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# The Burman News



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## WHO SAYS OLD FOLKS CAN'T CHANGE? NOW READ THIS!

The 53rd Annual Reunion of the Merrill's Marauders Association will take place in Nashville, Tennessee on Labor Day Weekend, September 3-5th, at the Nashville Airport Marriott.

Situated in a campus setting amid 17 acres of rolling wooded hills the Nashville Airport Marriott has some of Music City's most comfortable accommodations. It's only five minutes from the famous Opryland and ten minutes from downtown via Interstate 40.

Phil Piazza, Marauder President, calls the Nashville Airport Marriott Hotel "one of the best places we have ever scheduled a reunion."

According to Board of Directors member, Mike McLaughlin, who helped Phil select the hotel, it overlooks a large enclosed outdoor plaza containing one of the hotel's two swimming pools. There are four tennis courts, an indoor pool, a fitness center and acres of free parking.

Standing 18 stories high with 400 rooms, the hotel offers what

Mike sees as a special advantage for Marauders and their families in that all public areas -- meeting rooms, ballroom, restaurant and lounge -- are on the entrance level, with no stairs to climb. The same floor includes a spacious 1,700 square foot room for registration, sales of Marauders memorabilia, photo displays and schmoozing.

The reunion package rate for two persons is \$326.59 for two nights lodging, Friday Night Dinner, Saturday Breakfast, cocktail party and Banquet and a Sunday Brunch, including all gratuities and taxes. For one person, the package rate is \$210.59. Extra night lodging will cost \$84.00 plus tax.

Reservations may be made by telephoning the Nashville Airport Marriott at (615) 889-9300, by fax (615) 871-9167, or by mail: Nashville Airport Marriott, 600 Marriott Drive, Nashville TN 37214-5010. All reservations must be accompanied by a first-night

room deposit or guaranteed with a major credit card.

Later issues of THE BURMAN NEWS will announce the names of the Friday and Saturday Night Reunion speakers and will detail the many things to see and do in the Nashville Area. From Dave Richardson

## OFFICERS ROW

**PRESIDENT: Phil Piazza**

I would like to thank all my Marauder friends for their concern with phone calls, cards and letters during my recent illness. The last year was a very hectic time for Emma and me and all this was very comforting during a rather stressful period.

I had another attack on returning from the Reunion, but am doing fine now. In between trips to the local hospital for rehab, and visits to my doctor at the VA Hospital, in Asheville NC, I am resuming my regular Marauder duties.

There is a resurgence in interest in WW II, and I have been swamped with requests to speak at colleges, schools and service clubs on the Marauder campaign. I have been in contact with the hotels in Nashville and will be going to Nashville to finalize our plans for the coming reunion at the Airport Marriott Hotel.

I have presented Kukri knives for the Soldier of the Year and Non-com of the Year, as well as a Kukri to the Clemson University ROTC in honor of Jack Benfield, our deceased 5307 comrade and Treasurer, who was a 1941 graduate of Clemson. I also will be the guest speaker at the ROTC commissioning ceremony.

Some Marauder News: I have appointed Michael S (Mike) McLaughlin as acting Vice President of the Association. This was a step agreed to by the Board to meet

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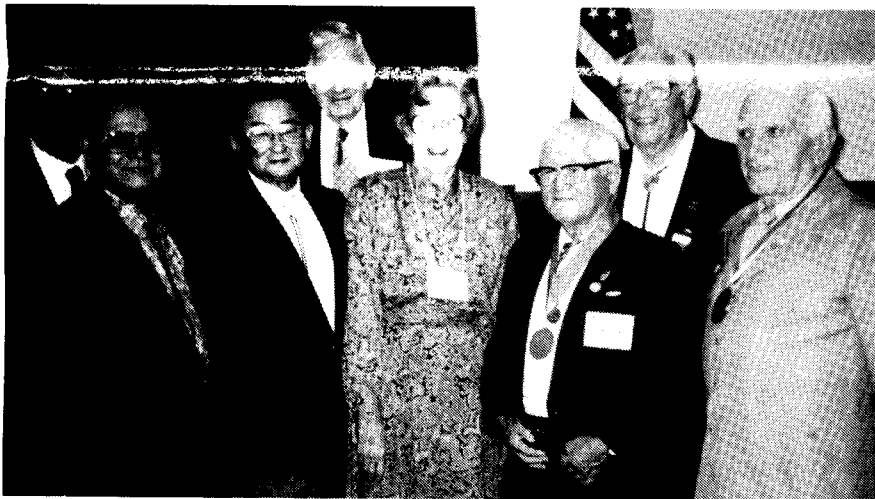
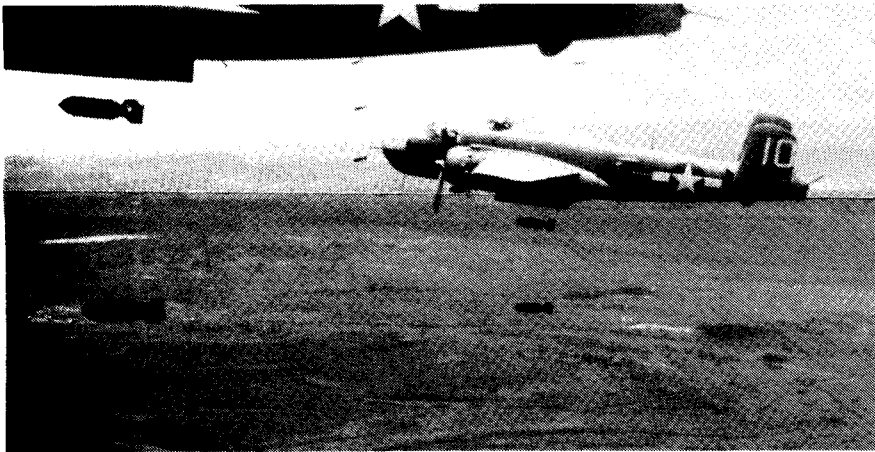


Photo taken at the Cincinnati reunion banquet, left to right: Dave Quaid, Dr. U Maung Gyi, Grant Hirabayashi, Dave Richardson, Lucy Merrill, Roy Matsumoto, Ray Lyons and Phil Piazza.

## FROM THE SKY CAME MANY THINGS - GOOD AND BAD!

We remember gratefully, the Liaison Pilots flying out the wounded from rice paddies and river beds, the hospital planes flying out our sick and wounded from Myitkyina, the C-47's that

flew dangerously low to drop us food, ammunition, medical supplies, all those goodies. But there were also bad moments and we will provide some of them in the next issues.



R.A.F Form

### SORTIE REPORT (Part A)

Sheet No \_\_\_\_\_ Oprep. Ref. No 66 Date: (23) July, 44. Squadron 81st, 12th USAAF

Type of Aircraft : 3 B-25J's, 6 H's  
 Aircraft No. (21, 18, 29, 27, 10, 19, 23, 15, 17)  
 Aircraft letter \_\_\_\_\_  
 Time Up 0915  
 Time Down 1330  
 Total Time \_\_\_\_\_

Leading A/C - 21  
 Captain : Lt. Sporer, A.H.  
 Crew: Lt. Wright, V.B.  
 Lt. Taylor, H.J.  
 T/S Maturo, F.  
 S/S Adams, G.E.  
 S/S Manny, C.O.

Aerodrome or L.G. \_\_\_\_\_

Type of Cloud : Cumulus Map or Chart Reference \_\_\_\_\_  
 Amount of Cloud : 4/10 Myitkyina  
 Base of cloud : 3000' Aerial Mosaic  
 Visibility : 6-7 miles  
 General Weather : Good

BA: MYITKYINA area No. 6B, northern half and to east. Alt. Areas No's 1, 2, 3, Task or  
 Duty and NABA JCT.

Time Height Place Narrative

BB xxxc Hrs  
 BC. Bombs carried on T.O1: 54 x 500 G.P., 1/10 sec. del. in nose 1/40 in tail.  
 dropped on T. \_\_\_\_\_ 48 x 500 T.P.  
 probably jettisoned: 6 x 500 by A/C 15.  
 ammo expended : 300 rounds, 50 caliber  
 BD at 1028 hours, 24 32 N., 94.07 E., A/C 15 left the formation and landed at IMPHAL due to one engine cutting out. The remain 8 A/C bombed in a tight V of V formatin from 2500', heading 215 degs., indicating 175 MPH. There was good tight pattern in the northern part of No. 6B and along the river bank, the nearest bomb being about 10' from the shore. One explosion was caused.  
 BE: Nil  
 BF: Nil  
 BG Photos were taken of the bomb bursts on the bomb run, from A/C 21, 27, & 23.  
 BH Ground gunfire observed in TAUNGYI area.  
 A fire at 25 15 N., 96 43 E., at 1155 hrs.  
 Over the hills it was 9/10 undercast at 8500' with a layer of stratus at 11000.

O. C. SEWALL,  
 Capt. Air Corps  
 S-2 Officer

## BOMBING RAIDS OVER MYITKYINA

Pictured are photos from Alex Adair, who has certified that they were from his personal "Hands On" experience as a member of a flight crew in a B-25, during a bombing mission by the 81st Bomb Squadron, of the 1st Bomb Group, on the assigned target of Myitkyina, Burma, on July 23, 1944. The squadron operated from their base in Feni, India

Adair was the photographer on this mission and was 'plying his trade' with a vintage Leica, 35 mm camera, which he retains in his possession to this day. He was sprawled on his belly and hanging half way out of an open fuselage hatch snapping these pictures at 1/1000 of a second shutter speed. He said that his body was being buffeted by very strong air currents. He had only a single rope type harness around his torso, held by a crew member which kept him from falling away with the bombs dropping towards the Myitkyina target.

The pilot of his aircraft, No 19, was Lt Penkus, who also attends all of their Reunions, which are held every other year. Bob MacDonald, 23011 14th Pl W, Bothell WA 98021, 425-402-4663.

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WAR DIARY - 81st Squadron  
FENI, India

Month of July 1944,

Prepared by Raymond L Hall,  
Sgt, 81<sup>st</sup> Squadron

23, First Mission from our new base was completed today. We bombed MYITKYINA with a nine ship formation led by Lt Sporer. The results were reported as very good with a beautifully laid pattern. Photos revealed later though that our bombs fell about 750' south of the target. The bombing apparently was considered effective though because the Group received a message from Major General Davidson of 10th Air Force Headquarters stating "Stilwell delighted with today's work." Our bombs caused a big explosion in the area. Lt Sauer flying No. 15 had to force land at Imphal when one engine started to cut out.

Our camp is coming along in fine shape now with our mess halls, offices, and living quarters in good repair. Now that the move is complete, we can settle down to normal living once more. We now have movies nightly at our mess hall. We had "Adventures of Tartu" tonight.

Details from John Garlewsky, I & R Platoon Leader, 2nd Bn, 5307th will provide some of them herewith.

This is in reply to the question about the bombing of the 2nd Bn line, facing the enemy, in which the I & R, 2nd Bn received the full brunt of the drop.

I can't give the date, but will provide the approximate date and a drawing of the area involved.

The enclosed sketch would look like this: Our lines extended East to West, from the river to a dirt road, approximately 100 yards, then continuing on other side of dirt road. The entire rear of our lines were wooded or jungle. Whereas to our front, the entire area cleared, by constant fire fights, daily attacks by both sides, vegetation was all knocked down. It was a stalemate for quite a while.

A few trees left on the high ground and Myitkyina just down the road from there.

If a photo was taken of this run, then it occurred the latter part of

June and was carried out by three B-25s in formation.

On the first run, the bombs were dropped on my platoon, the only part of the line that was hit. I understand that there was a second bombing run, right after the first one, but it was not dropped on our line.

This was a relatively low level bombing run, and as shown in sketch, our lines were a handshake away from the nearest Jap pill boxes. The cleared areas sloped gently upward so the enemy was looking down our throats. I hope this helps. Take Care! John Garlewsky 320 Cottonwood Dr, Butler PA 16001-8327, 412-865-2225

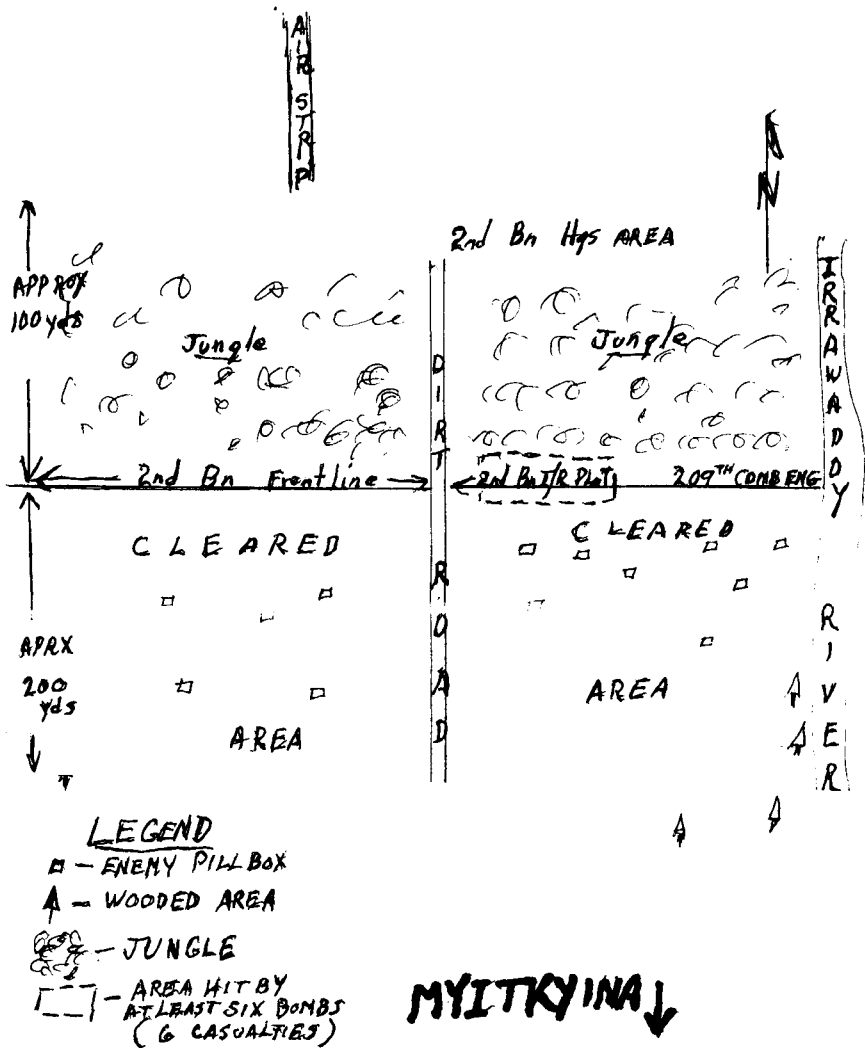
This was a low level run.

1. Bombing Run - middle or latter part of June.

2. Time of the run - Approximately 1300 to 1500, in that period of time.

3. Approximately 1700 - A burial

service was being conducted for our casualties. They were being buried just behind the 209th Combat Engineers, Line of Defense. The Jap one gun artillery piece, known as "Whiz Bang" greeted us daily with a few rounds at about 1700 hours. They did it again during the Burial service. That accounted for the very short service. JG



**SECRET.  
INCOMING-- MESSAGE**

TO- **BALDWIN INFO WILCOX**  
(C.O. 12th Bomb Group)  
FROM - **DAVIDSON** (C.G. 10TH  
Air Force) #84 (CORRECTED VER-  
SION) CADX-1093-E

COMES MISSION REQUEST  
FOR 24TH JULY ALL MITCHELLS  
TO HIT EASTERN HALF 6 B  
TARGET AREA. FORWARD ECHE-  
LON REQUESTS 100 POUND  
BOMBS AND BOMBING IN  
SQUADRON FORMATION. NO  
MISSIONS ON 25TH JULY  
PLANNED. STILLWELL DELIGHT-  
ED ON YOUR WORK TODAY.

**RANGER COLUMN**

Phil Piazza advises that the Ranger Training Bn at Fort Benning GA is forming a **Junior** football team for their family members and they are calling themselves the **MERRILL'S MARAUDERS**. He wanted patches and decals for their uniform. Hope somebody lets us know how they did.

People who visit acupuncturists in are holier than thou.

Of course, college students believe free speech; don't they call home collect.

**LETTERS TO EDITOR****EDITOR**

I was with F Troop, 124th Cavalry in Burma that had the combat problem. I was in the 81 Mortar Platoon. I and a buddy were shot at as we were bringing the roll of communication wire to the observation outpost. (It may have been Japanese snipers or else stray bullets, as our line men were confronting them on the slope of the valley we were walking in.) Yes, one our men was awarded the Congressional Medal of Honor. One of our men had raised the Texas flag as we were on a hill taken by us. (Some did not think it was right to raise the Texas flag, as we were from different states. - No big deal.) John Lombardi, 742 Berry Patch Way, Southington CT 06489-3413

**FALL IN**

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

**MELVIN D WALL**, 5307/3/K Co, 2419 POPLAR ST, AMARILLO TX 79107,  
806-383-1126

**EDITOR**

I'm the lady at the gift shop at the Radisson Hotel. (Red Hair) I must tell you, your group of people were the nicest I've ever met. They were warm, good hearted, and a pleasure talking with. I think about you guys all the time and when we get other war groups in, I always tell them about you. I've made lots of friends with your group. We write back and forth to each other and it's just been really nice.

So I just wanted to let you know you're doing a great job getting these people together. Thank you. I wish I could come to see you next year. Enola Meyer, Gift Shop, 2270 Rust Drive, Taylor Mill, KY 41017

**EDITOR**

I had gone through the New Guinea campaign with the 129th Ins, of the 32nd Div when I joined the Marauders. I had joined the Army on March the 1st, 1940. I took a bust from Sgt in Feb. 1942 to join a Combat unit. The 32nd as you may know was a NY Division. I was the only Regular Army soldier in my company. I joined the 5307th in September, 1943 and was first assigned to K Company, 3rd Bn, then Hq/Hq Co. I left Myitkyina on the 19th of July 1944. I was the first man of the first ten men to be sent back to the States, as my name starts with a W. It's the first time I was ever first on any list. We had the choice of flying by "Junk" air craft or go by ship. Seven of us chose to fly.

I stayed in the service until April 1953 - went through Korea with the 1st Cavalry. The last Marauder that I saw or heard from was Vic. (can't recall his name) He was from New Orleans, LA. That was September 1944, until Mrs Weston called me in September 1998. For the past 45 years, I have lived in West Texas. My wife came down with Alzheimer's in 1990. She passed away in April 1998.

I am living in Lake Belton, just across from Ft Hood, Texas. If you have any record of any of the 5307th living in this area, please let me know. I am planning on

going to the next Reunion. My next six months address will be Cen-Tex, Sportsmens Rd, Box #10, Belton TX 76513, 254-780-9888. Melvin Wall, 5307/3/K CO; HQ/HQ CO.

**EDITOR**

My name is Brenda Spickard. I am requesting your help if you can provide it. For the past months, I have been researching the China, Burma, India Theater of World War II, trying to find out the details of my Uncle's death and the history of his unit.

I sent for his personnel records but the only information on them was that he was killed during the Battle of Myitkyina. His unit was situated at the Junction of the Mogaung and Sumprabum Roads, when he was killed on June 16, 1944. (His body was never recovered)

In his file, his name is listed with 14 others who were also killed or missing at this battle. Some were from his unit (HQ 209th Engineers (Combat) Bn and others were from the 5307th Composite Unit (Provisional). So I assume that they were together at that location.

Also in a diary, of one of the men from his unit, he stated that Merrill's men were teaching them how to use Infantry weapons. So I know I'm looking in the right area.

That's all the information that I have. I hope it will link in somewhere.

My Uncle was Private First Class Lynn Bartley, Co B, 209th Combat Engineers Battalion. My Mother who is now 71 years old, asked me to write on her behalf, Brenda Spickard, 6940 Scottsville Rd, Alvaton KY 42122, 502-843-9445. Call Collect.

A conclusion is the place where you got tired of thinking.

If at first you don't succeed, destroy all evidence that you tried.

He who hesitates is probably right.

## OFFICERS ROW

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pressing needs not covered by other officers and to assist generally in our activities. Mike has already proven his value to us with his work at past reunions, and more recently in helping me scout the Nashville Reunion site.

The Best Ranger Competition will be held at Ft Benning, May 7-10th, and the Ranger Rendezvous will be held July 16-21st. These are both terrific affairs with a lot going on. If anyone is interested in attending, please contact me, as I am booking some rooms -- most rooms in town are taken up for these affairs. In the next issue of THE BURMAN NEWS, I will include pertinent information.

Once again, I urge that if it is a matter of attending one of these affairs, or our own Reunion, I would recommend that you pick ours. Incidentally, there is still space open for buying **bricks** in the Ranger Memorial, at \$250. apiece. The money that is collected now goes toward repairs and perpetual care. Contact me if you wish to buy a brick. As a member of the Executive Committee of the Ranger Memorial Foundation, I attend regular meetings at Ft Benning, as it solicits further contributions.

### EXECUTIVE SECRETARY:

#### Ray Lyons

Bob Passanisi has brought to our attention that the Great State of New Hampshire has dedicated a Highway Bridge (small) 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. We have been in touch with NH State Senator James Squires who sponsored the naming of the Bridge. Turns out he has a copy of the The Marauders Movie. He has indicated interest in having a ceremony at the Bridge site in the Spring. Details to follow. Will probably include a Luncheon in the area.

Major Peter Petitio, Commanding Officer of the Orange Combat Team, also passed away on November 16th. A full Military Funeral was held at the Arlington National Cemetery on December 1, 1998.

We have received several letters

from members lately which tell us that they called other Marauders and discovered that their buddy had been dead for several years. We would like to advise widows and other surviving family members that we would appreciate hearing from them about these events. We have had a long-standing advisory

from the Board of Directors that surviving family members should be kept on the computer list to receive the BURMAN NEWS if they indicate interest in it. We know that in many instances that is why they do not write to us because they would like to continue getting the B/N.

## PASS IN REVIEW

### Deaths reported recently

#### Names and Hometowns (Where Known), Organization Where and when deceased.

- CHARLTON OGBURN**, a lieutenant in Merrill's Marauders, 5307/1/HQ/COMM O, 403 Hancock St, Beaufort SC, 29902-4717, 803-524-9350, died October 19, 1998 at his home, at the age of 87. Ogburn's book, first published in 1956, later republished in paperback, focused new public attention on the exploits of our fighting force, and has ever since been accepted as the classic human account of the Burma Mission. A native of Atlanta and a graduate of Harvard, Ogburn served 11 years in the State Department, following World War II, resigning upon publication of the Marauder book, to devote full time to writing. In all, he wrote 14 books on such varied themes as Shakespeare's possible real identity and nature along America's southeast coast. But to the year he died, Ogburn maintained a lively interest in the Marauders. He was instrumental in the organization acquiring the status that it has today. He had nine major operations in recent years and died of asphyxiation.
- MILTON BRISTOL**, 5307, 99 SQUIRE HILL RD, NEW BRISTOL CT 06776, CATHERINE, August 8, 1996
- ANDREW CANGELLOZZI**, 5307/3/CO K, 988 Clements Bridge Rd, Barrington NJ 08007, September 1997 Zappolo
- JOE CANONIE**, 5307/1, 776 Monroe Blvd, South Haven MI 49090-1266, February 22, 1998 UNKNOWN
- JAMES A CARPENITO**, MTF, NURSING HOME LOWELL MA, 01853, UNK, BELIEVED DECEASED
- ROBERT BARRETT**, 5307, Gastonia NC, 1994, Pat Perrone
- FRANCIS CIOTTI**, 5307/3/Co K, 911 Bayard St, Bristol PA 19007, March 1997 Zappolo
- HUNT D CRAWFORD**, 5307/HQ/S-2; 475/HQ/S-2, 210 Osceola Av S, Oak Coves Room #207-1, Clearwater FL 34616, August 28, 1998 BUSHUR
- DONALD D GRINNELL**, 5307/3/HW; 475/3/M/81MM MRTS, PO Box 19, Redfield NY 13437-0019, DAHMMW JUNO.COM, HELEN, October 21, 1995
- GEORGE F HALL**, 26 Beechwood St, Thomaston ME 04861, December 1998
- ROBERT HEISE**, 5307/3, 1109 Grant St, Charlevoix MI 49720-1651, 616-547-6048, MADLYN, July 9, 1997
- EARL A HIGGINS**, 645 AAA MG BTRY, 1145 Alcliff Ln, Cincinnati OH 45238-4334, December 17, 1998, ROY Chambers
- WESLEY A JAMIESON**, 475/HQ/P&D, 2396 27th Ave S Apt 120, Grand Forks ND 58201-6488, November 7, 1998 PO
- DAWSON KENDALL JR**, 5307, 1635 Palo Verde Blvd S, Lake Havasu City AZ 86403-4735, 520-855-5863, October 3, 1998 ETHEL
- ALBERT E KING JR**, 5307/1/WCT, 2804 Blanche Dr, Burlington NC 27215-5228, 584-6595, DOT, November 23, 1998, MARY WESTON
- PAUL C LOUTZENHISER**, 5307, 475, 8 W Main St, Greenville PA, 16125-2306, September 29, 1996 SISTER
- RICHARD E LOWE**, 5307, %Hontz, 523 Broadway, Bangor, PA 18013, November 19, 1995
- EDWIN OILA**, 5307, PO BOX 95, MOHAWK MI 49950-0095, April 1973 widow
- GUY M ORRS**, 1397 5307/3/KCT, 49 Miller Dr, Sinking Spring PA, 19608-1269, ESTHER

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## PASS IN REVIEW (Continued From Page 5)

**CHARLES E PHILLIPS**, 5307, 555 Creek Rd, Poughkeepsie NY, 12601-1051, January 1997, DAVE Q.  
**LUTHER S PLAYER**, 0700, 5307/2/GCT/2/2, PO Box 137, Gladewater TX 75647-0137, March 15, 1998 Nadene Mahon  
**RAYMOND L SHUMAKER**, 5307/3/KCT/IR; 475/1/PD Platoon, 511 Newton St., #13156, Edwardsville, KS 66111-1225, 913-441-4271, Ruth, January 8, 1999 @ Paul Yardley  
**GUY R SIBLEY**, 0012, 5307/3/KCT/MED, 211 Laurel Manor Est, Phenix City AL 36869-7431, June 12, 1998, Margaret Drew  
**EUGENE J SMITH**, 5307/1/RCT, N5440 State Highway 55, Seymour WI 54165-8111, 788-1305, MARIAN, DIED 4 YEARS AGO WIDOW  
**EUGENE J WEINANDT**, 1331, 5307/236 ENGRS (C), PO Box 193, Madison Lake MN 56063-0193, MARY  
**ARTHUR A WERNER**, 1174, 5307/3/KCT, 6016 Nyanza Park Dr SW, Lakewood WA 98499-5230, 253-582-6710, LISELOTTE, October 16, 1998  
**R R WOLFORD**, 5307/2: 475/2, 115 Everett Pl Romney WV 26757-1408, DIED PO RET NOV 98 B/N

## SHARING THE STORY

### MEDIC'S STORY

By Maurice F Reardon, the Patriot Ledger, Weymouth MA.

One of the least known battlefields in World War II was the setting for the unique, legendary fighting force known as Merrill's Marauders in Burma. Merrill's Marauders, was a regiment sized unit - officially the 5307th Composite Unit (Provisional), code-named "Galahad".

A long-range deep-penetration unit, the Marauders fought behind Japanese lines, being supplied solely by parachute drops.

The unit campaigned in some of the most rugged mountainous jungle terrain in the world, where the humid heat was as high as 104 degrees. The unit's ranks were decimated by a range of jungle diseases including scrub typhus and malaria.

One of those who survived was Robert J Mulvaney, now 76, of David's Isle Road, Weymouth.

Mulvaney entered the army in 1942. Trained as a medical technician, Mulvaney went with his unit, the 44th Portable Surgical Hospital, to Oran, Algeria, in 1943. "We boarded ship in Oran headed for the China - Burma - India Theater of Operations on 26 November 1943, but were hit off the coast by a German glider bomb. Our ship, a British troop transport, was loaded not only with our unit but Indian troops as well. A total of

1,125 men died including 18 of 33 men in our unit, plus loss of equipment," Mulvaney recalled. The Weymouth man spent 2 1/2 hours in the water before being picked up by an American mine-sweeper.

"The hospital unit I was with was attached to the Marauders and we performed under extremely difficult conditions," Mulvaney said.

Those included using a canvas stretcher as an operating table and an air-supply drop parachute

as a shelter from the sun and the monsoon rains.

The disease rate was terrific among the men. "Nearly 80 percent of our losses were from typhus, which was rampant in that country," he said.

The terrain in the mountains was so steep that even the Missouri mules used by the Marauders were unable to cope with it.

"Mules' loads had to be off loaded and packed over some trails by the men," Mulvaney said.

During his time in Burma, Mulvaney said, he was scared all the time by "the extremely accurate Japanese shelling and the awe-inspiring thunder and lightning storms."

By the time the unit took part in its' last major battle in Burma, the siege of Myikyina, which was wrested from the Japanese the Marauders were a spent force.

"Every man remaining should have been hospitalized. During the approach march to Myitkyina, even if you were barely able to keep up, you were required to 'march off' the effects of malaria or be left behind," Mulvaney said. Mulvaney lives at 3 David's Island Road, Weymouth MA 02191-2113.

## LOST, STRAYED, STOLEN

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

**HAROLD J KOHLER**, 5307/502MP, RR 1 Box 251, Lawson MO 64062-9731, 816-354-2352, VICTORIA, NOT DEL AS ADDR

**BERNARD D LEASURE**, 0188, 5307/209/A; 209/A, 17618 Lappans Rd, Fairplay MD, 21733-1103, 301-223-8050, JUNE, MOVED NO FORWARD

**CHARLES H METCALF**, 5307/1, 4018 Menlo Ave, San Diego CA 92105-1912, PO RET UNDEL AS ADDR

**GEORGE MIKULAN**, 5307/2/F CO, 451 44th St Apt 507, Pittsburgh PA 15201-1123, Fwd Ord Exp

**ROBERT D PARSILS**, 5307/2/GCT/P&D, 82 Fairview Ave # A2, Westwood NJ 07675-2231, DOROTHY, ADD EXP

**GEORGE F RICHER**, US Soldiers Home, PO Box 278, Washington, DC 20044-0278, Fwd Ord Exp

**JAMES SHOOK**, 0542, RR 1 Box 97, Golden MS 38847-9801, UNDEL AS ADDR

**JOHN B SLOWEY**, 5307, 3475 Eden St, Philadelphia PA 19114-3605, 215-836-5954, Moved no fwd add

**ROBERT E SPEER**, 5307/1/WCT, PO Box 58, Haubstadt In 47369-0058, 812-768-6670

**CARL STOCKDALE**, 5307, 475 9409 67th St, Pinellas Park FL, 33782-2952, PO RET ADD UNK

## CARRYING THE TORCH

Torch Carriers, some new and some old. Honorary Members that are in touch.  
**LINA JOE HOLCOMB**, 407 W Van Buren, Belleville Il 6220-2469, 618-233-8812,

**HEADQUARTERS 475TH INFANTRY**

A.P.O. 218  
4 November 1944

GENERAL ORDER )

NUMBER 10) Section  
Awards of the Purple Heart Medal ..... I  
Amendments to General Orders - Awards ..... II

I. AWARDS OF THE PURPLE HEART MEDAL:

Under the provisions of par 16, AR 600-45, dated 22 September 1943 and par 2c, Cir #55, Hq, USAF, CBI, APO 885, dated 29 May 1944, the O's and EM indicated below are awarded the Purple Heart Medal for wounds and injuries, sustained on date indicated, in combat against the enemy in the North Burma Campaign.

<u>JAMES D HOLLAND</u> , 0437478, Captain, Inf, Hq & Hq Co, 3 Bn	11 June 1944
<u>JORDAN J ADKINS</u> , O1312264, 1st Lt, Inf, Hq & Hq Co, 3 Bn	15 June 1944
<u>PAUL T. INGLE</u> , 0516480, 1st Lt, Inf, Co G	29 July 1944
<u>LEE M NELSON</u> , O1312971, 1st Lt, Inf, Hq & Hq Co, 3Bn	29 July 1944
<u>WORTH E RECTOR</u> , 6929880, 1ST Sgt, Co E	8 June 1944
<u>WILLIAM F DONALDSON</u> , 696352, Tech Sgt, Hq & Hq Co, 3 Bn	2 July 1944
<u>HENRY J. OCKMAN</u> , 34150403, S/Sgt, Co I	8 June 1944
<u>HARRY G SARDELLA</u> , 32766321, S/Sgt, Co K	5 August 1944
<u>LEWIS E DAY JR.</u> , 6152446, T/4, Co I	14 June 1944
<u>DWIGHT D EMERSON</u> , 36436065, T/5, Medics, 1st Bn	14 March 1944
<u>ANTONIO CAVAZOS</u> , 38555603, PFC, Co L	22 June 1944
<u>LEE F COUNCIL</u> , 33501264, PFC, Co G	28 June 1944
<u>HUBERT E HATFIELD</u> , 6573533, PFC, Co L	11 June 1944
<u>VINCENT A MANISCALCO</u> , 31314416, PFC, Co K	12 June 1944
<u>ANTHONY J YASHINSKI</u> , 31314783, PFC, Co L	13 June 1944
<u>LAWRENCE E WEHRLY</u> , 37335137, Pvt, Co L	1 August 1944

II. AMENDMENTS OF GENERAL ORDERS - AWARDS:

1. So much of Sec 1, GO #8, this Hq cs, dated 15 October 1944, as pertains to award of Purple Heart Medal to HOWARD J HOCKETT, 16131122, S/Sgt, Hq & Hq Co, 3 Bn, is hereby revoked.

2. So much of Sec I, GO #8, this Hq cs, dated 15 October 1944, as pertains to award of Purple Heart medal to PAUL H. McGRATH, 35790430, PFC, Hq & Hq Co, 2 Bn, is hereby revoked.

By order of Colonel EASTERBROOK:

EDWIN J ROTHSCHILD,  
1st Lt, Infantry,  
Adjutant

OFFICIAL:  
T.J. DALTON,  
WOJG, USA

**LETTERS TO EDITOR**

**EDITOR**

My old platoon that went into combat was Co B, 1st Bn and the 5307th Composite Unit (Provisional). When the platoon got down to only eleven of us and being understrength, the Chinese took over our position. We were then assigned to A Company until Myitkyina fell in August of 1944. In late September or October, the remainder of the platoon (11 of us) were assigned to the 475th Infantry. I met a fellow MM member by the name of Nick Cerra at a luncheon. He had a book called Merrill's Marauders in Burma. It listed most of the Marauders. I would greatly appreciate it if you would send me

a copy of the book. Arthur Aucoin, 31 Center St. Bellingham MA 02019

**EDITOR:**

How do you thank so many who have helped me to retrace my Uncle Billy Daye's footsteps? We were able to piece together that he died the July 1st 1944, 5307/2 Bn/F Co ambush. For 55 years, the family never received any information. My grandfather and family were grateful for the answers to the many formerly unanswered questions. I met so many wonderful people at the Reunion. I was honored to be among so many of my Uncle's comrades. I will never forget any of you. On September 21, 1998, my Grandfather Philip W Daye passed away with the knowledge of his son's demise. Grandpa was 99

years young and also a WW I veteran serving in France with the 29th Division, Battery D, 54th Artillery. He will also be missed. I feel so fortunate to have been able to find all of you. Whenever I look at the American Flag, my thought will be with you, Merrill's Marauders. We could all be living quite differently if it was not for your courage and sacrifices. I believe each one of us can make a difference. This has been my way. This proud American, Salutes You! I hope to see you in Nashville. Please stay in touch. Love, Debbie Mixes-Flanigan, 89 Dummer St, Bath ME 04530

Experience is something you don't get until just after you needed it.

## BITS AND PIECES

### MORE HONORS

A report from the Pack Artillery that Mrs Lois Acker, widow of "Red" was awarded the "Order of Saint Barbara" by the U.S. Field Artillery Association

### OVERSEAS SHIPMENT OF MULES TO SOUTH PACIFIC & INDIA THE MOVEMENT OF MULES FROM BURMA TO CHINA

Randy Colvin, Historian for the 612th & 613th F A BNS (Pk) is seeking information on the shipment of mules from the States to South Pacific and/or India, also movement of mules from Burma to China. He has info on the 612th, they took three boat loads of mules from New Orleans to Calcutta via the Mediterranean- Red Seas.

The 33rd QM PK TR took a load of mules and the boat was sunk. All men saved, all mules lost.

Reports say the 31st, 35th and 37th took mules to India, we have no ship names, or dates.

The 97th, 98th and 99th F A Bns had mules in South Pacific, who took mules overseas for them and what dates.

For 45 years, he believed that the 612th and 613th men took one group of mules from Burma to

China and all mules were shot due to contacting a disease. Later information shows that at least three other groups also were taken from Burma to China. One of these groups also were shot, the other two groups were put in a corral and the men took off due to Civil War in China. If you have any information on either of these mule movements, please drop me a line.

I plan on writing an article on these two subjects. Randall Colvin, 252 Flesher Dr, Ellisville MO 63011

### HONOR FOR DONALD DELOREY

The recent issue of the BURMA STAR newsletter revealed that the 1st American Branch awarded the Manley Memorial Award to Captain Donald W. Delorey, posthumously, for the time and effort he put forth in the training and employment of numerous individuals who were partially mentally or physically handicapped, during the many years he spent with the S. W. Kresge Company. Captain Delorey was no stranger to the ill effects of pain, having been seriously wounded three times during battles in Burma and spent many months of recuperation in Army Hospitals. His son Donald Delorey, Jr accepted the Honor.



*LTC Alfred Dochnal addresses group at Cincinnati reunion. LTC Dochnal is currently Battalion Commander of the 5th Ranger Training Bn at Camp Merrill, Dahlonaga, GA.*

### JAPANESE-AMERICAN MEMORIAL

The National Japanese American Memorial Foundation has acknowledged the \$500 gift from the Merrill's Marauders Association. The Foundation accepts gifts as a Non-profit organization under Treasury Dept 501 (c) (3) as being Tax exempt. Their address is 1726 M Street, NW Suite 500, Washington DC 20036

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