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EYES IN THE SKY

The enclosed photo is a section of a 4" x 5" print that I had around the house since WW II. I believe that I made this shot. I made at least three photo flights per month flown by the 71st Liaison Squadron. This entitled me to "flight pay" and since I was already receiving "Combat Infantryman's Pay", I was a double dipper. Some paymaster clerk in Rear Echelon took notice and I was given my choice of one bonus payment. I chose the CIB.

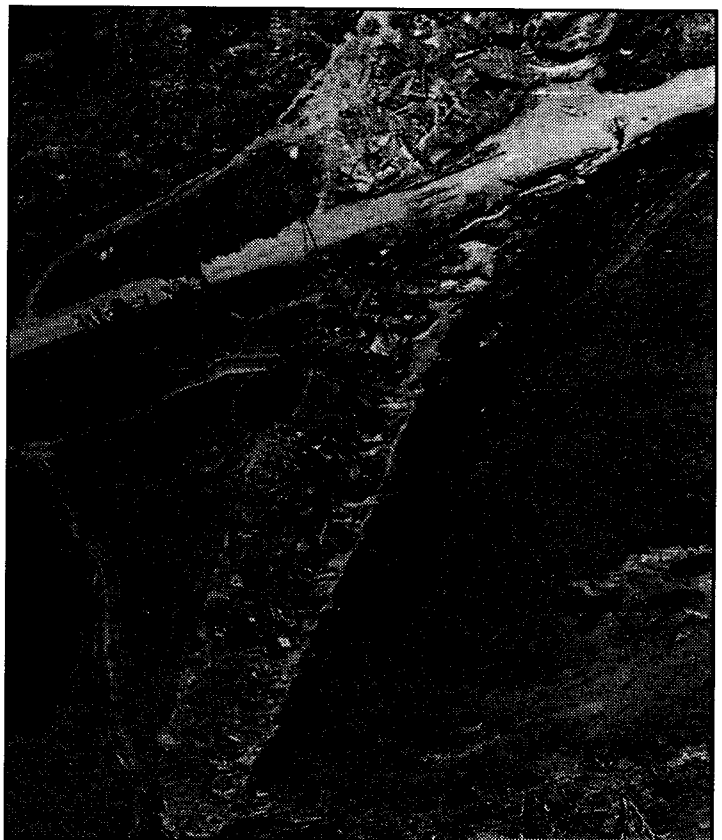
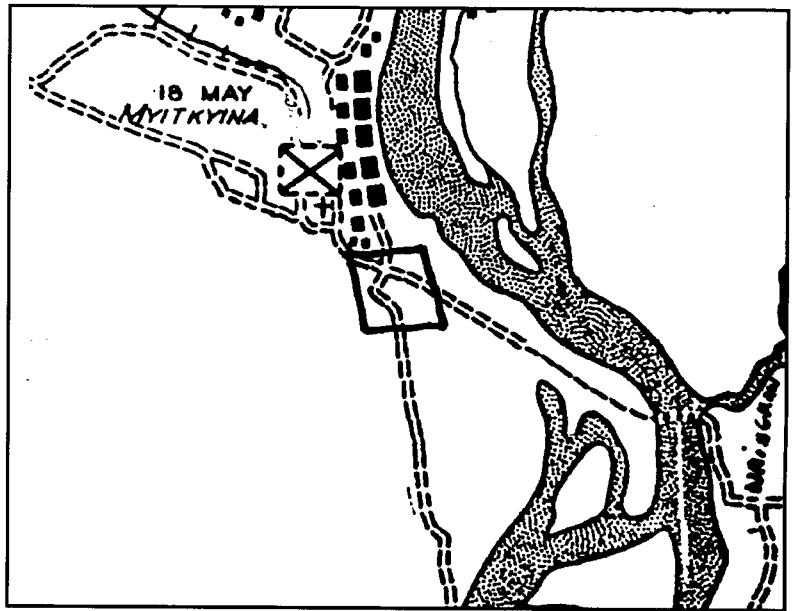
These shots were made for the P-40 dive bombers. One of the photographers would get coordinates and go up in an L-5 to pinpoint specific Jap positions. The C.O. of the 71st Liaison Squadron was bucking for a Presidential Unit Citation for the group. He decided to do the photography himself, which added to their other accomplishments might embellish their claim.

He was shot down. Perhaps not being qualified in aerial photography, he made too many passes over the target. You may recall that many of the Japanese Arisaka Rifles had a front sight that could be adjusted to lead an airplane. It is surprising that the device was not picked up for our weapons. After all, the Jerry Can and our entrenching tool came from the German Army.

On the road at the bottom of the photo can be seen a Jap riding a bicycle and a group hauling light artillery or heavy machine guns in carts. They may be ox carts but there are no oxen visible. They were eaten, I'm sure by the enemy.

The Jap positions were dug in under the elevated road across from the rice paddies. It is the road to the Waingmaw Ferry.

David Quaid, Combat Photographer,
5307/3/OCT, 282 Trotting Park Rd,
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SHARING THE STORY

A MYITKYINA REPLACEMENT

Tom Brennan and I had our Basic Training with the 389th Field Artillery. Our training was with 155 mm Howitzers. It consisted of reading maps, aerial photographs, surveying and computing distances to targets. Sometime in May 1944, Tom and I were at the air field in Myitkyina on guard duty. After that I was put in the 1st Bn, C Company Hq, 1st Platoon. I never dug a fox hole and never shot an M-1 rifle or a BAR or a .30 caliber water cooled machine gun or even had any infantry training and was scared as hell but learned fast. A lot of my buddies from my old outfit lost their lives there.

In August of 1945 at the end of the Battle of Myitkyina, we were cleaning up the last few Japs and a Medic came running up, looking for someone that had Type B blood. I was the only one that had Type B Blood. After I gave the blood, I came down with a very bad case of Malaria. I was kind of out of it and they put me on a cart with two others on carts and we had about six Burmese Guards to get us out of the jungle to the Field Hospital at the Air Strip. When we got through the jungle at the clearing everyone was waving at us and I reached up and tried to wave back. In the movie Merrill's Marauders near the end of the film, I am in the movie waving.

While in the hospital for many weeks, I met a Lt Rice who told me that they just trained a Chinese 155 Artillery Battalion in India and were going to join the two Chinese Infantry Divisions in Burma. I told him that I had my Basic training with the 155 Howitzers and he was very interested. Two days later, he came and asked me if I wanted to go with him with the Chinese 155 Artillery. I said I would. In a few days, I was sent to the Northern Combat Area Command to a Col Louis Lovell Headquarters. Col Lovell was in charge of all the artillery and 75 Pack outfits. At Bhamo we were a small headquarters. There was Col Lovell, Captain Smith, Lt Rice who

became Major Rice, 1st Lt Robert Mooney and a 2nd Lt that I can't remember and two Chinese Interpreters, Staff Sgt Frank Zakorsky and me. I took turns going up to the front with a 300 radio and a few officers to pick targets and adjust the rounds of fire. After Bhamo, we became a larger unit and we then went to Lashio. After Lashio fell, our C-47 plane landed in a rice paddy and all of a sudden a Jap Zero came from nowhere and blew our C-47 in half. We were under a large tree and when he flew over, we all took our rifles and shot him down. We then headed to Mandalay and after Mandalay fell, we all met with Lord Mountbatten. We then drove over the hump to Kunming and were getting ready to fight with the Chinese Command when we heard that the Japs had surrendered. John Yuda, 77 Cruse Rd, Sonora KY 42776-9422.

LOST, STRAYED, STOLEN

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5307/2/GCT, 5459 Huron Dr, Morrow
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MOUNTAIN ARTILLERY ASSOCIATION

Report from Woody Woodruff: Once again, an outstanding reunion was concluded last September, our 12th. It seems to be a fact that each annual

reunion is better than the one preceding. Most of the credit goes to our Hosts. Tom & Bettie Carr our most recent. But I believe a big factor is that the fraternal bonds binding our members, originating in the shared experiences of a long-ago war, grow stronger with each passing year. In the snow-bound mountains of Colorado, and in the steamy jungles of North Burma, sometimes with a deadly enemy to the front, always with a friendly yet cantankerous mule on the other end of a bridle rein or halter rope, we learned the one great, overriding fact of our lives, one that has dominated each year we have lived: The young Americans of our generation could depend on each other, could repose confidence in each other, could persevere, and though rank amateurs at the soldiering trade, could stand against the best any enemy could send against us, and bring home the victory. We are not the first generation of young Americans to learn this fact. We pray we will not be the last. We do not feel this in a boastful sense, but more in thankfulness, that our forebears and the Founding Fathers of this nation set the example and showed us the path. No doubt our country will some day again see before us the threatening heel of tyranny. May our descendants find in that case the same strength that sustained our fathers, and that we found we could also depend upon, in our turn.

GRADE SCHOOLERS THOUGHTS!

Future of "I give" is "I take"

Parts of speech are lungs and air.

Inhabitants of Moscow are called Mosquitoes.

Census taker is a man who goes from house to house increasing the population.

Spinal column is a long bunch of bones. The head sits on the top and you sit on the bottom.

Most houses in France are made of plaster of Paris.

We don't raise silk worms in the United States because we get our silk from rayon. He is a larger worm and gives more silk.

HUNTSVILLE AL - YEAR 2000 REUNION

The 54th Annual Reunion will be held Labor Day weekend, September 1-3, at the **Huntsville Hilton**, 401 Williams Av, Huntsville, AL 35801-5045 Telephone Reservations 1-800-445-8667 or 1-256-533-1400 FAX 1-256-534-4581, WEB site WWW.HILTON.COM/hotels/HSVHIHF/index.html?/show+all.

Package rate for a couple for two nights, Friday and Saturday, Sept. 1 and 2, is \$294.20, including lodging, Friday night dinner, Saturday breakfast, Saturday evening cocktail party and Banquet, Sunday morning brunch, including all taxes & gratuities. For one person, the package rate is \$220.70. Extra night's lodging is \$66, plus 10 per cent tax. Telephone your reservation to 1-256-533-1400, saying you are part of the Merrill's Marauders Association group and want the package rate.

Hotel Location - In the heart of Huntsville at 401 Williams Avenue, at the center of the city's Historical Twickenham District, adjacent to the Von Braun Center, which includes the Tourist Information Center.

Transportation - Free shuttle to and from the Huntsville Airport, 14 miles away. If entering the city by car on Route 565, turn on Church Street, then right on Williams. Trolley service to the rest of the inner city at 50 cents each (Not operating on Saturdays and Sundays).

Hotel Facilities - 277 rooms, 145 of which are non-smoking, 6 corner suites, 3 junior suites. Free parking for registered guests. Lofton's Restaurant, for Southern regional dining. Lobby bar with piano entertainment, offering sandwiches, snacks and hot appetizers. Room service, 6 AM to 11 PM. Concierge services. Same day laundry and valet service. Business center including fax capabilities, copier, computer with printer and dataport for personal computer. Fitness center and membership in Gold's Gym. Outdoor

swimming pool and Jacuzzi.

In-Room Amenities - Iron/ironing board. Hair dryer. 2 phones with dataport. AM/FM clock radio. Coffeemaker. USA Today delivered free, Monday through Friday. 36-channel cable TV with Showtime pay-per-view capability.

FALL IN

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

LEWIS R MC DANIEL 5307/3/CO M/81 MM MORTARS; 475/3/HQ CO/81 MM MRTRS, 110 Greenstone Dr, Reno NV 89512-1348

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RANGER COLUMN

FRIENDS OF THE RANGERS:

The 18th Annual David E. Grange Jr., Best Ranger Competition will be held April 28 through May 1, 2000 at Fort Benning, GA. The Awards Ceremony will be Monday, May 1, 2000, 1000 AM, at the Ranger Memorial, Fort Benning.

Interested in visiting this WebPages on the Merrill's Marauders Bridge Dedication?

www.75thrang.org/hq/hq4.htm. Click on the above address, scroll about half-way-down and click on the Marauder Patch. (Passanisi)

CARRYING THE TORCH

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

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FRANCES B ZIMMERMAN, 6500 Standing Boy Rd, Green Island Vista TH 1, Columbus GA 31904-2267, Honor of John Jones.

ABOUT A FATHER

God saw he was getting tired,
And a cure was not to be:
So he put His arms around him,
And whispered. "Come with me."
With tearful eyes, we watched him suffer,
And saw him fade away.

Although we loved him dearly,
We could not make him stay.
A golden heart stopped beating,
Hard working hands to rest:
God broke our hearts to prove to us,
He only takes the Best!

Charles S Atkins from Mrs Jerry Atkins

OFFICERS ROW

PRESIDENT: Phil Piazza

Things have been really hectic since the reunion with innumerable meetings and ceremonies. I will also be going back to Huntsville, AL to meet with the Hotel Manager and the Chamber of Commerce to finalize plans for the coming reunion. Our good Marauder friend, Major General David L Grange, retired after thirty very honorable years service to his country. He will be missed. I attended a Testimonial for him at the Hilton Hotel. Gen. Grange was a prime mover in making the Ranger Memorial become a reality when he commanded the Regiment. We are all indebted to him. He also had a special fondness for the Memorial. He selected the site of the Memorial for his Retirement Ceremony rather than at the Pentagon as it is normally done, so that his many Ranger friends could be there. He and his wife Holly and sons, David and Matthew will be moving to the Chicago area.



L to R: Duke Dushane-Ranger H of F, Gen. Shelton-Chairman Joint Chiefs of Staff, Phil Piazza-Ranger H of F (President-Merrill's Marauders)

EXECUTIVE SECRETARY: Ray Lyons

We have been having a problem acquiring "SPEARHEAD" books to sell promptly to you folks. I order them in what I consider to be sufficient advance time to anticipate your requests. But it takes them 4 to 6 weeks to get the books to me. Then they undercut the price that they and we had been selling the books for without any consultation or warning. Most if not all of you received a flyer from them offering the book for \$4 less than the previous sale price. When I protested, they replied that it is standard book selling procedure to offer the book at a lower price to people who may have purchased one before and now are potential customers to buy more to give as gifts. So from now on we will sell SPEARHEAD for \$15 plus shipping costs.

The Mystery Man in the photo, last edition, turned out to be Jack Hickey, Auburn MA.

In the Stock Market, the Bulls and the Bears aren't as much of a problem as the "bum steers".

You know you're over the hill when people stop saying you're looking good and start saying you're looking well.

The Internal Revenue Service really believes in its citizens. They know we have what it takes.

The best way to make your car run better is to check out the prices of the new ones.

SPEARHEAD

A COMPLETE HISTORY OF MERRILL'S MARAUDERS RANGERS BY JAMES E.T.HOPKINS, M.D. MARAUDER DOCTOR IN COLLABORATION WITH JOHN M JONES, CAPTAIN, INTELLIGENCE OFFICER, REGIMENTAL STAFF.

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We have consulted with Doc Hopkins about revising and reprinting the book. His reply - "Thanks for your words about the book. If we sell the 2000 and get good reviews we should certainly revise it and reprint.". Doc Hopkins.

Do You Know?



This photo of five M.M.'s was taken in Kunming, China. It is reported that the bottom center man was a Bn Runner to 5307 Hq at Rhadapur. Wm Darden, Morristown, TN.

Who are the others?

Editor

HEADQUARTERS 475TH INFANTRY

A. P. O. 218
31 December 1944

GENERAL ORDERS)

NUMBER 13)

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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 and EM indicated below are awarded the Purple Heart Medal for wounds and injuries sustained in combat against the enemy in the North Burma Campaign, on dates indicated:

<u>BARBOUR, ROBERT F.</u> , 31073404, Pfc	15 Dec 44 I Co
<u>BOESKEN, VIRGIL H.</u> , 35789569, T/5	14 Dec 44 F Co
<u>BOHATCH, JOSEPH J.</u> , 33771501, Pvt	15 Dec 44 G Co
<u>DIMINO, JAMES V.</u> , 32811780, Pfc	15 Dec 44 Hq Co 2nd Bn
<u>ETTIPIO, CARLO A.</u> , 32832415, Pfc	15 Dec 44 I Co
<u>HALLIDAY, RUSSELL B.</u> , 12007579, M/Sgt	15 Dec 44 Hq Co
<u>HEBA, NORMAN L.</u> , 32839609, T/5	13 Dec 44 Hq Co 2 Bn
<u>HENNINGSSEN, HAROLD L.</u> , 35547608, T/5	13 Dec 44 Hq Co 2 Bn
<u>HILL, JR, WILLIAM O.</u> O1106202, 2nd Lt., CE	13 Dec 44 Hq Co 2 Bn
<u>HORBES, JOHN P.</u> , 36507804, S/Sgt	15 Dec 44 I Co
<u>JINKS, WILLIAM W.</u> , 34706355, Pfc	15 Dec 44 I Co
<u>KECLI, JR., JAMES</u> , 36652774, Pfc	15 Dec 44 L Co
<u>KLARISTENFELD, WILLIAM</u> , 42064812, Pvt	21 Dec 44 E Co
<u>KORNFELD, MILTON</u> , 32789567, Sgt	15 Dec 44 Hq Co 2nd Bn
<u>MARCHETTI, GUIDO</u> , 39837472, Sgt	15 Dec 44 Hq Co 2nd Bn
<u>MARSDEN, ELMER L.</u> , 38137880, Sgt	15 Dec 44 K Co
<u>MITCHELL, CHARLES S.</u> , 35697173, Pfc	17 Dec 44 Hq Co 2 Bn
<u>PETRO, WILLIAM E.</u> , 35050099, S/Sgt	13 Dec 44 F Co
<u>ROBERTS, JOSEPH J.</u> , 32749408, Sgt	13 Dec 44 Hq Co 2nd Bn
<u>VON GUNTEN, CHARLES R.</u> , 35603950, Pfc	15 Dec 44 I Co
<u>WEYHE, LAVERNE E.</u> , 35093108, Pvt	14 Dec 44 Hq Co 2nd Bn
<u>WHITNEY, LEON P.</u> , 36581120, Pvt	15 Dec 44 Medics 3rd Bn
<u>YANEZ, LAWRENCE R.</u> , 39856961, Pfc	15 Dec 44 Hq Co 2nd Bn

II. AWARDS OF THE PURPLE HEART OAK-LEAF CLUSTER:

<u>OCKMAN, HENRY</u> , 34150403, S/Sgt (Awarded Purple Heart Medal per GO #10, Sec I, Hq 475th Inf., APO 218, dated 4 November 1944)	15 Dec 44 Hq Co 2nd Bn
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III. AWARDS OF THE COMBAT INFANTRYMAN BADGE:

Under the provisions of WD Circular #186, dated 11 May 1944, Combat Infantryman Badges are awarded the following O & EM shown below for exemplary conduct in action against the enemy during the North Burma Campaign. Effective dates of authorization are as indicated below:

<u>BERGER, DAVID S.</u> , 32494933, Pfc	20 Feb 44
<u>BISNER, GENE L.</u> , 20933040, T/4	20 Feb 44
<u>BOECKLEN, WARREN</u> , 17045507, S/Sgt	1 June 44

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<u>BREEDEN, JAMES W.</u> , 33211803, Pfc	20 Feb 44
<u>CAMERON, T.T.</u> , 38141026, Pfc	1 June 44
<u>CARLSON, HENRY I.</u> , 32765351, Pfc	1 June 44
<u>COLI, LEOREDANO J.</u> , 32766631, Pfc	1 June 44
<u>CRAVENS CHARLIE R.</u> , 34140071, T/5	20 Feb 44
<u>DAVIS, BURTIS E.</u> , 20906295, Sgt	20 Feb 44
<u>DORE', THOMAS J.</u> , 32957057, Pvt	1 June 44
<u>GARGANO, ALDO.</u> , 32808230, Pvt	1 June 44
<u>GRIFFIN, WILLIAM B.</u> , 35697369, Pvt	1 June 44
<u>HAGGARD, JAMES W.</u> , 35725673, Pvt	1 June 44
<u>HERRMANN, RAMON B.</u> , 13027220, Pfc	20 Feb 44
<u>JACKSON, IRVIN A.</u> , 6292776, T/5	20 Feb 44
<u>JOHNSON, MERLE F.</u> , 20944373, Pvt	20 Feb 44
<u>JONES, HARRY H.</u> , 34086902, T/4	20 Feb 44
<u>LOPIANO, VICTOR N.</u> , 32808123, Pvt	1 June 44
<u>LOROFF, BEN</u> , 36296692, Pfc	20 Feb 44
<u>MARTIN, GORDON K.</u> , 35697471, Pfc	1 June 44
<u>McELHINEY, RAY</u> , 34723353, Cpl	1 June 44
<u>POGUE, FRANK L.</u> , O1291515, Ist Lt, Inf	1 June 44
<u>QUAID, DAVID</u> , 32355750, S/Sgt	1 June 44
<u>REID, GLEN H.</u> , 37514309, Pvt	20 Feb 44
<u>RICHARDSON, DAVID B.</u> , 32059176, T/Sgt	20 Feb 44
<u>SCHMIDT, RICHARD P.</u> , 7025941, T/Sgt	20 Feb 44
<u>SMITH, WILMER F.</u> , 35789742, Pfc	1 June 44
<u>SPITTLE, WALTER L.</u> , 33559046, Pvt	1 June 44
<u>STANLEY, DERREL</u> , R-46941, Pfc	1 June 44
<u>TAGEL, ANTON J.</u> , 36208326, S/Sgt	20 Feb 44
<u>VINNING, WILLIAM J.</u> , 34490328, Pvt	20 Feb 44

IV. AMENDMENTS OF GENERAL ORDERS - AWARDS:

1. So much of GO #3, this Hq, cs, as pertains to Mertz, Albert R., 31316335, Pvt * is hereby revoked.

2. So much of GO #3, this Hq, cs, as pertains to the following EM:

Alvarez, Roy E. - 39125021, Pfc
Archembault, Gerald R. - 31266908, Pfc
Curizzi, Nick - 32806737 Pvt

is amended to read:

Alvarez, Roy E. - 39125021 Pfc *
Archembault, Gerald R. - 31266908 Pfc *
Curizzi, Nick - 32806737 Pvt *

3. So much of par 1, GO #9, this Hq, cs, as pertains to :

Silverman, Morton A., 33777428, Pvt
is amended to read:

Silverman, Morton A., 33777428, Pvt *

By order of Colonel EASTERBROOK:

EDWIN A ROTHSCHILD
1st Lt, Infantry,
Adjutant

OFFICIAL:

s: T.J DALTON

T. J. DALTON

CWO , USA,

Asst Adjutant

PASS IN REVIEW

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

STANLEY H CESAVZ, 232 S 13th St, Reading PA 19602-2048, PO NOTICE/FEBY2K

ALBERT H DITTFACH, 5307/2/BCT/MED, 4444 SCARBOROUGH LN NW, ROCHESTER MN 55901. January 19, 2000 @ WIDOW ANGELINE.

GILBERT C EDLER, 5307, CWO, 607 Milltown Rd # CW4, Wilmington DE 19808-2226, October 2, 1999 @ Widow Dorothy

JOHN R GRAY, 5307/1; 475/1, Minnesota Vets Home, Minneapolis MN 55417-2263, 727-2566, December 19, 1999 @ Son James, 612-425-4721.

ERNEST R HOLIK, 5307, Tim Holik, PO Box F, Prague, OK, January 1, 2000, @Cyndi/Dtr/Law, 405-567-3033, <flosteth@brightok.net>

ERMIL H LARGE, 5307/1/RCT/A CO; 475/1/A CO, 1617 S 19TH ST CENTERVILLE IA 52544, November 4, 1998 @ SISTER

CLARENCE T LOWE, 475TH INFANTRY, KINGSTON PA OCTOBER 9, 1999 @CBIVA

FRANK W LUM, 5307/1/RCT; 475/1/C CO, 152A Alabama Ave NW, Fort Walton Beach FL 32548-4368, February 3, 2000 @ Russell Dodge

W ROBERT MICHAL, 5307, 7575 Willow Chase Blvd Apt 2115, Houston TX 77070-5859, NOVEMBER 28, 1999 @CBIVA

WILLIAM G SMOCK, 475/2/Co F, 60 mm Mortars, Cambridge MA, October 1985 @ Son Douglas

RAYMOND UNTERREINER, 5307, 18332 Fleur de Lis, Florissant MO 63034, Son/Mark, Dtr/Mrs Tony Viviano, March 2, 2000, @David Dale

ALBERT T WILLIS JR, 475/2/HQ & HW CO, 814 Chattawka Ln, New Bern NC 28560-2328, November 9, 1998 @ Wid/CAROLYN

JOHN ZOKOSKY, 5307/3 BN/OCT, 3205 STARLITE DR NW, WARREN OH 44485-1621, KIA WALAWBUM, BURMA, MARCH 17, 1944 FRIENDLY FIRE @ SISTER/BROTHER

BRONZE STAR NOTICE

For those of you awarded the Combat Infantryman Badge (CIB), but who have not received the Bronze Star Medal that was/is awarded jointly with the CIB, you may request the Bronze Star in writing. You must include a copy of the front and back page of your discharge. The discharge must show that you were awarded the CIB. Include your Army Serial Number. In the event that your discharge does not show the CIB award, we have made available over the years, General Orders that provide thousands of names of men who were awarded the CIB. Send the page with your name on it along with the first page of the order identifying the award action. Mail the above information with your request to: Department of the Army, ATTN: Commander, U.S. Army Reserve Personnel Center, 9700 Page Blvd, St Louis MO 63132-5200.

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LETTERS TO EDITOR

EDITOR

Yes, I was over there during the Battle of Myitkyina - till it was over. Company M, 53907th, 3rd Bn, 81 mortars. From there to the 475th Inf, 3rd Bn, Hq Co, 81 mortars. I was with the 475th till we finished our job on the Burma Road and then was sent to China. There, I hauled supplies up the Yangtze River for the Chinese Army. Until I was sent home. Lewis R Mc Daniel, 110 Greenstone Dr, Reno NV 89512-1348.

EDITOR

Today is Veterans Day and it is appropriate but sad that I write and tell you that my Father, Alton E Addington, 1829 Sherry Av, Seneca MO 64865, died of congestive heart failure on May 12, 1999. My brother and I can't relate any events that aren't well known to the surviving Marauders, but we wish to say that we are proud of our Father and the men he served with. Dad, with a Missouri Ozark farm rearing, was a mule handler in the 5307th Composite Unit's 2nd Bn that was surrounded by the Japanese at Nhpum Ga from March 28 to April 9, 1944. Dad was a Corporal and a member of the Blue Combat Team. He felt an immense gratitude to his comrades in the perimeter, the men who flew air support and those who fought through to rescue the 2nd Bn.

Dad was a kind man and gave credit to the mules that had borne the supplies and munitions through the campaign, often carrying their loads on open sores. He taught us that certain things simply must be done. After the war, our Father led a life of steady service in a blue-collar career earning the respect of his acquaintances for faithfully and competently carrying out his responsibilities at work, at home, and in Christian service. Dad taught and showed that strength is a character trait that is not reserved exclusively for men whose lot it is to wear the mantle of authority. Dad believed that all members of society had the right to expect strength of character from their associates. America has produced large numbers of strong men and we thank them all for their contributions. LARRY ADDINGTON, 5531 S Main St, Joplin MO 64804

EDITOR

Do you have the name of Virgil L Wild from Tennessee listed as a Marauder? He passed away on Nov. 13, 1998 at the age of 80. I am his niece, my Mother being his sister. She would very much like to learn more about Merrill's Marauders, as well as I. If you can help us learn more about these brave, determined men, especially Wild, we would really appreciate it. Barbara A Bryant, 885 Sioux Trail, Greeneville TN 37743, 423-639-3936.

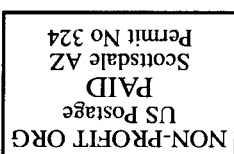
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I am looking for information that anyone may have on Edgar Lee Elza (known to friends and family as Pete). He was one of the original Merrill's Marauders. He passed away when my husband (his son) was young teenager. I'm looking for information for him. If anyone knows anything, please contact me. Thank you and May God Bless. Teresa Elza, 201 W William St, PO Box 286, Lawrenceburg, IN 47025, 812-537-2145.

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My two brothers and I are looking for whatever information is available about Captain Harold C Bronsdon, our Brother. He is now deceased. Harold had graduated from the University of Maine in June 1940. He had taken Advanced ROTC training and went into the Army upon graduation as a 2nd Lt. The only thing we know is that he went into Myitkyina Airstrip with a company of replacements. Sometime after landing at the airstrip, he was wounded. I have no idea of the date of his wounding. I believe that he laid unconscious between the lines for two days. When he finally came to, he crawled back to his own lines. I also understand that he went into China after the Burma service. He died in April 1966. Thanks for any information that is available. William Bronsdon, 222 Madison Rd, Huntingdon Valley PA 19006-6719, 1-215-947-4830.



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