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The Burman News



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WAS IT OHIO OR KENTUCKY?

WHATEVER, A GOOD TIME WAS HAD BY ALL

We had a GRAND total of 320 for dinner Friday night. Lost a few for various reasons thereafter. Surprisingly, we wound up with quite a few new members and Honoraries for the first time. I thought I had made a point about Cincinnati but it did not show up on the menu anytime. However I did meet people who knew that it was a coldcut for sandwiches.

FRIDAY NIGHT SUPPER: We had Dr U Maung Gyi as the speaker and also leading a Drill team of Gurhka sword dancers. He is a member of our Association by virtue of his service with the Chindits in the same North Burma mountains as we did. Gave an interesting speech which got quite a few chuckles. The Drill team came from quite distance to perform for us. Some of them had been at Atlanta years ago for same performance.

SATURDAY NIGHT BANQUET: The speaker was LTC Alfred Dochnal, currently Battalion Commander of the 5th Ranger Tng Bn at Camp Merrill, Dahlonga GA. His talk was based on the current Training Program for the prospective Rangers. It was quite comprehensive, illustrated by slide show. Space permitting we will provide some of the features in an upcoming B/N. It was different than the customary speeches and well received. We know that today's Rangers are the best soldiers in the world. This gave us insight into how they get that way.

GENERAL BUSINESS MEETING: Called to order by President Phil Piazza, 1 PM, Saturday, 9/5/98, Ballroom of Radisson Hotel, Cincinnati OH (Hebron KY)

Roll Call of Officers: Present were; Pres. Phil Piazza, Ex Sec Ray Lyons, Treas Herb Clofine, Historian Bob Passanisi, Historian Emeritus Dave Quaid, Military Liaison Officer Dave Richardson, Chaplain Logan Weston, indisposed - excused.

Reading of minutes of previous meeting: Motion made, seconded and approved to dispense with reading of minutes since they had been provided in the BURMAN NEWS.

Financial Report - Treasurer

Herb Clofine.
Balance, 8/22/97 12368.55
Deposits 9791.16
subtotal 22159.71
Checks paid out 10177.46
Balance 8/26/98 11982.25
Exec Sec Account 170.35
12 152.60
Accounts Payable 1333.79

Merrill's Marauders 51st Reunion 1997

Receipts -
Registration Desk 3683.00
Sales 4218.50
7901.50

Expenses: Hotel 273.97
Band 400.00
UPS shipping 150.20
Total Expenses 824.17
Gross Income 7077.33
Motion to accept report, seconded and approved.

Executive Secretary - Ray Lyons

Donations received this year's reunion - Thursday \$1510, Friday \$2391, Saturday \$530, Total \$4431.

Last year's donations at Reunion were \$3,683.

Ex Sec Expenses this year to date \$5,357.77

Last year expenses were \$5,098.00

Expenses include Postage, Stationery, Printing BURMAN NEWS, B/N mailing costs, book orders, etc.

We sent out 884 pieces of mail + 6829 copies of the four issues of the B/N. The number of pieces mailed went up because we have about 100 members, mostly Ranger units whose zip code information does not meet Bar Code requirements. The Bar-coding has had a significant effect

on B/N receipt within a week of mailing. It costs us more to have the computer software to do this but I think it is worth it. Some of you folks look forward to getting the B/N. Or so I hear!

Balance in Ex Sec Bank Account: \$170.35 Compared to last year's \$427.45.

We relied on the Treasurer to pay some of the bills as they came due.

We still have the ability to compile copies of Col Hunter's book, "Galahad" - Cost \$30. Also can reprint copies of the B/N going back to the first ones printed June 1979 to date. Cost 20 cents per page or \$100 for the package.

Passanisi's son John is also making available copies of Ogburn's book "The Marauders". For a complete list of the books we have on hand, write to me.

Membership Totals = Regular Members 1371, Honorary Members 392.

Bob Passanisi has brought to our attention that the GREAT State of New Hampshire has dedicated a Highway Bridge to the 'MERRILL'S MARAUDERS'. It is on the Everett Turnpike at Merrimack over the Skowhegan River. Hope to get a photo of it to publish in future B/N.

The Archivist at the Hoover Institution on War, Revolution and Peace at Stanford University, Palo Alto CA advises that the dates for the Merrill's Marauders Photo Exhibition will be October 5th to December 31, 1998.

Reference was made to a letter received from the Library of Congress. They are looking for maps. Their letter will appear in this issue or a following one.

We also made a point at the Board of Directors Meeting that we need to nominate and elect a Vice President for our staff. This past year, the AZ State Corporation Commission took a stand that we needed to have two signatures on our Annual Statement to them. Two of the three officers - President, Vice President and Secretary would be required. We

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RANGER HALL OF FAME CEREMONY

The Sixth Annual Ranger Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony was held at Fort Benning GA, August 20th, 1998. The following soldiers were inducted this year:

COL WILLIAM LLOYD OSBORNE, From the Merrill's Marauders Association

CPT CHARLES H PARKER, PFC LEO G SAMBOROWSKI, CPT WALTER E BLOCK, COL HENRY A MUCCI, All from the Ranger Battalion Association, WW II

BG RICHARD J EATON, CPT EUGENE C RIVERA, Both from the Ranger Infantry Companies (ABN) of the Korean War.

SGT RICHARD S EHRLER, JR., 75th Ranger Regiment Association, (LRRP)

SFC WILTON WHITE, United States Army Ranger Association

CSM GARY R CARPENTER, 75th Ranger Regiment

Col William L Osborne is inducted into the Ranger Hall of Fame for outstanding service as a Ranger Officer. Col Osborne's career is a saga of quiet heroism in combat and of unswerving devotion to his country. He was born in Prescott AZ, a small town known for being the first Capital of the Arizona Territory. Cadet Captain and ROTC Honor Graduate from UCLA in 1936. Commissioned in 1940 in the Regular Army as 2nd Lieutenant in the 7th Inf Div, Fort Ord CA on Sept

1, 1941. He was sent to Luzon as a Company Commander of a Philippine Scout Company. On Dec 7, 1941 at the outbreak of WW II, he was given command of 2nd Battalion, 51st Inf, Philippine Army, a unit of the Philippine Reserves called to active duty. Bataan surrendered April 9, 1942.

Knowing it to be certain death if later captured, he and three of his few surviving men, not wanting to be in a Japanese POW camp, played cat and jungle mouse with the Japanese for weeks, working their way through the jungle toward the beach. Hidden in a nipa hut for the next two months by Philippine partisans, he linked up with an AF pilot, Lt Damon Guase, who had soldiered until the fall of Corregidor, May 6th, as an infantryman. They located an old 22 foot sailboat with a one cylinder engine. With a National Geographic map and an Army field compass as navigational instruments, they set sail from the island of Mindoro for Australia. After a 3,000 mile hazardous journey through Japanese patrolled open seas, buffeted by storms and a Typhoon, and strafed by enemy planes and patrol boats, they reached their destination, Wyndham, Australia. They were both awarded the Distinguished Service Cross by General Douglas Mac Arthur personally, for their exploits and the logging of detailed

notes of Japanese troop dispositions, enemy shipping, names of service men who had not surrendered, including their serial numbers, and the state of Philippine morale.

Col Osborne then volunteered from the states, at the request of President Roosevelt, for a "dangerous and hazardous mission", with Merrill's Marauders, where he was Commander of the First Battalion, consisting of the Red and White Combat Teams. He distinguished himself with his leadership during the long campaign behind enemy lines. Osborne led his 1st Bn on a seven-day march through jungles and a rocky river bed for a dawn bayonet attack on the enemy base at Shadazup that left 200 Japanese dead and expedited the Chinese offensive in the Hukawng Valley. Then he led a four-day forced march across mountainous terrain to cut off a Japanese supply trail in the rescue of a besieged Marauder unit at Nhpum Ga. Then his was the first Marauder unit in the capture of the Myitkyina Airfield that set the stage for the later assault on Myitkyina City. Following that Battle, Col Osborne became the first Commander of the 475th Inf and later commanded the 124th Cavalry as part of the Mars Task Force in the Central Burma Campaign. They fought several fierce battles enroute to the fabled Burma Road where they were part of a road block cutting off the Japanese 56th Division. This campaign opened the first land route from India to China.

Present at the Ceremony was the Colonel's daughter, Patty Osborne to receive the Medal of Honor on his behalf and the following members of the MMA. Phil Piazza, Dave Richardson, Roy Matsumoto, Grant Hirabayashi, Mike Mc Laughlin.

IN MEMORIAM

A generous donation has been made by Sally Tank in memory of her father, Edmund Machin, recently deceased.

A donation has been made by Amelia S. Weber in memory of her deceased Husband Frank J. Weber.



Ranger Hall of Fame Ceremony. Patty Osborne receiving medal for her father, Col. William Lloyd Osborne, Ft. Benning, Georgia.

REUNION . . .

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recognize that at any given time, one of the above might be in a position where he could not sign the document. We hope to work on the problem this coming year and be ready to make a nomination at the next General Meeting.

Finally, some HIT AND RUN expert left a card at my desk, appearing to be a daily prayer which says the following: *Keep me from becoming too talkative, and particularly keep me from falling into the tiresome habit of expressing an opinion on every subject. Give me wings to get to the point.*

Teach me the glorious lesson that occasionally, I might be mistaken.

Free me of the notion that simply because I have lived a long time I am wiser than those who

have not lived so long.

Give me the wisdom to keep my mouth shut.

Lord knows that when the end comes, I would like to have a friend or two left.

Duly noted. Will do my best.

Historian - Bob Passanisi

We have continues to make improvements on our Web Site. We have gotten several Awards for the appearance of the site. The work is being done by my son John. You can look forward to constant improvements, photos, etc.

Military Liaison Officer: - Dave Richardson: No report at this time.

Historian Emeritus - Dave Quaid

We would like to recognize Phil, Ray & Herb for the work they perform during the year. I will provide maps to the Library of Congress and other institutions. The sale of Video Tapes has

recovered all the money expended originally. We now propose to make copies available for free to various institutions that can put them to good use.

President - Phil Piazza

Made thirty trips to Ranger affairs. There will be a new museum outside of gate at Fort Benning. It will cost 45 million dollars. There will be separate buildings for Rangers and other units. Free shuttle bus from Columbus to museum site. At the Hall of Fame Ceremony for Col Osborne and others we had eight Marauders present. Next year the Best Ranger Days will be May 4-6th. The Ranger Rendezvous will be in July.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS:

For President-Nomination Phil Pizza. George Rose proposed a motion to elect all existing officers.

OLD BUSINESS - None.

NEW BUSINESS - John Eichelberger rose to bring to our attention that a former Engr Sgt Francis C Coleman of the 236th Engrs, Co A, who had been awarded the Distinguished Service Cross at Myitkyina now has a park named in his honor in a town in Pennsylvania. He fell on a grenade to save his men.

REUNION SITE: There were no sites from membership other than the one that Phil Piazza had come up with. It was discussed at Board of Directors Meeting to have hotels, selection and prices to be determined by a committee on the B/D. Next year the site will be Nashville TN, the week after Labor Day, the Howard Johnson Hotel, package for one person, 2 nights, four meals - \$225.; package for two people, 2 nights, four meals - \$295. \$69 for extra nights. Nearby are such attractions as the Hermitage, gambling, Science Museum, etc.

No objection to this proposal.

A motion made to allow the B/D committee to pick sites. No objection. Motion carried.

GOOD OF ORDER: Jim Gilbertson spoke up about the problems of the wheelchair and other disabled. There are often not enough rooms available that have special facilities that they need.

Bob Passanisi announced that the MM Website will make available information about the reunion.

MOTION TO ADJOURN: Made and seconded. Adjourned 1:50 PM.

PASS IN REVIEW**Deaths reported recently****Names and Hometowns (Where Known), Organization Where and when deceased.**

- MALCOLM AMACHER**, RR 1 Box 168, Ridgway PA, 15853-0168, October 1, 1979
- GORDON E BOWERS JR**, 5307/2/BCT/E Co, 3644 Walhalla Hwy, Six Mile SC 29682-9736, October 24, 1997
- DAVID F CARTER**, 5307/2, 4811 S Butte Av, Tempe AZ 85282, 5307/2, April 1998
- LAWRENCE CUOMO**, 5307/3/OCT, 1209 40th St, Brooklyn NY, 11218-1936 DIED PO REPORT AUG ISSUE B/N
- JOHN W FIELDS**, 141 GOLF COURSE RD, PILOT MOUNTAIN NC 27041, SYLVIA, May 11, 1982
- HAROLD E HACKMANS**, General Delivery, Morrison MO 65061-9999, PO RET B/N August 1898
- ROSCOE P HUTCHISON**, 5307/3/1 CO; 475/3/1 CO, 2191 Carpenter Rd, Carlisle KY 40311-9774, August 8, 1998
- JOHN LABOSKY**, 612FA/HQ, PO Box 296, Overton TX 75684-0296, 214-834-3566, MARGARET, August 1998
- EDMUND F MACHIN**, 5307/1/RCT/INT S, 475/1, 4346 Shea Rd, Syracuse NY 13215-9709, 315-492-3901, June 22, 1998, @DTR SALLY
- JAMES F MC GUIRE**, 4542 E Timrod St, Tucson AZ 85711-4256, 5307/3/KCT, January 31, 1997
- JOHN F MC KNIGHT**, 1509, 5307, 767 N Broad Street Ext, Grove City PA 16127-4613, May 21, 1998
- JOSEPH M MAGNOTTA**, 5307/2/HQ, 3 Jonick Rd, Tell City IN 47586-9723, 812-547-2602, August 27, 1998
- BERNARD ROSENMAN**, 1365, 5307/HQ/RE, 5831 N Artesian Ave, Chicago IL 60659-5032, 312-878-6318, ILENE, DECEASED 1988 FROM EXECUTOR NORTHERN TRUST CO
- DONALD L STOCKDALE**, 5307/1/WCT; 475/1/A CO, 33107 Joy Rd, Westland MI 48185-1578, 313-425-6235, GERTRUDE DIED AUGUST 28, 1998 @SON/MARK

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

LETTERS TO EDITOR

EDITOR

I am 1LT Michael Perry from C Co, 2/75 Ranger Regiment, and would like to get some information concerning the manning roster of Merrill's Marauders. My PSG SFC Dyckman came across a Japanese flag which had supposedly been signed by several Merrill's Marauders. Following is a list of those names: Jim Moffit, Bernard B Willis, Vernon Evans, Lewis J Sabetti, Bruce Gordon, Hershall McPhillips, Charles E. Dill, Ben Genova, JM Hoffman, Mac Macleby, W. G. Clough, S.R. Burns, Paul Stetler, John A Sloomaker, Francis M Dominor, J.E. Poche, Jayn Cusick, James Heimez, Fred Hulihan, A.L. Gilart, Stanley W Littlander, D K Russell, Emery Draper, Oliver Orr, G.C.Martinsen, W.C.Ferguson, Lester Mladar, Charles Bowles, Fred Royslance, Ralph Costaglio, James Salyers, John W Slock. We would appreciate any help you can provide. Hope to hear from you soon. Rangers Lead The Way. 1 LT Michael Perry, 2502 Woods Dr, Apt H, Steilacoom, WA 98388-4214, 253-983-8818.

EDITOR

I would like very much to talk to the men who knew my Dad, Floyd Stetz, who served in the Hq 1st Bn. He was at Camp Roberts, CA in the 16th Infantry, Company B, Training Regiment and 78th Infantry Training Bn, 4th Platoon with Lt Jackson, Platoon Ldr and Platoon Sgt Hubbard. He had an "old army buddy" Benjamin Johnson who passed away in December 1996. Lauren Stetz, Milwaukee WI, 414-282-3772

EDITOR

I had a surprise this week. Looking through the book Confusion Beyond Imagination, Volume I, I turned to Page 17 and there I was on guard duty between Stilwell, Merrill and Hunter. I remember when it was taken. I was only 22 years old and my platoon was on guard at Myitkyina Air Field. John Hickey, 59 Windbrook Dr, Auburn MA 01501, 5307/209/A: 475/1/A

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Garage mechanic to apprentice:
"The first lesson is to lift the hood and stare at the engine in disbelief."

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Did you ever wonder how they put a fire out in the Post Office?
They stamp it out.

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Many of today's would-be investors are kept out of the stock market by the supermarket.

FALL IN

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

- ARTHUR AUCCON**, 5307/1/B CO: A CO: 475/1/A, 31 Center St, Bellingham MA 02019-1917
JOHN DI TUCCI, 5307/2/D CO/HW WPNS, WIA July 1944, 154 Troutbeck Ln, Rochester NY 14626-1720, 716-225-6756
ALFRED DOCHNALL, RANGER: C CO 75 RGR, 90 LAW CT, DAHLONEGA GA 30533, aldochnal@aol.com
FRANK FERRANTE, 124/B/, 2367 82nd St, Brooklyn NY 11214, 718-373-2964
CHARLES S FOX, 475/3/HQ/MULE PACK, 9927 Denne St, Livonia MI 48150-2954, 734-261-2032
LAWRENCE LINDGREN, 5307/2/E Co, 1013 HONEYCREEK DR, LEXINGTON KY 40502, 606-266-1063
ERNEST SYES, 1495, 45TH PSH/INF MEDIC; 475/2/CO F/MEDIC, 1051 BRYN MAWR BLVD, BRYN MAWR IL 62703, 217-523-4147
ANTHONY TAGEL, 5307/3/OCT/K CO/HQ/1 PLAT, 1824 N 22nd St, Sheboygan WI 53081-2234, 920452-2152
KENNETH TIMMONS, 5307; 475/2/E/4 PLAT, 24 WILLOW ST, MECHANICSBURG, OH, 43044, 937-834-3168
THOMAS VOORHIES, 5307/1/WCT, 1636 EDISON ST, ODESSA TX 79763, 915-337-0625
JOHN YUDA, 5307; 475/2/G Co, 77 CRUSE RD, SONORA KY 42776, 502-324-3977

OLD NEWS IS NEW TO US

From the Milwaukee Journal,
September 28, 1944

DEATH SPRAY OF MARAUDERS IN BURMA TOLD BY LOCAL MAN

Malaria has PFC Ralph J Myszewski of Milwaukee flat on his back again. This time he's at the soldiers' home here; the last time he was knocked out by the disease he was with Merrill's Marauders in Burma and he was flown out to a hospital in India. PFC Myszewski, a strapping 25 years old arrived here the other day to visit his sister, Esther, 1914 S 7th St. and almost immediately he came down with malaria - for the fourth time.

"It was worse the last time", said PFC Myszewski Wednesday. "Then I had a fever of 106. I was so sick I didn't remember much about being flown out, but I remember seeing an awful lot of jungle".

PFC Myszewski was a Tommy Gun toting scout with Merrill's Marauders. He and the other members of his platoon had the dangerous job of going ahead of the Marauders, picking out trails and bivouac areas and looking for Japs.

Early one morning, PFC Myszewski's platoon hit a Jap outpost. It was manned by nine Japs armed with a light machine gun, a knee mortar and rifles.

"We caught them by surprise," said PFC Myszewski, "and opened up at them with machine guns and rifles. When it was all quiet, we moved into the outpost. We found only four bodies. We pushed ahead, following the trail of the other Japs. We soon found them. There were four Japs carrying their wounded officer, a lieutenant. We opened fire and killed them all."

"We took no prisoners out there in the jungle, none whatsoever."

The Marauders had to fight their way along the trail all day. The well camouflaged Japs hidden in trees could not be seen. The Marauders fired at sound only. PFC Myszewski's Tommy Gun was hot from firing. The Tommy gun, explained PFC Myszewski, is a great jungle weapon "because you can spray with it."

That night the Marauders dug in, forming a circle. All night the Japs

dropped mortar shells into the Marauders. The Marauders held their fire, however, for fear of giving away their position. The next morning the Marauders marched to the Village of Walawbum and held it from one side while the Chinese attacked from the other. The Japs holding the village were wiped out.

"That gives you an idea of how busy we were," chuckled PFC Myszewski. "Twenty-four hours in the life of a Marauder."

LETTER TO EDITOR

EDITOR

Question regarding poem in May issue of B/N. Mechanized Warfare (Burma Style). The names at bottom should have been

Holden and Minogue. These two names were men in the 5307/2nd Bn/ I&R which I organized when we landed at Myitkyina Airstrip. The second plane in as I remember.

I was evacuated just before the final fight at the Burma Road area. Bits and pieces of information received plus no contact with any of my platoon leads me to believe they were lost in an ambush during this phase. So I was informed.

Question: Do I have the right party? Is my info on my platoons outcome correct?

Would appreciate whatever information you have. I'm still wondering where that article came from because of above mentioned circumstances. John Garlewsky, 5307/2/I&R; 475/2/I&R Plat Ldr, 320 Cottonwood Dr, Butler PA 16001-0214, 412-865-2935

CARRYING THE TORCH

Torch Carriers, some new and some old.
Honorary Members that are in touch.

- LAVELLE AVERY**, WIDOW/INMAN, 1211 Pine Ave SW, Live Oak FL 32060-4025
LOWELL AVERY, SON/INMAN, 205 Clinton St, Oriskany NY 13424-5103
RICHARD AVERY, SON/INMAN, RR 1, Starke FL 32091-9801
MRS DOROTHY BALDWIN, WIDOW/HENRY, 5409 Pekin Rd, Mount Gilead NC 27306-8513
LINDA/LARRY BURCHETT, Dtr/George Rose, 633 Manakin Rd, Manakin Sabot VA 23103-3303
PATRICK EGAN, Son of John, 302 S Valley Center, Glendora CA 91741, 626-852-9299, pegan@mindspring.com
HENRY ELLRICH, BUDDY/HANK KINDER, 3424 Saint Ignatius Ln, Saint Ann MO 63074-2628
MRS MARIE F FORTIN, WID/MAURICE, 2666 San Medina Ave, Dallas TX 75228-3116, 328-1078
FAYE LUSBY, WID/ROY, 1516 W Terrace Blvd, Rockport TX 78382-6240
DODI MARKOVICH, SIS/MAURICE FORTIN, 725 Spring St Apt 104, Random Lake WI 53075-1731
DON MULLEN, REL/BOB NIEHAUS, 11280 EAST 875 NORTH, WALKERTON IN 46574, 219-586-9464
JOHN PASSANISI, Son of Bob, 11 Mountain St, Lake Ronkonkoma NY 11779, 516-467-6279
JEANNETTE PRZEBOROWSKI, Widow of Leo, 6519 W 63rd St #2, Chicago IL 60638-4150, 312-585-2428
LESTER L ROGERS, H H BTRY/922 FA BN/97 DIV, 7260 POMMEL DR, SYKESVILLE MD 21784-5931, 410-781-4877
MR & MRS JOHN SHILLEA, SIS/PHIL PIAZZA, 230 Albright Ave, Stratford CT 06497-3005, 203-378-0705, ADELINE
PHILIP STUART, NEPHEW FR STUART, 56 COOLNASILLA PARK EAST, BELFAST NI 118
THOMAS J STUART, NEPHEW/FATHER STUART, 23 Bonnett Ave, Larchmont NY 10538-3204, 914-834-2370, HELEN
SALLY TANK, Daughter of Edmund Machin, 4346 Shea Rd, Syracuse NY 13215-9709, 315-492-3901.
AMELIA S WEBER, Widow of Frank J., 2 Brooklane Ct, Whiting NJ 08759
DAVID WINTERS, SON/BILL, 24648 ALEXANDER DR, OAKWOOD OH 44146, 440-232-2827
WILLIAM D WINTERS, SON/ARTHUR, 6826 Avenida Cala, Rohnert Park CA 94928-3586, 707-795-3035

RANGER COLUMN

FRIENDS OF THE RANGERS:

The 1st Battalion, 75th Ranger Regiment respectfully requests the pleasure of your company at the 25th Anniversary of the formation of the 1st Ranger Battalion.

CPT JOHN P COGBILL, S5, 1/75
RGR REGT, DSN 971-6918,
cogbillj@soc.mil

Plans so far: We will march in the Parade on St. Patrick's Day in Savannah GA. We have requested permission from the Parade Committee to have some of our Ranger Veterans march or ride in a float in front of the Battalion. The day after the Parade, we will have special ceremony on post to commemorate the organization of the unit at Fort Stewart in 1974. We have asked MG (ret) Leuer to speak and we plan on having a static display of modern day Ranger equipment. Immediately following we are looking at a super supper in the Ranger Dining facility (open to Rangers and Friends at regular chow hall price) and open houses in the company areas. The last day, Friday, will be the Ranger Ball at the Savannah Civic Center. This will be a grand event with dinner and dancing highlighted by a moving Rangers in Action punchbowl ceremony. We are blocking off 20-30 rooms at a nearby hotel because, as you know, every hotel will sell out during St Patrick's Day week.

LETTERS TO EDITOR

EDITOR

RE: National Training Center (NTC)/11th Armored Cavalry Regiment Museum, Ft Irwin CA

I am assembling a shoulder sleeve and pocket patch collection from the Army, Army Air Corps, Army Air Forces and Marines, to be put on permanent display at the NTC/11th ACR Museum and it expects to move into its permanent facility in October of 1998.

I am working with its curator, Neil Morrison to complete and display this collection and to date we have amassed over 2,000 individually unique patches, most from veterans who actually have worn them. The name of the

veteran/donor will be displayed with each patch.

I am asking that the veteran, his widow, or relatives contribute a Merrill's Marauders or a MARS Task Force Patch (or any other patch for that matter) for this collection. It would be greatly appreciated. Gilbert P Ferrey, 1082 Grizzly Peak Blvd, Berkeley CA 94708, 510-527-7360

EDITOR

It's that time of year again. Making a donation for each of the years that have gone by. How can one forget a day like that. (The Nhpum Ca rescue day!) Phil Christner, 5307/2/BCT/I&R PLAT SGT, 499 Darwin Dr, Buffalo NY 14225.

EDITOR

LOST, STRAYED or STOLEN - James Carpenito

After many years of service to the Veterans Groups of Lawrence MA, where you could always find Jake on Memorial Day, or Veterans Day - changing the flags on the graves of departed veterans, of memorial squares. Jake succumbed to an inevitable life of solitude and loss of memory. In a world of his own now, he seems to be at peace but does not recognize any of his old buddies. The Nursing Home is listed in Lowell MA. The address - 19 E Haverill St Rear was his home address in Lawrence. Hoping this is useful information. Joseph Clement Jr, 5307/3/KCT/HQ CO/HW, 17 Swan Dr, Nottingham NH 03290-5646

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Forget your mistakes but remember what they taught you.

EDITOR

Thanks everyone for the cards and phone calls that I received during my recent hospital stay while at the Cincinnati Reunion. I had a food-related illness, but it only lasted a couple of days. Special thanks to all of my buddies in I Co, and to Phil, for the prayer at the Saturday night party. I appreciate all of the support, and look forward to seeing everyone at the next reunion. Joe Bernardi, 248-380-7924, 47796 Arbor Trail, Northville, MI 48167, 5307/3/I Co; 475/3/I Co.

DON'T SAY !

Don't say we had to go.
We didn't. We volunteered.
Don't say we were well organized.
We weren't.
Don't say we were well informed.
We weren't.
Don't say we were well supplied.
We weren't.
Don't say we had the best medical care.
We didn't.
Don't say we were heroes.
Brave at time, but not heroes.
Don't say we were fearless.
We weren't.
Don't say we had an easy time.
We didn't.
Don't say we failed our mission.
We didn't.
Don't say we were victors.
We were survivors.
Don't say it is easy to put behind us.
It isn't.
Don't say it's easy to forget.
We can't.

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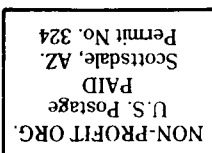
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