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MEET RELATIONS YOU DID NOT KNOW YOU HAD.

COLUMBUS, GA. NEXT - REUNION AMONG RANGERS

The 56th Annual Reunion will be held August 8-10 at the Wyndham Hotel, Columbus, Ga. next to Fort Benning where the U.S. Army Rangers maintain their school, headquarters, and the 75th Rangers Barracks.

Rates and Reservations: The package deal, as usual, will include room accommodation, Friday dinner, Saturday breakfast, Saturday evening cocktail party, Saturday banquet, Sunday morning brunch and ladies tea reception. The rate for this package, including all taxes and gratuities, is single \$235.14; double \$299.28; triple \$363.42, and quad \$427.56. Additional nights @ \$79 plus tax. There is no charge for parking. The hotel reservations telephone number is 706-324-1800 (no 800 number). The cut-off date for reservations is July 11th so please reserve early

Getting There: If flying to Columbus, telephone the Wyndham Hotel upon airport arrival for a free shuttle bus. If driving, from the North take Route I-185, exit 8 to Airport Thruway, go to third traffic light. Turn left on Airport Thruway, to 10th St. Turn right on 10th to the hotel. From East or West, when you reach Route I-875, make the same turn on 9th or 10th Streets. There is free hotel parking.

Hotel Location: Phil Piazza says: The beautiful Wyndham is located on Front Avenue in the heart of downtown Columbus, across from the Trade Center, the River walk, Coca Cola Space Center and the River Center for the Performing Arts. Around the corner are many small, reasonably priced restaurants, some with outdoor seating as well as occasional entertainment.

Hotel Amenities The Wyndham has 177 bedrooms. Each bedroom has coffee and a coffee maker, iron and ironing board, safe, private voice mail, hair dryer, cordless phone, and cable and in-room movies. There is a lounge/cafe right off the lobby and a large outdoor heated pool.

Fort Benning Visit: A special bus trip will be arranged at a nominal fee for a trip to Fort Benning, only 10 minutes away. The bus will first visit the Ranger Memorial

where the Marauders are honored along with other Ranger units from all wars, then go to a fantastic demonstration of modern-day Rangers in action, to be followed by a graduation ceremony at the headquarters of the Ranger Training Brigade, followed by lunch in the Ranger Mess Hall. If you wish to take this bus trip, please notify Phil Piazza; telephone number 1-864-972-3239, so he will know how many buses to order.

Other Interesting Sites to See: At the Civil War Naval Museum, only a mile from the hotel, you can board a replica of the USS Hartford, Admiral Farragut's flagship. And on another full-scale replica, the CSS Albemarle, a famous ironclad, brace yourself for combat as the ship comes under attack and the crew scrambles for battle stations. Then stand at the bow of the CSS Jackson and view the 225-foot-long hull of the largest surviving scratch-made ironclad in the world. The town has trolleys that take you on city tour for 50 cents. In Fort Benning itself is the National Infantry Museum, honoring American infantrymen through more than two centuries of service, starting with the first 10 companies of riflemen formed in 1775 to fight the British Redcoats. On the museum grounds are more than 25 memorials to various units. Inside the museum are weapons, uniforms, footwear, helmets, medals, even vehicles from all different wars, along with paintings, photographs, a showing of documentary films in a 100-seat auditorium and a gift shop offering art prints, books, shirts, jewelry, pewter and crystal ware.

Sites Worth Visiting Farther Away: About 40 miles from Columbus is Andersonville, the Civil War military prison where more than 13,000 POW's died, and the National Cemetery containing all of their graves, together with a museum for the site. At about the same distance are FDR's southern White House and the scenic Calloway Gardens.

CARRYING THE TORCH

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

FRANK R SMITH, 4202 Keefer Rd, Chico CA 95973-9710, 342-8600, BRO/JOHNNIE, HONORARY

PASS IN REVIEW

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

PAUL E BOUCHARD, 5307/HQ; 475/1/A/PLAT LDR, 210 S Atlanta Dr, Vail AZ 85641-2322, (520) 762-5499, SUMMER 2002@ART WILSON, Widow/LORENE

JESSE G BRASHER, 5307/2/BCT/I&R, RR 2 Box 156, Scotts Hill TN 38374-9802, October 19, 2002 @ Dtr/Bonnie Brockman

WILLIAM H CLAPP, 5307/HQ/CP/COMM; 475/HQ/COMM, 4520 County Road 21, Clyde OH 43410-9611, (813) 747-8953, PO NOTICE NOV2002 ISSUE B/N, WIDOW/YVONNE

ROBERT L CLEMENT, 5307/1/RCT/A CO; 475/1/A CO, 1201 S. Osage, Skiatook OK 74070-2351, 918-396-4694, November 5, 2002 @ DTR IN LAW/CONNIE CLEMENT @ <bunkonana@msn.com>

FREDERICK CLOSUIT MD, 44 P S H, 517 2nd St NW Aitkin MN 56431-1249, January 2000 @ Joe Wohlfeil/Widow

RAY CRAWFORD, 5307/; 475/1/A/1/4, 15401 S Stevens Rd, Oregon City OR 97045-7432, (503) 631-2378, April 13, 1999 @ Son/ Ray Jr

RUSSELL J DE MARS, 5307/3/OCT/P&D, 29962 Shackett St Westland MI 48185-2518, September 22, 2002 @ Widow/EVELYN

DANIEL EICKHOFF, 5307/236/H&S/S-4, 1219 N 15th St, Sheboygan WI 53081-3218, February 6, 2002 @ Son Virgil

WALLACE R ERICSON, 5307, RPC, 6863 E Mikrot Rd, South Range WI 54874-8631, (715) 398-6763, October 25, 2002 @ Widow/Marjorie

FRANK FALCON, 5307/1/RCT/A CO, 9100 Archdale St, Detroit MI 48228-4320, March 2002 @ Widow/Phyllis

HOMER EUGENE GOURLEY, 475th, Troy MI, DTR/CAROLYN FLYNN, December 12, 2002 @ F Dunne obit

TED JANKOWSKI, 5307/236/HQ/COMM, CHIN LIAISON/COMM, 4236 S Richmond St, Chicago IL 60632-2523, Winter 2002 @ Widow/HARRIET

ROBERT A JORDAN, 5307TH, Piqua OH, December 25, 2002 @ KathleenUekman, <Harleyriders95@aol.com>

PAUL J KOLUMBAN, 475/3/KCO, 2307 Clayton Rd, Beaver Falls PA 15010, December 17, 2002 @Skip Ribar

ALBERT L MIDYETTE, 5307/3/KCT/HQ, 809 College Dr, Gaffney SC 29340-3704, 489-2790, June 27, 2002 @ Son Bert, midyette@shelby.net, Widow/ELOISE

EDDIE MITSUKADO, 5307/1/ TEAM LDR, 2526 Rainbow Dr, Honolulu HI 96822-1262, November 26, 2002 @ Grant Hirabayashi

ALFRED GRAHAM MUSIC, 5307/1/CO B, 1130 W Bigelow Ave, Findlay OH 45840-2003, (419) 424-3867, October 26, 2002 @ Nephew craftyairborne@aol.com

NORMAN STESSIN, 5307, 475th, Spring Valley, NY, "Susan Stessin"<VeedorC@hvc.rr.com>, January 6, 2003 @Dtr/ Susan

HAROLD J WILK, 5307/1/RCT/A/81mm MTR; 475/1/A/60 mm MTR, 258 Jameson Pl, Reading PA19601-2065, (215) 372-0608, November 4, 2002 @ Dtr/Kathy Votta

SOLOMON WILSON, 5307/3/HQ/I&R; 475/1/HQ/P&D, 103 W Chestnut St Lot 23, Dixon MO 65459-9154, 2000 @ Paul Yardley, WIDOW/RUTH

JACK E ZOSEL, 5307/2/BCT/E CO, McMinnville OR January 2, 2003, @ Lorna Grauer <Grauer130@aol.com>

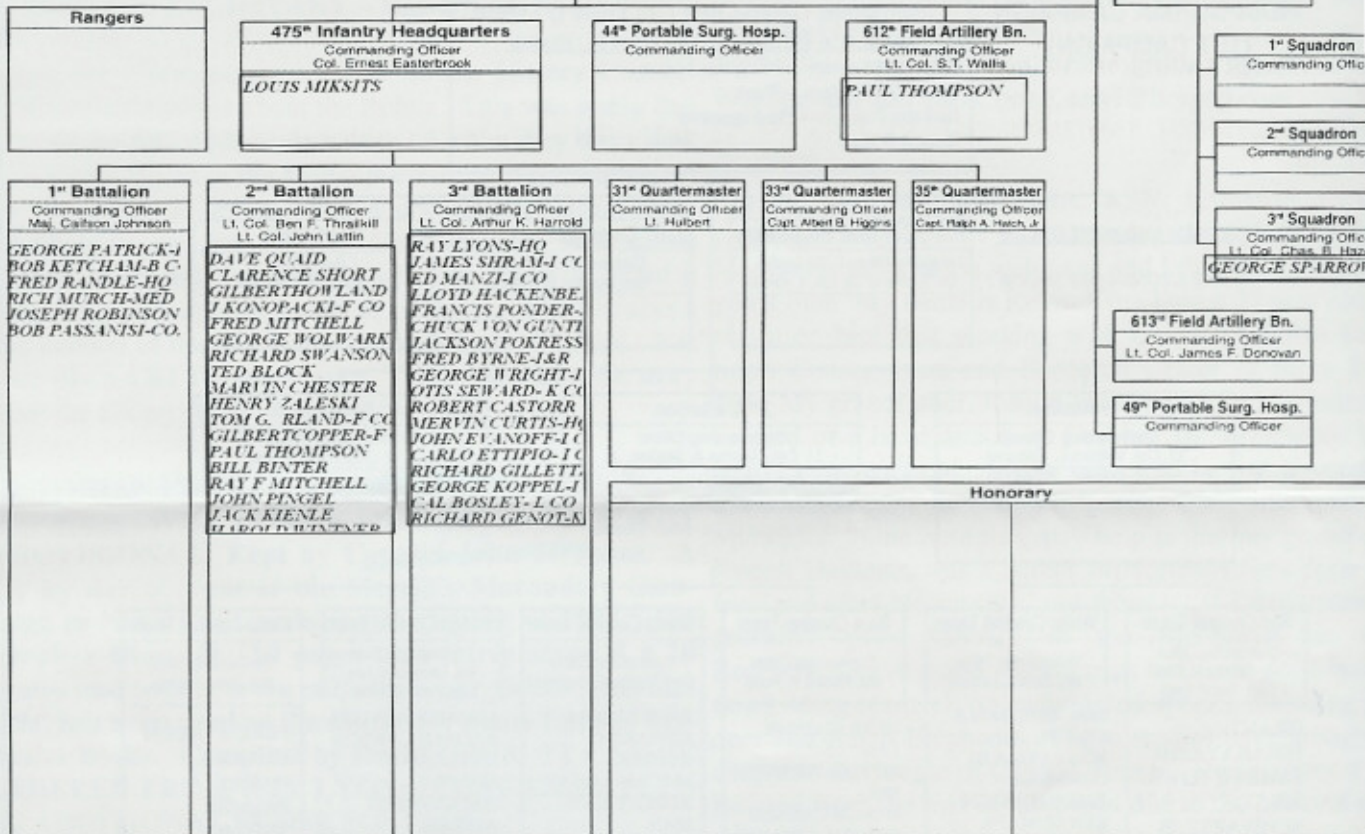
RANGER COLUMN

Lost touch, out of range, perhaps

**CENTRAL BURMA CAMPAIGN
(2ND CAMPAIGN)**

MARS TASK FORCE
5332 Brigade Headquarters
Commanding Officer
Brig. Gen. John P. Wiley

124th Cavalry Regiment
Commanding Officer
Col. William L. Osborne



**SHARING THE STORY
BRAVERY NOT FORGOTTEN**

One of the first men to see combat in World War II, **Howard Glaeser** is one of the last to be honored. At the Anchorage Nursing and Rehabilitation Center in Salisbury, Congressman Wayne T Gilcrest pinned eight medals on the now 80 year old WW II veteran.

Glaeser's Army service in the 5307th Composite Unit known as "Merrill's Marauders" might have gone unnoticed had it not been for his family seeing a WW II documentary on the History Channel, said Anchorage Administrator E. Thomas Sterling.

Congressman Gilcrest was contacted by Anthony and Carole Severn of Mardela Springs to request that their uncle at least receive the Bronze Star.

After research, it was discovered that he should receive not only the Bronze Star, but the Good Conduct Medal, American Campaign Medal, Asiatic-Pacific Campaign Medal with two service stars, WW II Victory Medal, Combat Infantryman Badge and the Honorable Service Lapel Button WW II.

Anthony Severn said his uncle returned from the war shell-shocked and shut himself off from the rest of the world. He never received his due recognition.

Glaeser came to stay with Severn and his wife a few years ago after suffering a stroke. He recently began living at the nursing home.

"We were watching the History Channel and saw some people being awarded medals from our uncle's unit," Severn said. "So we started making phone calls."

The way Severn understands his uncle's unit; they were a group of volunteers assembled to take on some of the most dangerous work of the war

"They would sneak behind Japanese enemy lines and knock rail lines, roads, and disrupt communications and capture fields," he said. "The missions were extremely dangerous." "The soldiers of "Merrill's Marauders" fought not only the odds, but illness. Glaeser had malaria twice, but somehow managed to make it through," Severn said. When those guys volunteered for that unit, they didn't know what they were really getting into."

Severn said his uncle was excited about finally receiving medals, though he still prefers the finer things in life.

"When he got his medals earlier, (Glaeser) said he wanted beer," Severn joked. "When they asked him what he'd rather have - the medals or the beer - he said the beer." Glaeser had both. Resting in front of him throughout the ceremony was a large bottle of cold beer.

From The Daily Times, Salisbury MD, March 26, 2002, by Jim Carmean Jr, Staff Writer



**INDIA-BURMA CAMPAIGN
(1ST CAMPAIGN)**

5307TH COMPOSITE UNIT (Prov)

Commanding General-Brig Gen Frank D Merrill
 Second in Command—Charles N. Hunter
 Raymond Lyons—Acting Sgt Major
 David Richardson—Yank
 Jackson Pokress—Photographer
 Robert S Hall

COMMAND POST GROUP

RAY LYONS—SGT MAJOR

209th Combat Engineers

Commanding Officer - Lt. Col. Sandvall; Lt. Col. Coombs, Lt. Col. Edw. H. Hollinger

236th Combat Engineers

Commanding Officer
Col. Mahlon E. Gates

Rear Base

Commander
Maj. Edward T. Hancock

1st Battalion

Commanding Officer
Lt. Col. William L. Osborne

Rich Murch—Medical Det.

2nd Battalion

Commanding Officer
Lt. Col. George A. McGee, Jr.

Dr Kolodny—Surgeon
 J Konopacki F Co -Robert Doyle
 Rich Swanson G Co -Marv Chester

3rd Battalion

Commanding Officer
Lt. Col. Charles E. Beach

Tony Colombo
 Merv Curtis—(O & K)

Red Combat Team

Commanding Officer
Maj. Edward M. Ghiz
 Capt. Tom P. Sanff

GRANT
 HIRABAYASHI
 JAMES E TOWN
 MILTON
 SCHWARTZ, B
 CO

White Combat Team

Commanding Officer
Maj. Carlson Johnson

BOB KETCHAM B
 CO, 3 PL
 BOB PASSANISI
 COMM SEC
 JOSEPH GAULIN
 KEN GUMAER
 JOSEPH
 ROBINSON

MAY '44 MEN
 RAY F
 MITCHELL / SGT
 MAJOR
 TOM GARLAND

Blue Combat Team

Commanding Officer
Maj. Richard W. Healy

HERB CLOFINE
 I & R
 ROY MATSUMOTO
 I & R
 EARL D CAUBLE
 ROBERT NIEHAUS
 P & D
 CLARIS G OLSON
 E CO
 PHIL PIAZZA—
 HVY WPNS
 LIONEL
 CASTONGUAY
 C MATLOVICH

Green Combat Team

Commanding Officer
Capt. Thomas E. Bogardus

PAUL PATERA
 EDWARD C
 KOHLER
 MAC MC LOGAN
 ROBERT EAT-
 MAN
 ALBERT SIEBER
 GILBERT
 HOWLAND
 GEORGE M ROSE
 FREDERICK
 FAAS
 GILBERT COP-
 PER
 JAY D CAMP-
 BELL JR
 ERVIN FRECKS

Orange Combat Team

Commanding Officer
Maj. Laurence L. Lew
 Maj. Peter A. Peitto

LOGAN E WESTON
 RALPH B LAWSON
 DAVE QUAID
 LLOYD R
 HACKENBERG
 ALFRED
 CALFAPIETRA
 GEORGE RED
 LOWE
 JOHN E EGAN
 ROBERT SWIGERT
 WARNER KATZ
 EARL R WRIGHT
 FREDDIE STROUT
 RICHARD GENOT

Khaki Combat Team

Commanding Officer
Maj. Edwin J. Briggs

FERD STAUCH
 JR, I & R
 HARRY
 PALMER
 TED MC
 CARTY
 MELVIN WALL
 FRED RANDLE
 L E SMITH
 K A (TONY)
 BUSHUR
 SAM
 RAPISARDA

Rangers

Honorary

LINDA & THOMAS BAILEY, DTR /
 DEWEY GUNTER/ KHAKI CT
 NANCY & ROBERT MENTA, SON /
 CARMEN S MENTA
 MIKE MC LAUGHLIN, SON OF CAPT
 GEORGE MC LAUGHLIN, RCT

OFFICERS ROW

EXECUTIVE SECRETARY – Ray Lyons

Watch for a documentary movie on the History Channel there will be a movie about the Rohna. This was a ship that some of the future Marauders were on when they were sunk by German planes in the Mediterranean. A Neighbor called me last night to tell me that a documentary film about Burma was on the History Channel. It was called "Undercover" and was about the British Army. I found it interesting and suppose it will be on again. There is also a new version of the Marauders on the History Channel. It is more like a CBI Theatre version. They loused up the story about the taking of the Ayitkyina Airfield

HISTORIAN EMERITUS—Dave Quaid

NEW BOOK - WAR DIARY-5307TH COMPOSITE UNIT (PROVISIONAL) Kept by Captain John M Jones. A day by day account of the Merrill's Marauders Campaign in North Burma during the spring of 1944. The complete Diary of 110 pages plus thirty seven 8 x 10 photos and twenty seven stills from our video. This material has been used as the source for many famous Marauder books. Compiled by David Quaid. IT CAN BE ORDERED FROM RAY LYONS, COST \$20.00, PLUS AN ADDITIONAL \$5 FOR POSTAGE.

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WILLIAM HICKENBOTH, 5307/HQ DET, 1245 Buena Vista St, Pittsburgh PA 15212-4530, UNDEL AS ADDR

LETTERS TO EDITOR

EDITOR: Thank you for the letter of 9/21 and the card. When our elder brother Zai Lian left the world we felt very sorrow and helpless. Now my sorrow is comforted a little. That is to say, not entirely. But I know that he did go back to his planet, because I did not find his body at daybreak. It was not such a heavy body; and at night I love to listen to the stars. It is like five hundred million little bells. Brother is hero in our heart forever although full of frustrations in his lifetime. We believe he always be proud of those days he lived and fought together with you all. He loves you and

misses you forever! When you look at the sky at night, if one person appears who laughs, you will know he is our brother. If this should happen, please comfort us. Send us word that he has come back.

Faithfully yours, Zai Lian's little brother family, Zai Jing, Wei Rui and son Tao Chong, taiyi@hotmail.com

EDITOR:

Subject: Sgt. Joseph Daidone, ASN: 12011619, C. Company, 1st Bn, 5307. I was browsing through the Merrill's Marauders association web page and I thought I would drop you a line. My name is Kevin Koy, I am a 27 year old conservation biologist working with the Smithsonian Institution's Conservation and Research Center in Front Royal, VA. My grandfather, Joseph Daidone was a Marauder, and he died of a heart attack on October 16, 1977 when I was nearly two years old. I have been told he was a wonderful man, and I know he was very proud of his time spent as a Marauder. One note that may help is that my grandfather, Joseph Daidone, was a barber in Northern New Jersey before and after his service, and from what I understand, he probably gave haircuts in the Marauders as well. Recently, I have made several trips to Burma (or Myanmar now) doing research on endangered species including Eld's deer and Asian Elephants. These studies have brought me deep into the jungle of Central Burma. This country is very isolated from the rest of the world due to the political situation, and it remains very poor. I am in awe of my grandfather and the rest of the Marauders after walking through the dense jungle of Burma first hand. It is very difficult conditions, and I can only imagine how it must have felt as a soldier. As little has changed in Burma's countryside in recent years, I feel that I am seeing many of the same things that my Grandfather has; Ox drawn carts, rice paddy fields and rustic conditions. This experience has brought me much closer to his memory. I found my grandfather's name and number on the "Pass in Review" page of the web site. If you have any other information, pictures or other archives in regards to Joseph D. Daidone please let me know. Thank you, Kevin Koy <kevko@hotmail.com>

EDITOR:

I had previously made an offer of \$400 for a genuine India Made, distinctive unit insignia of the "Marauders" that would be displayed with other support items, in our museum's "History of Light Infantry in the US Army Exhibit" Since I last wrote to you, this museum has acquired another \$200 in money from our museum's Money Donation Box. With this newly donated money, our museum's offer to buy a "Merrill's Marauders" insignia now stands at \$600. I am hoping that one of the Veterans from Merrill's Marauders would now agree to sell one of his WW II era patches, made in India, distinctive insignias. His insignia would become the property of the US Army, and not for anyone's personal collection, as it would be

purchased for display purposes only. This particular insignia is now the only light infantry insignia missing from our Exhibit. David S Bingham, Museum Curator, Fort Polk Military Museum, PO Box 3916, Fort Polk LA 71459-0916, 337-531-7905.

EDITOR:

After 57 years of correspondence, Marauders Ben Wenglin and Ted Swiet finally meet on Thanksgiving Day, 2002 in Boston, Ted's home town. Ted, a retired mailman and Ben a retired Baltimore mailman, were separated after the Myitkyina Battle.

After a hiatus of 57 years, we were thrilled to be able to greet one on one again. Ben, the taller of the two and presently 79 years old and Ted at 77 years in fairly good health, could not believe where all the years between Burma and the present had gone to. Ben Wenglin, 5307/2/E Co, 475/2/E Co, 6300 Red Cedar Pl, Baltimore MD 21209-5409.



Ben Wenglin and Ted Swiet, after 57 years, Thanksgiving Day 2002

EDITOR:

This is about T/5 Francis J. "Frenchy" Trappen - Hq. Co - 1st. Bn - Red Combat Team - I'd like to know if anybody remembers my father, from Guadalcanal to Burma. I can be reached at skipribar@attbi.com or Skip Ribar, 1441 4thav. NewBrightonPa. 15066 -0916, 337-531-7905.

EDITOR:

News clipping from the Fort Mill Times:
Before ground has even been broken, the Baxter YMCA Branch has been named for a local war hero.
The Baxter YMCA, tentatively set to break ground in January, will be named the Col. Logan E Weston Family YMCA.

An anonymous national group has made a \$2.5 million commitment in honor of Weston to the Rock Hill YMCA's capital campaign to build a YMCA in Baxter Village.
Weston, a veteran of three wars—World War II, Korea and Vietnam said he feels honored by the naming of the new facility.

"I sincerely appreciate the honor," he said, "I appreciate all you are doing to make this community better."

Drafted into the Army in 1941, Weston worked his way up through the ranks. He is considered one of the most decorated soldiers in American History.

With an unwavering duty to his country, Weston earned more than 200 medals for his military service. Among them are the Distinguished Service cross, the Purple Heart, the Silver Star, the Bronze Star and the Legion of Merit Award.

He has also received several commendations from different countries in Asia, and he has been honored with Senate and House resolutions from New York, Ohio, Pennsylvania and South Carolina. He was one of the first inductees of the U. S.Army Rangers Hall of Fame.

After a 28 year military career, Weston worked for 13 years as the secretary of the YMCA and Coordinator of Campus Religious Life at Texas A&M University.

Weston accepted this honor not on his own behalf, but for those he fought alongside in the military.

"We owe this especially to those who gave the supreme sacrifice," Weston said. "May every brick and mortar that goes into this building be consecrated to them."

Weston crafted his time in the military into a book, entitled "The Fighting Preacher," which can be found at the Bookworm at Winthrop University in Rock Hill.

War hero memorialized



FILE PHOTO/STAFF MILL TIMES
Above is shown a sketch of the \$7.6 million YMCA branch planned for Baxter. It will be named for Retired Col. Logan Weston of Fort Mill. At left, Weston shows off some of the medals he earned during his 28-year career in the U.S. Army. Weston's daughter Sherry wrote "The Fighting Preacher," now in its second printing, about Weston's life in the military. Beside Weston in this photograph from January of 2001 is his wife Mary.

Future Baxter Y named for Weston

You all remember this photo scene. **24 ZIG!** It has been shown over and over again in every CBI publication at least once, except us and now we are doing it. We are doing it because of this recent development. One of our members, Urban Terbieten, rambles around a lot in the Eastern Hemisphere. Recently he was in Shanghai, found an item in the China Daily, an English language newspaper, about Ge Shuya, a historian who investigated this bridge and discovered that it was not where it was alleged to have been all these years. The photograph illustrates the formidable job that the truckers had maneuvering the large army trucks on these 24 zigzag turns. But when people wanted to return to the road in the old photo recently to refresh their memories of an important part of history, they found no one knew where the road was exactly located. All they knew was its nickname, "24-zig," because of its 24 zigzag turns within a length of 4 kilometers. It was a portion of the Original Burma Road and was alleged to have been in South West China's Yunnan Province, adjacent to Myanmar. But Ge Shuya, a Yunnan-based expert on South West China's Second World War history, overturned all previous media accounts earlier last year. Mr. Ge went all the way to Lashio to check out the road and its curves. He found many instances of Zigzag stretches of road but the most famous turned out to be in Quinlong County, South West China's Guizhou Province. It is a key pass for folks driving between Kunming and Guiyang, capital of Guizhou. Kunming



was the terminus of the Burma Road and this portion was part of the road continuing on to Chongqing. So there, thank you Ge Shuya, we will all sleep better tonight now that we have learned that mistake has been cleared up. Our Thanks also to John Easterbrook for his help in lining up this material.

SHARING THE STORY

A SHOT — THEN DARKNESS

The incident related here just barely missed a tragic ending at the time due to luck, chance, or the fickle finger of fate. The later complications, and/or suffering, or consequences of the victim is unknown until one of those directly involved will come forward and tell the rest of the story.

I was in Khaki Combat Team. Upon arriving at the Dinjan Airport on a flight from Myitkyina on 7 June 1944, I went directly to the 111th Station Hospital. I was discharged out of the hospital as fit for duty on 5 July 44, and was assigned to the Rear Echelon. This was a camp near Dinjan along the railroad track between Tinsukia and Chabua, India.

My first duty as a Jeep Driver was running errands. One day I was dispatched to Dinjan to pick up a S/Sgt N. He was a Supply Sergeant who had been to Myitkyina on a supply coordination trip. Enroute back to camp, he asked me to go via Tinsukia so he could buy a case of Lily Brand Gin. A few days later I took a lieutenant to Finance on an errand, arriving back at camp just at noon. I left the jeep parked at the Mess Hall and while eating, was approached by S/Sgt N. He wanted to know if that was my jeep and if I was finished with my errand. I took him to Tinsukia for another case of gin. S/Sgt N. had friends across the road in an Ordnance Repair outfit, so we stopped there on our return, parking my jeep by the Orderly Room Basha.

We went to the Ordnance outfit's Supply Sergeant's tent and started drinking their beer and our gin. It had been many months since I had anything to drink with an alcoholic content. The drinking went on into the night and I got sick and crawled out behind the tent and went to sleep on the grass. When I awoke it was dark and quiet. I crawled into the tent and in feeling around, could find nobody in their cots. I went out the front of the tent and there was just enough light to make out the sidewalk, tents, and buildings. I went to my jeep and it was blocked in by the outfit's trucks when they returned from work. I walked on to my own tent about 200 yards away and went to bed. After breakfast, I went to see about my jeep. The Ordnance outfit was gathering to get ready to load up to go to work. Nobody would say a word to me but just stare and gawk at me like I was a freak. They made me feel like a bastard at a family reunion. After they moved their trucks and left, I got my jeep and drove it back to the motor pool, and turned

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in the trip ticket from the day before. The dispatcher turned a jaundiced eye toward me, but didn't ask any questions. Since I couldn't find S/Sgt N. around camp, I was leery about asking any questions. In a day or two I got a dispatch to take a Lieutenant to the Stockade. After we got out on the road, I asked him who he was going to see. He was going to see one of our guys who had gotten drunk a few days before and shot up some tents with a Tommy Gun. Then he said "We have another guy in the Stockade." I asked, "Who is that?" He replied, "S/Sgt N." Upon enquiring as to what happened, he told me this "S/Sgt N. and somebody with a jeep went out the other day and went over to the Ordnance outfit and got to drinking, and during the party they went to the Orderly room where a Corporal was Charge of Quarters. S/Sgt N. had a little Beretta and being full of liquid marksmanship was going to demonstrate how he could shoot the flame out on the candle. As he aimed, the Corporal saw the pistol was pointed right at his belly. He grabbed the candle and moved it. When S/Sgt N. fired, the light went out and somebody started yelling he was shot. Upon lighting the candle again it was discovered that the Corporal was shot in the leg. Several of them hauled him to the hospital. The Medical Officer of the Day, a Major asked S/Sgt N. to surrender his gun and when he refused the Major called the M.P.s and had him taken to the Stockade. The Lieutenant went on to say that they didn't know anymore and didn't know who had the Jeep. This was the first inkling that I knew what happened, but I didn't volunteer that I was the one who had the Jeep. At the Stockade, the Lt went into the Administration office and I sauntered around between my jeep and stockade fence. S/Sgt N. was inside the fence and got my attention and asked me to return to the Ordnance outfit and get a cigarette lighter of his from the Supply Sgt and turn it in to our Administration. I got all this done without arousing any curiosity. Shortly afterwards I was assigned driving a truck, and later went to Calcutta on leave. Upon returning from Calcutta we immediately started processing a shipment back to the States of which I was one, and I never learned any more about it.

EDWARD A WADE, 5307/3/KCT/HQ, 112

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