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The Burman News

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NASHVILLE A SUCCESS

Those that came to the Music City had a great time and wish you were also there to enjoy. Sally and I were not able to make it so that the reports will be delayed to some extent. We believe there was a large attendance - 280 were on the sign in sheet. Mike Mc Laughlin took over our work and was assisted by Emma Piazza, Helma Bernardi, Sam Rapisarda, Bob Passanisi and others.

FRIDAY NIGHT SUPPER - We had an impressive talk by Dr. James E. T. Hopkins, Bn Surgeon, 3rd Bn. It was not possible to get it transcribed and to me in time for this issue. But I do know that it was highly appreciated by the members. He must have re-read his new book - **SPEARHEAD**.

SATURDAY NIGHT BANQUET - The guest speaker was Colonel P. K. Keen, Commander 75th Ranger Regiment. His talk is reported in this issue.

GENERAL BUSINESS MEETING -

FINANCIAL REPORT - Herb Clofine

Balance 8/26/98	\$11,982.25
Deposits	<u>11,558.89</u>
	23,541.14
Checks	<u>11,832.59</u>
Balance 8/27/99	11,708.55
Executive Secretary Account	<u>422.66</u>
	\$12,131.21

EXECUTIVE SECRETARY REPORT - Ray Lyons

Last year Donations at Reunion \$4,431.00

Expenses Year to Date 5,566.00

Last Year Expenses 5,357.77

Expenses include Postage, Stationery, Burman News Printings and Mailing, Book Purchases, etc.

Sent out 929 pieces of mail + 6061 copies of the B/N

Balance in Exec Sec Acct. = \$422.66, due to a last minute donation of \$500.

Compared to last year \$170.35. Again we had to rely on the Treasurer to pay for some of the costs.

Membership totals = Regular Members 1298 - Honorary Members 462

It should be noted that John and Bob Passanisi are doing a tremendous job on the Marauder Web Site. Those of you who do not have access to the WWW., should ask for assistance from a friend or neighbor or local library to see what they are up to.

From John Easterbrook, we have heard that the plans for shipping the Marauder type weapons to the Stilwell Museum are complete as far as the Army is concerned. Now waiting for State Dept. approval.

HISTORIAN - Bob Passanisi

MILITARY LIAISON OFFICER - Dave Richardson

HISTORIAN EMERITUS - Dave Quaid, Excused absence.

PRESIDENT - Phil Piazza

REUNION SITE - There is an ongoing discussion about the Reunion Site for next year. Some folks wanted the Doubletree Hotel, Pittsburgh, tentative package rate for two - \$332.. Extra night lodging \$89 + tax. These are subject to negotiation. Another choice was the Huntsville AL Hilton Hotel, package rate for two \$294.20. Extra night \$66. + tax. As we go to press, the Executive Committee has not decided on these two options. We believe they are leaning toward Pittsburgh.

MERRILL'S MARAUDERS BRIDGE CEREMONY

Members of Merrill's Marauders Association are cordially invited to attend a dedication ceremony and dinner afterwards at Merrill's Marauders Bridge, over the Skowhegan River on Everett Turnpike at Merrimac, NH at 3:00 p.m. Veterans Day, Thursday, Nov. 11th.

Honoring Merrill's Marauders for their outstanding accomplishments in the Northern Burma campaign in WW II, a bronze memorial plaque on the bridge will bear the Marauder emblem. Honored at the same time will be General Frank D. Merrill, who following his military service served as Highway Commissioner for the State of New Hampshire.

Those attending the ceremony will gather at the Highlander Hotel adjacent to the Manchester Airport for the half hour (15 mile) ride to the bridge. The dinner that evening will take place in the same hotel, hosted by former New Hampshire Governor Hugh Gregg, NH State Senator James Squires and as sponsor of the Fidelity Company.

Room reservations for those attending are priced at \$99 and may be made at the Highlander Hotel, phone: 1-800-548-9248. Be sure to say you are with the Merrill's Marauders party, as a block of rooms have been reserved in our name.

If you have any questions about the event, phone either Phil Piazza, 864-972-3239; Bob Passanisi, 516-957-9634, or Dave Richardson, 202-364-4617.

RANGER HALL OF FAME

Merrill's Marauders captured three Honorary Awards presented at the Annual Ranger Rendezvous in Fort Benning GA, in July -- the most the Marauders have ever won in the history of these honors.

Dr Abraham Kolodny, who had been a surgeon for B Battalion,

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was inducted as an Honorary member of the 75th Ranger Regiment. He was only the fourth Marauder to receive Honorary Membership in the eleven years of these awards. The citation for "Doc" Kolodny told how he "worked under austere and almost primitive conditions and saved the lives of countless wounded and feverishly sick Members". Paying tribute to his later services in Merrill's Marauders Association, 75th's citation said: "Your years of dedication and devotion" in war and peace "have won a place for you among the very finest who have served our great nation."

The same day two Marauders were inducted, posthumously, into the Ranger Hall of Fame "for extraordinary service to the nation." Lieut. Col. Caifson Johnson won induction for his performance as Commanding Officer of the White Combat Team of the First Battalion, when "After the capture of the airfield at Myitkyina, and having participated in 35 battles without any relief or replacement, the Marauders were decimated from battle casualties, sickness and disease.

"Although he was eligible to be rotated home," said the citation of Col. Johnson, he "elected to remain with his men and assumed command of the First Battalion. The remnants of the Regiment were reformed and reorganized into the 475th Infantry Regiment for the next phase of the arduous campaign and continued on to China. His leadership then was so dynamic that many soldiers volunteered to stay on the mission. He commanded with great distinction, always leading the way, and on many occasions was seen to carry multiple packs and rifles of men who had become too exhausted on the treacherous mountain trails. He was a great leader".

The second Marauder to be inducted into the Hall of Fame this time was Sgt. Maj. Arthur A Werner. Earlier in World War II, he had fought the Japanese on Guadalcanal, where he led recon patrols and ambush patrols at Bloody Ridge and Hill 27. "For his gallantry in action," the citation said, "he received his first award for outstanding courage in

attacking a strong point ring of fifty Japanese pillboxes and resisting repeated attacks by an Infantry Regiment. This action lasted for three weeks until a decision was made to use a tank to break up the position. He then volunteered to lead a patrol following the tank to protect its occupants from antitank grenades."

Then volunteering to join the Marauders, Sgt Werner made his mark with C Battalion. "When B Battalion was surrounded on the hill at Nhpum Ga, the citation said, "He repeatedly led patrols to try to break through and carried some of his wounded men to safety despite being wounded trying to knock out a machine gun next." Sgt Werner returned to action in two later wars, leaving civilian life to fight in Korea, then for three tours in Vietnam. The awards he won in 30 years in the Army included two Silver Stars, five Bronze Stars and two Purple Hearts. DR

HOW TO GET INTO HALL OF FAME

Every summer one or more fellow veterans of the Marauders-Mars Task Force campaign in Burma have been inducted into the Ranger Hall of Fame at Fort Benning, GA, along with those from other Ranger units.

How can a deserving veteran be nominated for the Hall of Fame? And how are those who are nominated picked from the nominees for the coveted awards?

Here's how the process works -

1. To be nominated, a person must be retired or separated from active duty service for at least three years, or deceased.

2. He must have served in a Ranger unit (such as the Marauders or 475th Infantry) in combat, or be a successful graduate of the U.S. Army Ranger School.

3. To qualify, the individual should either have:

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PASS IN REVIEW

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

GEORGE BRACIK, 124/3/HQ/HW/1, 42886 Dellefield Rd, Elyria OH, 44035-1004, 216-324-5100, **BETTY**, JULY 4, 1999

ROBERT E EARP, 5307/1/A CO, RR 1 Box 412, Boomer NC 28606, PO REP/ AUGUST ISSUE B/N

JOSEPH T GORAL 5307/3/M CO;475/3/M CO, 3755 Kosciusko St., St. Louis MO 63118-4105, 314-771-4773, **CORRINNE**, JULY 9, 1999 @ **DAVE DALE**

JAMES HANSEN, 5307/2/G CO; 475/2/G CO, 6377 Delores Blvd, Brookpark, OH 44142-3739, 216-676-4677, **DOROTHY**, APRIL 6, 1999, @CBIVA

RAYMOND M HARRIS, 5307/1/RCT, 2750 Drew St Rm 244, Clearwater, FL 33759-3081, AUGUST 4, 1999 @ James Precious

W F HARTMAN JR, 0692, 16 Heatherwood Ln, Bedminster NJ 07921-2051, @ **DOLORES**, APRIL 1999

SANFORD B HEAD, 475/3/I/1 PL LDR, PO Box 5097, Athens, GA 30604-5097, 543-8471, JULY 15, 1999 @ **HOMER COOPER**

JOHN R HORNER, 5307/1/RCT/A CO; 475/1/A CO, 165 Lincoln Ave, Torrington, CT 06790-6909, 203-489-8245; **GERALDINE**, 1996 @ **WID**

WALLACE H KIRKLAND, 5307/3/OCT/P&D, 1250 Ariana Blvd, Auburndale, FL 33823-2301, DECEMBER 18, 1998, @ **WIDOW/SARAH**

ADAM T KOBUS, 5307/1/WCT/B CO; 475/1/B CO, 3205 Alberta St Munhall, PA 15120-3153, @ **WIDOW MARGE**

HAROLD H KRETCHMAR, 0022, 5307/3/KCT, 11608 N 107th Ave, Sun City AZ, 85351-3705, **WANDA**, JULY 27, 1999

JAMES L MC CULLOUGH, 5307, (SEE NEPHEW ADDRESS = 6441 W MC DOWELL RD, APT 2036, PHOENIX AZ 85035, 623-247-1965) OCTOBER 25, 1965 @ Nephew

EDMUND W Mc NEIL, 5307, 8811 Chatham Rd, Medina, OH 44256, June 6, 1998 @ Son Guy

SIGMUND J PAVELA, 5307/3/OCT;MULES, 930 Johnson St, La Crosse, WI 54601-5506, JANUARY 6, 1999 @ Son David

INTO HALL OF FAME . . .

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a) Shown exceptional valor during participation in armed conflict (not necessarily through receipt of the Congressional Medal of Honor or Distinguished Service Cross, but at a similarly high level) or

b) Made extraordinary contributions to the United States, the Armed Forces, the U.S. Army Rangers or a Ranger association. These contributions should epitomize the selfless service of a Ranger (of particular interest is any nominee who was instrumental in developing new concepts to define the modern Ranger and enforce the Ranger ethos).

4. The individual should have demonstrated exemplary personal character through his embodiment of the tenets of the Ranger creed.

To submit a name for nomination, you must provide the following (AND AN OFFICER OF THIS ASSOCIATION WILL BE MADE AVAILABLE IF YOU WANT HELP IN THIS):

A. A letter of nomination giving the candidate's name, Social Security number and highest rank held, then detailing his qualifications.

B. A biography of the candidate, limited to two typed pages, describing his civilian background, service with the U.S. Armed Forces and achievements.

C. A proposed citation, limited to 25 typed lines, for display in the Hall of Fame.

D. As a desirable option, copies of citations for valorous awards received by the candidate.

E. The complete mailing address and phone number of the nominee, or those of the closest relative if applicable.

F. One 8x10-inch glossy photograph of the candidate for permanent display as requested.

Applications containing all of the above should be mailed for authentication by our Association to Phil Piazza, 374 Timberlake One Circle, Seneca, SC 29678-6335 by December 1st at the latest.

Phil, as President of the Association, will then distribute copies of all nominations to the Executive Committee of our Board

of Directors to decide which should go forward this year.

Those deemed most deserving by this elected group of fellow Marauders will be presented in January as our Association's nominees to the selection committee for the Hall of Fame. That committee may select no more than 75 per cent of those nominated each year as best

qualified to receive the awards.

For any further questions or assistance in the preparation of nominating papers, call Phil Piazza or another Merrill's Marauders Association officer listed in the Directory.

Remember, the annual deadline for consideration by our Board is December 1st.

LOST, STRAYED, STOLEN

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

WALTER M CAPPER, 5307/3/KCT, 5120 Hawthorne St, Philadelphia, PA, 19124-1343, MOVED LEFT NO ADDRESS

DALLAS M HENDERSON, 0780, 5307, 4946 David Cox Rd, Charlotte, NC 28269 0355, MOVED LEFT NO ADD

LEON E SNYDER, 5307, PO Box RD, Port Crane, NY 13833, 607-648-8651, INSUFF ADD

HEADQUARTERS 475TH INFANTRY

A. P. O. 218
21 November 1944

GENERAL ORDERS)

NUMBER 12)

Section
Awards of the Combat Infantryman Badge I
Amendments to General Orders - Awards.....II

I. AWARDS OF THE COMBAT INFANTRYMAN BADGE.

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 1 June 1944.

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|-----------------------|-----------------|
| BAGLEY, Edgar S | 9101573 T/3 |
| COBB, Stanley G | 6146967 S/Sgt |
| CURCIO, Frank D | 32805899 Pvt * |
| JOHNSON, Robert Allen | O-442409 1st Lt |
| KIRSTEN, Marvin J | 13129811 T/4 |
| LATTIN, John N | O-451634 Maj * |
| STILL, Daniel | EO-19510 Lt Col |

II. Amendments to General Orders - awards.....

So much of Par 1, Sect I, GO #3, this Hq, cs, dated 25 August 1944, as pertains to MOLDER, Harold R 38107034, PFC; is hereby corrected to read: MOLDER, Carroll R 38107034, Pfc.

By order of Colonel EASTERBROOK:

OFFICIAL:
T J Dalton, sign
T J DALTON
WQJG, USA
Asst .Adj.

EDWIN A ROTHSCHILD
1st Lt, Infantry
Adjutant

KEEN'S REUNION SPEECH

Following are excerpts from the talk given at the Saturday night banquet at the Nashville Reunion by Col. P.K. (Ken) Keen, who took over in July as commander of the 75th Ranger Regiment:

To give it to you up front and to the bottom line, the Ranger Regiment has never been in better shape. We have the resources that we need to train and prepare for any situation in which we may find ourselves--from conducting raids behind enemy lines, much like you did, to airfield seizures, to airborne assaults, to long-range foot infiltration.

We are a force of some 2,200 Rangers, not unlike Merrill's Marauders, with essentially three light infantry battalions geograph-

ically dispersed: one in Savannah, Georgia, one in Fort Lewis, WA, and one in Fort Benning, GA, with our regimental headquarters. They all train exclusively to fight at night, routinely in urban areas, because that's where we see the majority of our fighting men fighting in the future. But we train in all sorts of environments, such as the jungle, mountains, desert and the plains of Europe.

The basic foundation that makes the Ranger Regiment different from any other infantry

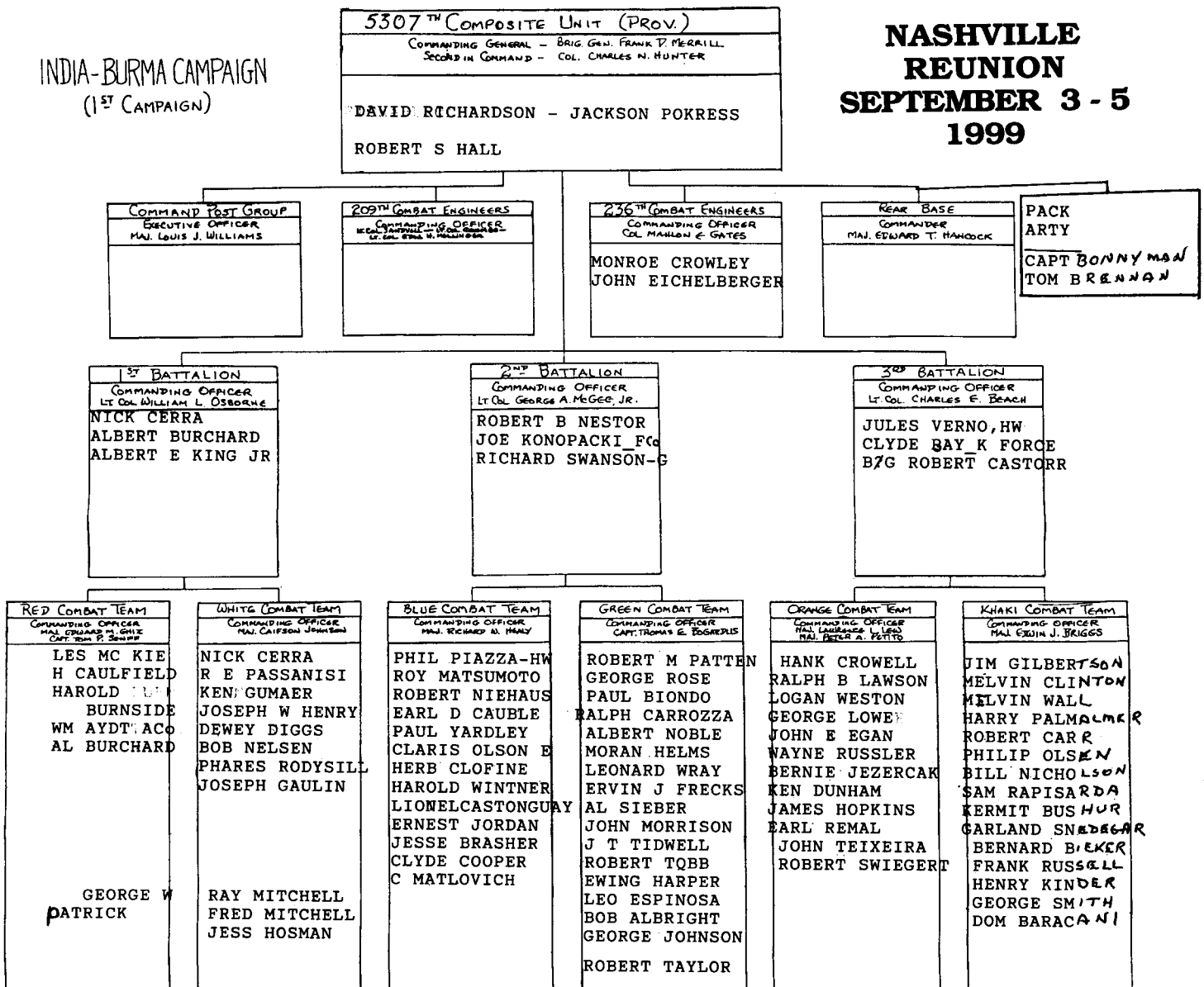
units today is our focus on four distinct capabilities. I don't think these will be strange to any of you. These are physical training, marksmanship, medical proficiency and small unit tactics. We like to think we have learned the lessons that you have taught us in combat, and implemented those lessons to prepare us for tomorrow.

We do a lot of physical training based upon obstacle courses, based upon being able to move long distances with heavy loads, and being able to do things with our upper bodies. Many of you coming out of World War II have told how important it is to be ready to carry weights and loads in combat.

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COLONEL KEEN'S SPEECH ...

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With the advent of technological advances, Rangers today are much more capable of seeing and hitting what we are shooting at under all conditions. Without a doubt, our marksmanship standards are higher today than ever. Our Rangers routinely go on marksmanship ranges at night and are

able to hit any target out to 300 meters because of technical advances now available to us. We pride ourselves in leading the Army in that respect.

We have gone a long way as well in improving medical proficiency-- and right down to the rifleman level. We know it's not enough to have a surgeon or medical assistant within the battalion. The lessons we have learned from

World War II and Somalia have taught us that we were inadequate when it came to treating the wounded on the field of battle. Today every Ranger is given basic lifesaver training. He is taught how to stop bleeding, how to clear an artery, how to administer intravenously, how to perform other emergency treatment.

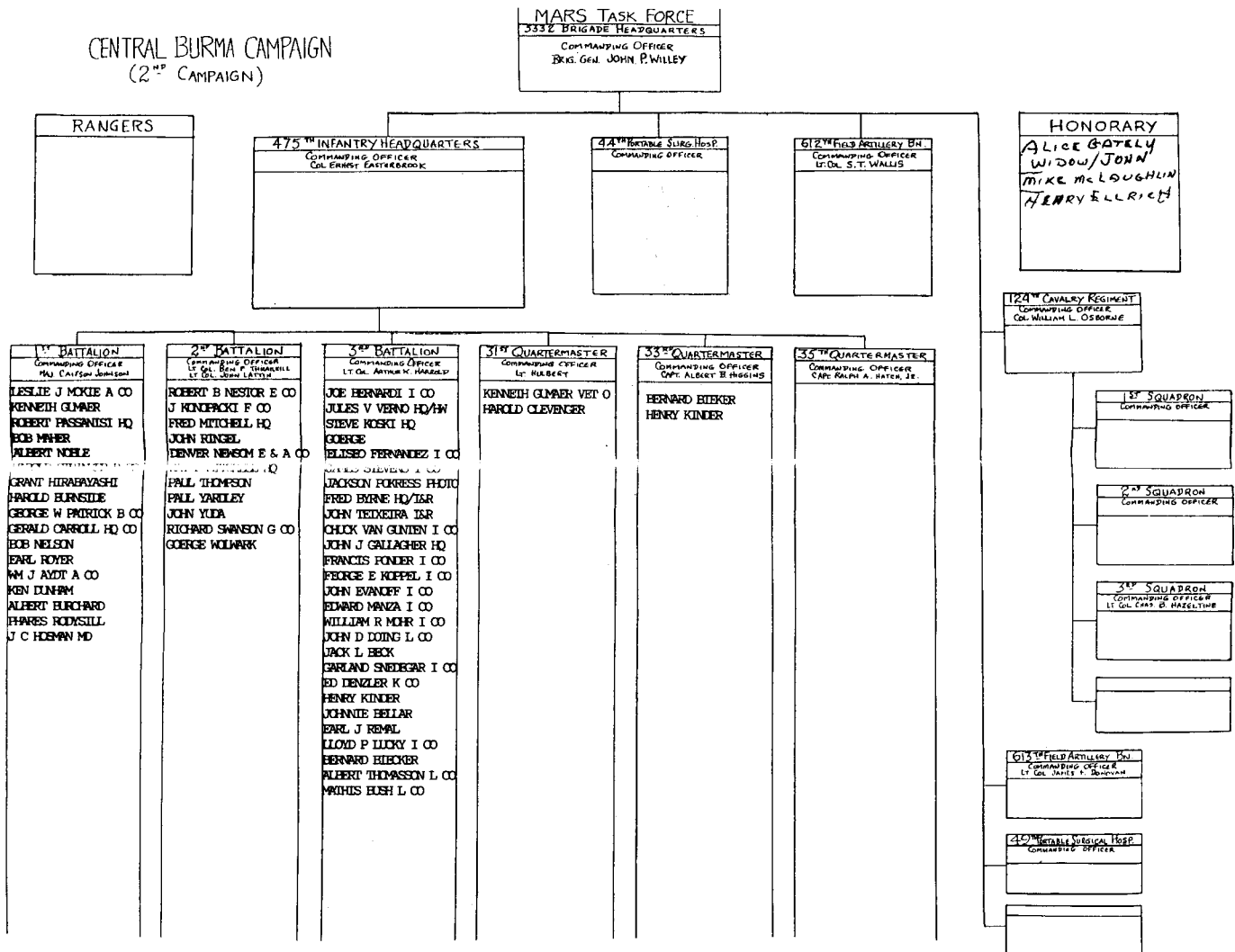
We send all of our medics today to a six-month special operations medical training course to get them to an even higher lever of battlefield proficiency. In our training exercises you will see Rangers simulating casualties, so as to force others to treat and evacuate them just as they must in combat. It's routine to see Rangers administer an IV on a live firing range and get a casualty all the way back to the medical aid station. They learn how vital that is to save Ranger lives.

FALL IN

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

- CHARLES E BANKS**, 5307, 1336 12TH ST, NEVADA IA 50201
- JOHN A GRUBER**, 5307; 475, 3616 OAKWOOD, ERIE PA 16508
- BRONISLAW C JAKSONA**, 5307; 475, 13303 S MOONRAKER TERR., FLORAL CITY FL 34436
- JOHN F McKNIGHT**, 5307, 767 N BROAD ST EXT, GROVE CITY PA 16127
- FLOYD F ORTIS**, 5307; 475, 3350 E RAMSEY AV #113, CUDAHY WI 53110
- CHARLES RAIMEY**, 5307; 475, BOX 182 NORWAY ME 04268
- JOHN K REED**, 5307; 475, 800 N 15TH ST, MEXICO BEACH FL 32456

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COLONEL KEEN'S SPEECH ...

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Our other area of concentration, on small unit tactics, is no stranger to you or any other infantrymen. The result of all this training is an infantry force made up of highly skilled and disciplined teams capable of highly complex, decentralized operations. In this respect, I believe we will come to see the last two years and the next



Colonel P. K. (Ken) Keen

few years as pinnacle years in the history of our regiment. We are making other fundamental changes, such as re-emphasizing the role of snipers by organizing them at battalion level, and restoring the 120MM mortar that we did not have for a number of years.

For all this, we have not forgotten where our real roots lie. As you all know, what really makes a Ranger a more elite soldier is the man himself. We are and will remain the best light infantry force in the world because of the special character of the men who prove themselves as Rangers. And when it comes down to character, it is you of Merrill's Marauders who have led the way. Each time we look at our regimental colors and the streamers that hang from that pole, we are reminded with pride of those in whose footsteps we follow.

Because of space limitations, the text of the talk given by Dr. James Hopkins at the Friday night dinner at the Nashville Reunion does not appear in this issue, but will appear in the next issue of THE BURMAN NEWS.

**SHARING THE STORY
JAP AMBUSH AVOIDED**

I have received more information on where I was in Burma through your organization than any other. My mule was sore footed and got us lost from the rest of the outfit. When I got to the bottom of the mountain, there were no mule prints in the soil but one track lead to jungle area and I knew that if the group ahead had gone straight, that there would have been a lot more tracks. So I refused to go on until an officer came forward and ordered us to proceed ahead. One did come up and sent out a forward guard to check to the left. In a while he came back. Our outfit had turned left, the Japs had set up an ambush for us and wiped out the tracks of our mules. When we caught up, we sat on a hill and watched a fighter plane strafe and bomb the Jap jungle area.

George E Ward, 475/1/C/MED,
PO Box 541, Leonard TX
75452-0541, 903-587-2203

LETTERS TO EDITOR**EDITOR:**

Please save or reserve me a copy of Doc Hopkins book "Spearhead". I would really be disappointed if I didn't get it. I could send the check even if you don't have them, yet.

I still hurt about the treatment Col Hunter received for standing up for his men. He retired in 1955 still a West Pointer Colonel. All my Regimental Col.'s made General, one even Commandant of West Point. Sam Wilson went from Lt to Lt Gen.

Remember your mission first, your men second, and yourself last. Hunter was put on Stilwell's #1 list for doing that. It would be nice if the book became a best seller. Best wishes and good health to you and yours.

I have an M-1 rifle complete with ammo, etc., I pick it up sometimes and it feels so heavy and I was a B.A.R. man. The guys in Burma use to ask if it was new, I kept it so clean. When I left Burma, I gave one of our replacements about one hour instructions and he gave me his brand new M-1. I still wonder if he made it. Before we got on the plane we dumped our weapons in a big pile. I wasn't about to do that. I gave it to an M.P.

and he didn't hesitate to take it. Funny about clean weapons - I found a real clean Japanese rifle at Nhpum Ga. It looked like it was just issued. I bet there are lots of little stories about Burma.

Charlie Beck, 5307/3/OCT/L CO,
4642 Monroe St, Riverside, CA
92504-2323, 909-689-7238

EDITOR:

I was in the Americal Division, five months on Guadalcanal. Volunteered for Merrill's Marauders. I was in 3rd Bn, under Lt Col Beach, column commander was Major Johnson, C.O. was Capt. Ozzie Burch. My friend Hank Aldrich was in the 1st Bn. I only knew of one person from ND that was a Marauder - John Holt of Fargo ND. I have been retired since 1978. I really enjoy your papers. Joe B Grotte, 205 Fifth St NW Apt 9, Watford City ND 58854-7105, 701-842-3584.



Left - Joel B. Grotte T/SGT 5307/3 OCT/HQ
Right - Speed Mason WOJG/HQ RE/SUPPLY
from Madison, WI, just came from overseas.

EDITOR:

My father, Edmund W. Mc Neil, passed away on June 6, 1998. Although he was an extremely proud member of Merrill's Marauders, he was somewhat reserved regarding some of his exploits during the war. My father was one of the soldiers pictured on the front cover of *Life* magazine article featuring Merrill's Marauders. He is the one looking into the trees. I would greatly

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appreciate any information regarding how I could acquire a copy of the magazine. Additionally, if any of your readers has any information or stories regarding my father, I would also greatly appreciate any correspondence.

Thank you and on behalf of my Father, he was honored to serve with you. *Guy McNeil, 8811 Chatham Rd., Medina, OH 44256*

BITS & PIECES

A mother had been teaching her three year old daughter the Lord's Prayer, by having her repeat it after her. One night the little girl said she was ready to solo. The mother listened with pride as the girl carefully enunciated each word right up to the end of the prayer... "And lead us not into temptation," she prayed, "but deliver us some E-mail. Amen"

MARAUDERS HONOR LYONS, CLOFINE

At the Saturday night banquet at the Nashville Reunion, Merrill's Marauders Association presented Certificates of Appreciation to Executive Secretary Ray Lyons and Treasurer Herb Clofine for long, dedicated and outstanding services. Following are the texts of these award certificates:

Raymond V. Lyons

From the time Ray Lyons boarded the troopship *S.S. Lurline* in San Francisco in 1943, joining other soldier volunteers as the first Merrill's Marauders, his role in our outfit was made clear. Assigned to clerical work on the voyage, he was destined not to take part in combat, but to support this fighting force by handling the records and other essential paper work for those who did the

fighting--a role he continues to perform to this day.

While most Marauders ranged deep into Northern Burma engaging the Japanese, Staff Sergeant Lyons worked night after night in General Stilwell's forward headquarters helping to prepare the maps and battle orders to send to General Merrill's unit. He got to the battlefield only when the Sergeant Major of the Marauders became a casualty at Myitkyina. There Ray carried on administratively under extreme conditions of fierce enemy action and disease for 73 days, winding up the war in Mars Task Force.

As a civilian, upon retirement from the U.S. postal service, Ray in 1977 resumed his valued services in support of Merrill's Marauders Association by becoming its Historian. He combed the National Archives in Washington, DC, for photographs of the Marauder campaign so that these could be displayed at each annual reunion. He established contact with the Military History Institute at Carlisle Barracks, PA. And he took over the editorship of the Association newsletter, the *Burman News*.

In 1984, Ray brought his administrative talents to a still higher level in support of the Marauders with his election as the

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CARRYING THE TORCH

Torch Carriers, some new and some old.

Honorary Members that are in touch.

ISABELLA GUIDO, 4230 M ST, PHILADELPHIA PA 19124-4911

FRANCES LEW, 2117 GLASGOW DR, CERES CA 95307-1628, WID/MAJ LEW

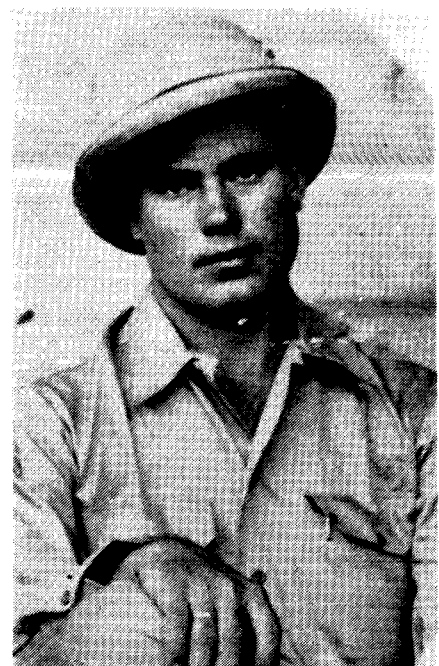
ELAINE LOHR, 20 CHESTNUT ST, SPOTSWOOD NJ 08884-2102, WID/JOHN

JAMES MC CULLOUGH, 6441 W McDowell Rd Apt 2036, Phoenix, AZ 85035-4761, 623-247-1965 NEPHEW/JAMES D

AMELIA WEBER, 2 BROOKLANE CT, WHITING NJ 08759, MEMORY OF FRANK



Left - James (Jim) F. McGuire, Right - Loranzo D. Smith (L.D.) brother of Johnnie Smith; Photo taken in Tucson, AZ, March, 1994. Jim McGuire and Johnnie Smith served in 1st Platoon, I Company, Khaki Combat Team, 3rd Bn.



Johnnie Smith, 1st Scout, 1st Platoon, I Co., Khaki Combat Team, 3rd Bn. In India, 1944.

MARAUDERS HONORED . . .

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Association's Executive Secretary. In the 16 years since then, he has expanded the *Burman News* and mailed more than 70,000 copies to members and to many important military and historical groups. From his home in Phoenix, AZ, he has fielded hundreds of telephone calls a year and written nearly 10,000 letters on Marauder business, has published an annual directory of all members and carried out countless other administrative chores.

As a tireless worker on the Association's behalf, Ray has earned our sincere gratitude for the rare dedication, energy and skill he has displayed in rendering outstanding services to the Marauders both in war and peace.

Presented at the 53rd Reunion of Merrill's Marauders Association, Nashville, TN, September 4, 1999.
Philip B. Piazza, President

Herbert Clofine

As a radioman in Merrill's Marauders, Sergeant Herbert Clofine demonstrated conspicuous dedication and skill throughout

our unit's World War II mission behind enemy lines in Burma--the same qualities that continue to mark his long service to this Association to this day.

During the first Marauder action at Walabum, Herb cranked out the word on his field radio that his partner Roy Matsumoto, a Nisei intelligence sergeant, had tapped Japanese telephone lines in a tree along the road--to discover the precise whereabouts of a secret enemy ammunition dump. Soon thereafter, a mighty explosion signaled that U.S. planes had wiped out the dump.

Later, when Herb's B Battalion was trapped by Japanese forces for 12 days in the village of Nhpum Ga, he and Matsumoto teamed up to help break the siege. Under repeated shelling, mortaring and infantry attacks that were causing heavy Marauder casualties, Herb coolly coded and transmitted vital intelligence about enemy plans and intentions that Matsumoto gleaned by listening to nearby but un-suspecting Japanese soldiers.

Following that battle, Herb switched to C Battalion to keep grinding out important intelligence

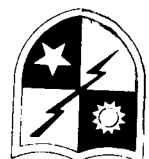
messages in the final march up and over the Kumon Mountains that climaxed in the seizure of the Japanese airfield at Myitkyina.

After the war, Herb, as a dedicated member of Merrill's Marauders Association, was in 1982 elected the organization's Treasurer. In the 17 years since then, with added skills acquired by running a small business, he has managed to swell the Association's treasury and assure its financial health by multiplying the memorabilia offered for sale an annual reunions. The revenues from these sales, plus annual donations, have provided the funding for the *Burman News*, the book and double-video versions of *Merrill's Marauders--War in Burman*, and other efforts to preserve the Marauder military record.

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