemeteries that families wanted or to Government cemeteries in Hawaii or the Philippines. They advise that anyone looking for information in this matter should contact the Department of the Army, U.S. Total Army Personnel

Agency, Attn: DAPC-PED-F, 2461 Eisenhower Av, Alexandria VA 22331-0482.

**Merrill's Marauders
at the
Milwaukee County
War Memorial Center
750 North Lincoln Memorial Dr.
Milwaukee, WI 53202
(414) 273-5533**

Location: Veterans Gallery, 2nd Level of War Memorial Center.

Open to the public: Friday, May 22

Closes: Sunday, July 5

Hours: 8:00 am to 7:00 pm, 7 days a week

Open to the public.

No fee to view exhibit.

Opening reception on Thursday, May 21, approximately 5:30 pm - 7:30 pm by INVITATION ONLY.

A lecture, open to the public, will be scheduled during the exhibition on Saturday, May 23, but the time has not yet been determined. People can call 414-273-5533 if they have any other questions regarding its stay in Milwaukee.

PASS IN REVIEW

**Deaths reported recently. Name and Hometown (Where Known)
Organization, Where, When Deceased**

ARNOLD A. BORCHERT, PO Box 516, Mission, SD 57555-0516, November 23, 1997.

MITCHELL BURCH, 475, RR 1, Box 524, Osyka, MS 39657-9801. Died @ PO February 1998.

NEIL CRAMER, 5307/3/KCT, 10902 Northstar Way SW, Tacoma, WA 98498-3026; 253-584-5034; December 20, 1997.

JACK EDWIN FERGUSON, 5307/2/GCT, 4323 Harrison St. NW, Washington, DC 20015-2121; 202-363-1349

WILLIAM C. GOHN JR., 5307/1/WCT, 475/1/B Co., 424 Freeport St., Saxonburg, PA 16056-9416; December 11, 1997.

KOORE HANSON, Salem, OR, 5307/1/RCT, December 1983.

ALLEN D. HINES, Son - Keith Hines, PO Box 168, Bolivar, MO 65613-0168, January 15, 1998 - Wife and he died as a result of auto accident in NM.

FRANK J. HUS, 5307/3/KCT/I&R, 1825 7th Ave., Vero Beach, FL 32960-5456, February 9, 1998.

MERLE L. KELLEY, 5307/3/1 Co.; 474/3/I, 2808 Mercer Rd., New Castle, PA 16105; February 24, 1973.

FRANK KVOCACK, 5307/2/GCT/I&R, 200 Pierce Ave., Sharpsville, PA 16150-1218; April 4, 1996.

EINAR OLSON, 23240 88th St., Kent, WA 98031, 5307/2/Co. F, January 6, 1998.

ROGER W. PRUITT, 5307/3/KCT/33 QM PK TR, 40121 Pleasant Valley Rd., Lane, KS 66042; 785-819-3148; February 24, 1998.

PALMER, E. PYLE, 612/Vet. Det., PO Box 22, Mt Pleasant Mills, PA 17853-0022; October 15, 1997.

HOWARD D. SCHUMER, 780 Washington St., Sainte Genevieve, MO 63670-1238; chipper@ldd.net, 5307/2/HHC; Air Drop, June 10, 1996.

BENJAMIM L. SHARROW, 8398 Marsh Rd., Algonac, MI 48001-3407; 810-794-3576; 5307/3/KCT; September 26, 1997

DEAN WEHRMAN, Gaslight Village Trl. Ct. #236, Nevada, IA 50201-2543; 515-382-6215; 475/2/E/2; January 2, 1998.

RANGER COLUMN

75th RGR REGT ASSOCIATION REUNION

Guest Speaker for their Reunion will be Mark Bowden, author of the newspaper series - BLACKHAWK DOWN. The dates for their reunion will be August 18-23rd at Columbus GA. Banquet will be Saturday Night, 8/22. Terry Roderick, VP/75 Rgr Regt Assn.

BITS AND PIECES

NEW BOOK AVAILABLE - "Secret War In Burma" by James S Fletcher

This hardcover 9" by 12" book has many photos never seen before. It tells about the secret war fought by the Americans of the OSS and Kachin Tribesmen. In one of the worst leech infested jungle on earth and the terrifying missions these men faced to provide intelligence that eventually would reopen the vital Burma Road back into China. This book sells for \$16.00 plus \$2.35 for mailing. Total \$18.35. Contact Jim Fletcher 770-941-7679, 169 Wilhelmina Dr, Austell GA 30168

80TH BRITISH GENERAL HOSPITAL, DEOGARH, INDIA

Recently received a letter enclosing other documentation about this hospital which provided medical and surgical aid to us during the training period at Camp Deogarh in the Central Province of India. It was pointed out to me that many men who had malaria were treated at this hospital and would be interested in the reminder. A chap named Graham Thompson, is a relative of the Commanding Officer of that hospital, Lieutenant Colonel Edward Glass. They provided medical support during the period November 1943 and January 1944. Mr Thompson is interested in the history of the unit.

This came about because he sent me a copy of a letter signed by General Merrill to Gen Auchinleck, the Theater commander, thanking him for the high standard of efficiency maintained by that installation. It seemed likely that I had typed the letter since among my other HQ duties, Gen. Merrill frequently called me in to dictate letters to be sent out.

Those of you who survived the bouts of malaria, or were treated for other ailments might want to let him know of your experiences. His address: Graham Thompson, 1/9 Ferryfield, Edinburgh, EH5 2PR, Scotland, UK. Phone 131-552-7808 (home), E-mail graham.thompson@ind01.scotoff.gov.uk Please extend every cooperation.

LETTERS TO EDITOR EDITOR

I was a member of the 5307th since its inception. They asked for volunteers from the 14th Infantry and since I was awaiting disciplinary action for the second time at Ft. Carson, I volunteered. I was wounded at Shadazup twice but not evacuated until after Myitkyina. Later I was returned to duty with the 475th.

I was in White CT and remember Lt. Col. Johnson who was weak from dysentery that he had to be held up while we were cutting trails. John L. Tulli, 5912 Bruynincky Rd., Alexandria, VA 71303-2105; 445-3503.

EDITOR

Thank you for responding to my E-Mail. I would be happy to be an Honorary Member and to receive

your Newsletters. I would be very interested in corresponding with anyone that remembers my Dad, Richard William Dudgeon. My Dad passed away at his home in Rogue River OR on March 3, 1996. He was being treated at the VA Hospital in Portland OR for his heart. He is survived by his wife, three children, six grand children and eight great grand children. When my Dad passed away, the only thing I asked for was his old pictures, his military records and a map of where he had been during his time in the Army. My Stepmother is an alcoholic and I received nothing. I am doing my best to gather information to pass on to the grand children. It means a great deal to us. Cathy S Brammer, 10030 Timberland Way, Santee CA 92071-1626.

EDITOR

My name is John Davis. I am a nephew of Gene Davis (deceased), a Muleskinner that served in the prestigious Merrill's Marauders. I would enjoy hearing from anyone that knew him. I appreciate what you went through in service to our country, so that those my age (I was born during that war - 1943), in the USA and much of the world still enjoy our freedom. Thank you for all that you did. John Davis, PO BOX 755, Elgin OR 97827-0755, 541-437-8851.

LOST, STRAYED, STOLEN

Burman News copies returned by Postal Service for some reason to these men at addresses shown.

We were overwhelmed by replies to the Earl Parnell note. At least ten men wrote to say that they had received Christmas cards from him with the 117C Ray St. address. Finally we heard from Earl himself, saying he had a lot of physical complaints, (duly noted) and the Post Office had changed his address twice and it now is as above. Good work and thanks to his many friends. Here are more problems, hoping the same result.

ROBERT R ALFORD SR., 5307, 504 Lanahan Dr., Troy, IL 62294-1729; 618-667-9558

SFC MICHAEL J AQUINO, B TR, 3-12 Cavalry, APO, NY

MAJ RICHARD S BEAHM, HHC 1st Inf. Div. (FWD), APO, NY 09137

WM C BENNETT, PSC Box 1647, APO Miami, FL 34003-5000

ROY BISHOP, RR 3, Box 4180, Bumpass, VA 23024-9803

RANGER RON BLY, #5 Gibbs Dr., Phenix City, AL 36867-3428

JAMES A CARPENITO, 19 E Haverhill St. Rear,

Chelmsford, MA 01824-3118

GEORGE F HALL, Thomaston, ME 04861

JOHN C KIDWELL, 1104 Moore St., Greeneville, TN 37743

RICHARD LOWE, 6210 SW 9th St., North Lauderdale, FL 33068-2710

RENE ROCHA, 5307/2, 475/2/F Co., PO Box 2311,

Gibsonton, FL 33534-2311

JOSEPH SPADOLA, 26345 73rd Av, Glen Oaks, NY 11004

HOWARD SUMMERFIELD, 33 QM PK TR, 4647 S Rockwell St.,

Chicago, IL 60632-1351

LETTERS TO EDITOR

EDITOR

I was in the 31st QM PK TR for a period of time before I was put in the 259th QM Co/Air Drop. I think the CO of the 31st was a LT Hurlburt. Remembering names back to those days, has almost completely left me. I remember 1st Sgt Campbell that was with Co E, 2nd Bn, 5307th. Jimmie R Davis, 205 North E St, Poplar Bluff MO 63901-6013, 785-6013.

EDITOR

On December 17, 1943, I was assigned to the Red Combat Team of the 5307th Composite Unit (Provisional) as a Liaison Officer. Gen Merrill promised me that I could have an Infantry Platoon Leader's position as it became available.

On the third day of our march down the Ledo Road from Margherita, a Radio man who had just joined our RCT, committed suicide after saying, 'Major General Orde Wingate says that 2/3rd of us are going to die in Burma. If I have to suffer in Burma the way I've had to suffer these past three nights, I had rather die, first.' He put his big toe to the trigger of his Thompson, .45 cal Machine Gun and practically blew off his head. That was the end of his suffering.

What I'm writing to you about is to get a statement from someone who knew of our suffering in Burma. I got a bad case of Jungle Rot from being in water most of the time. On November 2, 1995, I had to have my left foot amputated to within five inches of my knee. I had 70% disability for my war wounds that I suffered at Myitkyina Burma. The V.A. claims that there is something else other than Jungle Rot that has caused them to operate on my leg.

At Myitkyina, a Jap howitzer was fired at my position. I never heard it burst at my feet. I awoke tied to a stretcher and was told that I had been blown about 20 feet when the shell burst. I was taken to Dr Seagraves Hospital where I was bandaged and sent on to Ledo, Assam. My spinal cord had two processes broken; my left heel bone was crushed; shrapnel was in my right knee; my stomach was ruptured; three stitches were taken in my left eye-brow; my neck was nearly broken; and I was suffering from amebic dysentery, hemorrhoids and

other problems. If anyone saw anything that would help me with my claims, I'd appreciate all of the help that I can get. All who knew me called me Harland - my middle name. William Harland Hendricks, Major, Infantry Retired, 291 Joe Wright Rd, Klamath Falls OR 97603-9596

EDITOR

I arrived at Myitkyina Air Strip on May 30th and was wounded on June 12th and evacuated. Did not see much of Burma nor the Marauders. Wallace R Ericson, 6863 E Mikrod Rd, South Range WI 54874-8631, 715-398-6763

Editor

I am a 43-year-old police officer and former Marine, and one of my hobbies is collecting military memorabilia. I've read several books about your unit. I collect autographed photos of famous American military personnel. If anyone earned the Medal of Honor of DSC and would be willing to send such photos, I'd gladly reimburse them for the cost of the photo and postage. Ken Hancy, 205 B St., Jackson, TN 38301-7405.

EDITOR:

I am writing in hope of receiving any research assistance available. I have the uniform worn by Lt Col Harold Warren Simmonds. This officer served in the US Army from WW I - 1948 and (according to obituary) taught Chinese Officers for several years during World War II. The uniform has infantry devices and a Combat Infantryman Badge pinned to the left pocket flap.

I hope to put this uniform on display in its original configuration, as a testament to the work of this organization. If you have any information regarding this man, could you let me know? Gary T Alstrand, Fire Chief, Moffett Federal Airfield, 509 Labrador Way, Suisun City CA 94585, 707-434-0679

Nancy Easterbrook Honored With Reception



Pictured is General Stilwell's daughter Nancy (wife of the late Gen. Easterbrook of the 475th) taken a year ago and only two weeks before her death. This was a reception in her honor at Carmel, CA. Also pictured with Nancy is Deborah Nelson, daughter of Edward McLogan, who resides nearby.

Nancy reflected her father's admiration of the Marauders on all occasions.

CARRYING THE TORCH!

Torch Carriers, some new and some old.

Honorary Members that are in touch.

- PATRICIA E AVERETT**, Widow/Tom, 326 Oregon Way, SP 22, Longview WA 98632-1448, 360-423-6953
- CAROLYN S BASLER**, Dtr/Howard Schumer, PO Box 306, Saint Genevieve MO 63670, chipper@lidd.net
- LEE CHALIFOUR**, 131 SE Colonial St., Port Charlotte, FL 33952-9106
- MICHAEL HAGERMAN**, 1350 Fairbanks Ct., Dixon, CA 95620-2615
- STEPHEN HARMON**, 3838 W Lakeshore Dr., Baton Rouge, LA 70808-4600
- PIETRA ANN RAINEY**, Dtr/Clarence, 2953 Kachine Way, Rancho Cordova CA 95670-5633, 916-362-6107
- WILLIAM A. RHOADES**, 4799 Barone Dr., Pittsburg, PA 15227-1361
- TERRY B. RODERICK**, 6940 Bright Av., Cocoa, FL 32927-3626
- CHARLES SCHAUER**, Son/Myles, 1730 75th Av, Elmwood Park IL 60707, 708-456-5756
- MARIAN TAYLOR**, Dtr/Koore Hanson, 1800 Prater Way Apt A9, Sparks NV 89431-4368, 702-359-5711

LETTERS TO EDITOR

Editor

I found a relic in the attic. A Pass signed by Capt. Gordon Mereness, Co. A, dated August 9, 1944, authorizing me to be absent from 1300 to 2400 on that day. Frank Falcon, 9100 Archdale St., Detroit, MI 48228-4320.

EDITOR

I've recently begun an effort to find some information about my Uncle, Father James Stuart, toward assembling a family biography before whatever is known becomes lost or too fragmented. All his nephews and nieces are too young to have more than a brief recognition that Father Jim, as we refer to him, did something important in WWII and little beyond that. So, whatever information I can find in Orlando will help fill in the gaps.

I did not know that Father Jim had written two versions of his report. I gather that he had a diplomatic sensibility although he also seems to have had a tart tongue, as seen in his references to Gen Merrill and about Cardinal Spellman's "Grand Tour". The version I have was given to me by my father at least thirty years ago. Supposedly it was written for a movie treatment that never materialized. It is on onion skin paper, is somewhat blurry but except for some smudges is readable. The process of retying is raises some questions. Did Fr. Jim type the originals? He does refer to getting familiar with the typewriter but the thought of a novice typing 38 pages each of two versions is very remarkable. The other questions are: "Is the spelling of these place names correct? and, How do you pronounce them?" He also included what I think are map coordinates. Is it possible to decipher these references and locate them on a map? (DQ has taken care of this) My most important question is was Fr. Jim part of the OSS, or Merrill's Marauders or was he just casually attached to either as needed. His memoirs suggest both roles and he did get an award from the US Government, but as a civilian. Anyway, it has been an interesting project to recapture his life story.

As for myself, I am a retired teacher from the Port Chester NY school system. I was born in New York City but was raised in Upstate

HEADQUARTERS
U. S. ARMY

27 July 1944.

SUBJECT: Commendation

TO : Cpl. Phillip Pelligrino

1. Received from Cpl. Phillip Pelligrino - 1 (one) wounded Japanese prisoner and 2 (two) Japanese prisoners in good condition.

2. You are hereby commended for your excellent display of courage and forceful leadership in the absence of any officers.

Signed:

New York. I was in the USMC during the Korean War. Since retiring I've had the opportunity to visit Northern Ireland and Moneymore. Fr. Jim's home no longer exists. It was torn down and a small housing development was put in its place some time ago.

We look forward to meeting you in Orlando, God Willing, or as the Irish say, 'DG'. Tom Stuart, 23 Bonnett Av, Larchmont NY 10538

EDITOR

Here's another name who is apparently not a member of MM's. (Robert Mulvaney - see Fall In) A News clipping was sent to me by a friend in Weymouth MA. Interesting that he was blown up in a troop transport before getting to Burma. Sandy Head, 475/3/I Co, PO Box 5097, Athens GA 30604-5097

EDITOR

Right after Basic Training, I was stationed in Trinidad, BWI. It is now independent and known as Trinidad and Tobago. I was a Medical Corp man; an element of the 33rd Infantry, the date was 1943. There was a call for volunteers for another Infantry unit; it later became the 5307th. Later that became known as the Merrill's Marauders. The 2nd Battalion, had two Combat Teams, the Blue and the Green. I was in the Blue CT. Maj Richard W Healy was the Commanding Officer.

One Battle that I remember was at NHPUM GA. I was a Combat Medic and was kept busy as all the medics were busy.

Some of the Marauders that I knew were listed in the Directory

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FALL IN

Here are the latest additions to our assembly.

Remember them? Get in touch.

WALLACE R ERICSON, 5307, 6863 E Mikrod Rd, South Range WI 54874-8631, 715-398-6763

ARTHUR A LECLAIR, MTF/124TH CAV, 40 South B St, Taftville CT 06380-1319

JOHN J LOMBARDI, 124/2/F Tr, 742 Berry Patch Way, Southington CT 06489-3413

MILFORD MARTIN, MTF/124 Cav/1/A TR, 9408 Highway 270, Pine Bluff, AR 71602; 870-247-9143

JOSEPH SUBICH, 5307; 475/3/K Co, 1037 Yorkwood Rd, Mansfield OH 44907-2434

JOHN L TULLI, 5307/1/B CO; 475/1/B, 5912 Bruynincks Rd, Alexandria LA 71303-2105, 713-445-3503

BEN WOLF, MTF/CHIN/164TH SIG PHOTO CO, 1215 Bundy Dr N, Los Angeles CA 90049, 213-472-4593

LETTERS TO EDITOR

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that you sent me. They were also in my old service album, a photo album. Those names are Nunzio D'Apice, William Binter, Peter C Byers, Michael Di Benedetto, George W Johnson, Roy Matsu-moto. I wrote to George Johnson but have not heard back from him.

I retired from the Army with 26 years and seven months of active duty. I had two years tours in Viet-nam (1966-67 and 1969-1970). At present my wife and I direct the Christian Service Center , Lawton OK. We have been here over five years. This Center is open specifi-

cally for active duty service men and women and retirees, their families and friends. Herb & Isa-bella Fahr, 355-0324, 319 SW C AV, Lawton OK 73501-4016, 5307/2/BCT

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EDITOR

I would like to thank you for calling me about Don Delorey. I called his boy and had a very nice conversation. He told me what a great Father Don was. He said, "Don was not only his Father but his best friend." That is about the best thing you can say about the man.

I knew him when we were in the 387th Inf, 97 Div. At that time, he was in Co D and I was in Co B. I saw him on the ship and then after that. I had been at Myitkyina about five or six weeks. Don became our Platoon Leader. In the last week,

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Headquarters 475th Infantry

GENERAL ORDERS)

NUMBER 9)

APO 218
16 October 1944**AWARD OF COMBAT INFANTRY 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.

APOSTALOKAS, James 31290362 Pvt.*
ASKEW, Olin D., 34200705 T/Sgt.
BAILEY, Thurman, Jr. 35630437 Pvt*
BALDWIN, Henry E. 7005853 Pfc
BARRINEAU Mose C., 34543583 Pvt
BLOMBERG, Clarence P., 17005019 Pfc
BORDERS, Lewis Jr., 31193342 T/5
BOSTICK, Bruce B., 01 34666879 Pvt*
BRACCIO, Arthur, 32736179 Pfc
BREAULT, Abraham, 36339031 Pfc
CAUBLE, Earl D., 34187375 Sgt
CHAN, Robert J., 0-1321994 1st Lt*
CHESBRO, Frederick B., 12002752 S/Sgt.
CLARK, Harold C., 19020789 S/Sgt
COLOMBO, Anthony C., 32708385 Pvt
CONNER, Bryant L., 0-1321399 1st Lt*
DAUBERSPECK, Allen R., 6377355 T/4*
DEROUIN, William G., 31324119 T/5*
DIDLER, Joseph T., 34152331 Pvt
ELLIS, LeRoy C., 37028069 Pfc
ELSON, verie K., Pvt
FAIRCHILD, Sam E., 0-347615 Capt*
FAULKNER, Duane S., 31325108 Pfc
FEDERLINE, John R., 0-362611 Capt.
FEILER, Donald C., 20649015 Pvt
FISHER, George Jr., 20506472 Pfc
GABBETT, Michael F., 6981255 M/Sgt.
GETTER, Robert E., 0-347457 Lt Col
GETZ, Seymore, 35008175 Pfc*
GIBSON, Joe Jr., 38274568 T/5
GIGUERE, Roland H., 31005529 Cpl
GOFF, Estell Jr., 35725590 Sgt
GRAY, Harold, 20145452 Pvt
GRIFFIN, John D., Jr., 0-1170760 2nd Lt*
HAIN, Ralph E., 33586340 Pfc*
HALL, James, 13017562 Pvt
HARNEY, Patrick J., 32174023 Pfc*

HARROLD, Arthur KO, 0-334828 Maj*
HAZLETT, William H., 20304887 Pvt*
HEATH, Roscoe, 20606425 Pfc
HOLCOMB, Fred 69886649 Pvt
HOLDEN, Reuben A., 0-453059 Capt*
HOLMES, Lawrence, 35697808 Pfc*
HUTCHINGS, Wade W., 35392680 Pvt
JAMES, Charles K., 35697202 Pvt
JARJOURA, Mitchell, 0-1312935 2nd Lt*
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LETTERS TO EDITOR

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he had the other section of guns so I didn't see him get all his medals - Silver Star (2), Purple Hearts, etc.

I was hit the 31st of July, so I missed all of Camp Landis. I returned to the 475th below Myitkyina. The truck pulled in to the 3rd Bn at dark. Someone asked me what outfit I was with and I told him Co M, Machine Gunner. I was told there was no Co M and the MG were in HQ Co. The Lt told me that the MG squads were filled up and I would be his runner until they had a place for me.

In a couple of minutes, Lt Delorey came running over and really started to chew me out. The Lt explained to Don, that I had asked for the MG section and he was OK. I really enjoyed that.

As Don would say - Once a Machine Gunner, always a Machine Gunner. He was an old Machine Gunner and a Good Man. Lt Don Delorey.

I would like to know if there is a list of men killed at Myitkyina. I saw a boy, (Mike) Malcolm G Courtney shot on July 30th. Someone told me later that he had been killed. I look for him in the General Orders - Purple Heart, etc., I have seen nothing. Joe Malone, 1053 Alice St, Zanesville OH 43701-4001, 614-452-1346.

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On the office door of a space executive: "Out to launch."

EDITOR:

My husband, Warren G Meadors, was one of your men. He now has Alzheimer's and on 11/9/97, he broke his hip and was sent to Monterey Health Care in Grove City to recover but they think he will always be there as he needs lots of care.

I tried to get him into the Veterans Hospital but they only take him two weeks at a time. I always thought that was a home (if you need it) for men who would give their lives for their country. Others think differently. I am Warren's Wife. He has three grown sons. We go see him every day. Just to let you know how some lives turn out. Mrs. Edna Meadors, 263 South Hague Ave, Columbus OH 43204.

EDITOR:

A short note to let you know of the death of Robert E Burger, 8538 US Hwy 17 South, Arcadia FL 33821. I don't know if Bob had been a member of your organization or not. He had been a member of our Tarpon Basha, CBIVA for a number of years. Lee Chalifour, CMSGT, USAF, RET, 1st Air Amb Sgdn, 131 SE COLONIAL ST, PORT CHARLOTTE FL 33952-9106

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The way I figure it, if you kicked the person who causes most of your troubles, you wouldn't be able to sit down for a month.

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So don't make me out for a sap.

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They talk in battalions, no more.

You take all your GI equipment
And strap it upon your back
If there's any junk left over
The mules will take up the slack.

Big Berthas, what are they?
Large tanks we never see
But BAR's we have aplenty
To maintain our supremacy.

Now you may think we're slipping
When we move maybe ten years a day.
But when fighting in very thick jungle
You can do it no other way.

Oh! Yes, we're fighting a large
And truly a war mechanized
But just as a doughfoot in Burma
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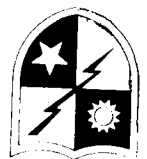
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