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PASS IN REVIEW

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

LOGAN E WESTON, 5307/3/OCT/I&R/LDR, PO BOX 1796, Fort Mill SC 29715-1796, (803) 547-6744, May 5, 2003 @ Weston Home surrounded by family. Col Weston was distinguished by the many significant medals and honors he had been awarded during his 28 year military career and inspirational life of extraordinary devotion and service to God, Family and Country. A Member of MMA Board of Directors.

ADOLPH AROS, 5307/1/WCT; 475/3/HQ/I&R, 3918 W Palo Verde Dr, Phoenix AZ 85019-1829, May 3, 2003, Obituary AZ Republic, Widow/PAULA

DWAIN T BOWIE, 5307, Kennesaw GA, April 9, 2003, Obituary from Homer Cooper.

ALVIN W CHANDLER, 5307/1/HQ, VA HOSP, Prescott AZ, April 30, 2002 @Daughter/Christine Chandler, 508A Bloomfield Av, Caldwell NJ 07006

CARL A DENTON, 5307/1/WCT/C CO; 475/1/C Co, VA Hosp, Des Moines IA, March 17, 1994 @ Son/Dennis

EDWARD E EMERY, SR, 5307, Salem OR, June 4, 2003 @ Obit. / Statesman Journal

EDWARD J FAHNESTOCK, 475/2/HQ, 711 N 67th St Harrisburg PA 17111-4603, Early 1998 @ Grandson Rgr Mike Wevodau

CARL E FISHER, 475/1/HQ CO, 1408 N Wood St, GRIFFITH IN 46319-1728, 289-2459, May 28, 2003, @ Darwin Carlile, Widow/ VEONA

ROBERT L JOHNSON, 5307/2/BCT/I&R, 306 Lum St, Carlsbad NM 88220-2744, April 29, 2003 @ Jerrie Bird, Friend

LEON L LANPHERE, 5307/3/KCT/K CO, 215 South 2nd St, Oakes, ND 58474, April 20, 2003 @ Stepdaughter Cheryl Swanson, Widow/Lorraine.

LAWRENCE V LINDGREN, 5307/2/BCT/E CO, 1013 Honey creek Dr, Lexington KY 40502-2775, (606) 266-1063, WIDOW/JANE, May 7, 2003 @ PO note

LEONARD H MC LAREN, 143 SW 51st Ter, Cape Coral FL 33914-7107, August 8, 1996 @Widow/SHIRLEY

EDWIN A MC LELLAND, 5307/2/H CO, 701 Cotharn Dr, Angleton TX 77515-3313, April 30, 2003 @ Widow/SYLVIA

JAMES M MORRELL, 5307/2/E CO; 475/2/E CO, 142 N Main St, Massena NY 13662-1127, (315) 764-9562, June 5, 2003 @ George Wright

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CLIFFORD D PAYNE, 5307/3/OCT, 1126 Regehr Ave, Charlotte NC 28214-2040, (704) 394-4762, April 18, 2003 @ Fred Agner / Widow Eunice

ARTHUR E PATTERSON, 5307/1/RCT; 475/1, 1117 Spruce St, Morris IL, 60450-1956, March 26, 2003 @ Widow/JEAN

GEORGE M. ROSE, 5307/2/GCT/HMG, Former Member of MMA Board of Directors, 12300 Francis Drake Ct, Richmond VA 23233-2180, (804) 364-0349, May 4, 2003, @ Dtr Linda, WIDOW/ DELORES

LOU ALBERT SCHULTZ, 5307/2/BCT/E CO, 901 N Charlotte St Rm 16, Dickson TN, 37055-1010, June 7, 2003 @ Horizon Medical Center @ Herbert Harris

BENJAMIN J SURIANO, 5307; 475/3/I CO, 4 Apple St, Edison NJ 08817-4212, (908) 985-3171, April 25, 2003, @ David Laurie, WIDOW/MARIE

EDWARD A ZAINO, 5307/2/GCT, Former Member MMA Board Directors, 10018 S Fairfield Ave, Chicago IL 60655-1640, 238-1466, June 11, 2003 @ Les Mc Kie

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TORCH CARRIERS

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

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MARLENE HOGINSKI, 3 Roland St, Enfield CT 06082-5770, mhoginski@aol.com, DTR/JOHNGARLEWSKY, HONORARY, In Memory of John Garlewsky

ALICE HORA MASTRO, 102 Bertha Ave, Donora PA 15033-1203, amm102@attbi.com, SISTER/EDWARD HORA, HONORARY

RANGER COLUMN

RANGER RENDEZVOUS 6 Aug 2003

0930-1100, Regimental Headquarters Open House (Dawson Barracks Complex)

1300-1400, Honorary & Distinguished Member of the Regt induction ceremony (Marshall Auditorium) 1430-1630, Ranger Hall of Fame induction ceremony (Marshall Auditorium)

1730-2200, Regimental Bar-B-Que and Competition Awards Ceremony (Lawson Army Airfield)

Thursday, 7 August 2003

1000 Regimental Honors Ceremony (Ranger Memorial) 1900 Reg. Change of Command Ceremony (York Field)

Friday, 8 August 2003

1000 Rangers in Action Demonstration (Victory Pond) 1100 Ranger School Graduation (Victory Pond)

Locations, times and dates are subject to change. POC is SFC Paul Fuentes, Regimental Public Affairs NCO, <u>fuentesp@soc.mil</u> or 706-545-4260.

WESTERN DIVISION: Their reunion will be Laughlin, NV, September 19, 20, 21st. Contact Ervin Matthis, 1908 Ernest Av, Redondo Beach Ca 90278, 310-379-3484-MARS TASK FORCE ARTILLERY REUNION

Location: Holiday Inn, Elyria OH, 1-800-321-7333.

Contact: Earl Mahl 410 Prospect St, Elyria OH 44035-640, Golfers Arrival Date September 17, Others Thursday, Sept 18th. Cost \$69. per night + Tax. Last day for hotel reservations is Sept 1st. Lake Erie Boat Cruise at \$37 each is on the 19th. Limited seating on the bus delivering folks to the dock.

MARAUDERS AND CBI TO BE FEATURED IN TEXAS

Three Merrill's Marauder veterans will speak at a symposium in Fredericksburg, Texas, on September 20-21, focusing on "Forgotten Warriors: China-Burma-India."

The symposium will be the first in 16 years devoted entirely to the CBI at the National Museum of the Pacific War. Previous annual symposiums, held in this birthplace of Pacific fleet commander Admiral Nimitz, dwelt with various Pacific campaigns featuring the U.S. Navy and Marines.

At this September's symposium, Grant Hirabayashi, Dr. Jim Hopkins and Dave Richardson are scheduled to cover different aspects of the Marauder campaign. Other sessions will take up the Japanese invasion of China and Burma, the Flying Tigers and Hump pilots, the building of the Ledo-Burma Road, MarsTask Force, OSS.and the British campaigns in central and southern Burma.

All members of Merrill's Marauders Association are welcome to attend the symposium for a fee of \$50.To register, telephone 830-997-8600, or 830-997-4379, extension 228; or FAX 830-997-4379, or using the computer, www-nimitz-musem.org under "events." Room reservations may be made

at the Fredericksburg Inn and Suites, phone 80-446-0203. Mention that you are attending the Nimitz Symposium for a reduced rate.

Fredericksburg is 70 miles northwest of San Antonio on Highway 10 and 75 miles from Austin on 290W. Air service is ready to San Antonio or Austin on several major carriers.

OFFICERS ROW

PRESIDENT - PHIL PIAZZA

I have just returned from the 75th Regiment's 1st Battalion Ball in Savannah, where Emma and I had a wonderful time, as were 1300 in attendance, the largest turnout ever. talion had just gotten back from Iraq. I wish that all of you could see these fine young men who did such a terrific job in Afghanistan, as well as in Iraq, under very adverse conditions, with the sand storms, heat and cold, as well as combat. I was asked to compare their campaign with ours. There were some similarities, but on the whole, we can be very proud of the fact that the men of the regiment as a whole conducted themselves so professionally, and did the job that they were sent over there to do. As I told them, we Marauders are proud of the fact that we are the parent organization of the Ranger Regiment, and they carried on the traditions and esprit de corps of those who came before them. Thank God that we still have fine young men such as these, who are still willing to serve their country. In my estimation, they are the finest soldiers in the world today, bar none.

SECRETARY – RAY LYONS

I have recently read that a government agency, the Modern Military Records, Textual Archives Services Division, National Archives and Records Administration, 8601 Adelphia Road, College Park, Maryland 20740-6001 has access to records of the 475th Infantry. Quoting from a letter they wrote to one of our correspondents, "Records of the Adjutant General's Office, 1917-, (RG407) includes a series of World War II operations reports in which there are several thousand pages of files for the 475th Infantry Regiment. Among those are operations reports, a proposed outline for a history, journal and file entries, general orders and messages." Speaking for myself, I can not get into such a writing project but if there is interest on the part of others, I will make the full copy of the letter available.

HISTORIAN – BOB PASSINISI

A scholarship fund has been established in Logan Weston's name. The address for donations is as follows: Logan E Weston Scholarship Fund, % First Union Bank / Wachovia, 403 Tom Hall St, Fort Mill SC 29715

SIGNS OF OUR TIMES

- Cemetary Sign: Persons are prohibited from picking flowers from any but their own graves.
- In a Laundromat: Automatic washing machines. Please remove all your clothes when the light goes out.
- In a London department store: Bargain Basement Upstairs

Book Review

The War Diary of the 5307TH Composite Unit (Prov.) By Captain John M. Jones

(Soft Cover, loose leaf construction, 110 pages of text and maps, 52 pages exclusively devoted to photographs. \$20.00 per book plus \$5.00 S&H. Check or Money Order made out to "MMA." and mailed to R. V. Lyons, 11244 N. 33rd St., Phoenix, AZ 85028.

Reviewed by David Dale

Captain John M. Jones, G-2 of Merrill's Marauders kept a meticulous and detailed war diary of the activities of that unit. For years this diary was among General Stilwell's papers at the Hoover Institution of War, Revolution and Peace, Stanford University. They were found there by Col. John E. Easterbrook, Rtd., the son of Gen. Ernest Easterbrook, C.O. of the 475th Infantry Regt., Mars Task Force and the grandson of Gen. Joseph W. Stilwell, Commander of the C.B. Theater of Operations during War War II.

Col. Easterbrook asked David L. Quaid, Historian Emeritus of the Merrill's Marauders Association, to edit the 110 mimeographed pages, which due to the passage of time had to be re-typed for legibility. The photos (which are worth far more than the price of the book) are the work of Lt. David Lubin, 164th Signal Photo Company and the men of his unit, and T/Sgt Dave Richardson, YANK correspondent. The stills were from motion picture film by S/Sgt David Quaid.

Editor Quaid has done a marvelous thing with his photos. If there is a photo of the action being recorded in the text, Quaid has keyed in the identification of the photograph and the reader can turn to photographs in the back of the book to see the applicable photo. This method makes both the text and photographs easier to appreciate.

Most readers are familiar with the history of Merrill's Marauders. They will find this treatment the most realistic they have read, particularly the siege of Nhpum Ga. You are right on the scene, part of the action.

We strongly recommend this book to anyone interested in the story of this famed combat unit.

LETTERS TO EDITOR

EDITOR

I am writing to request information regarding my late father in law, Edward C. Stagg who passed away in 1986. He was a member of Merrill's Marauders and also trained Chinese Army troops in China to fight against the Japanese. He was a great father in law and a wonderful friend. I am currently researching a family history and request any information available as to combat operations he was involved in and wounds received during combat. If possible, could this be further circulated within the Merrill's Marauders Association as I am also trying to preserve the recollections of any unit members who knew Edward Stagg and could share those memories? Edward Stagg's Army service number was 20222742.

God Bless all the members of Merrill's Marauders and all the brave soldiers who fought during World War II. John Carothers, 5905 Colony Drive, Mays Landing, New Jersey 08330.

EDITOR

MARLENE HOGINSKI, 3 Roland St, Enfield CT 06082-5770, mhoginski@aol.com, HONORARY,DTR/ JOHN GARLEWSKY, is hoping for contacts with men who knew John, 5307/2/I&R PLAT LDR; 475/2/I&R.

EDITOR

I have been e-mailing Mr. Passanisi about one of the Marauders. His name was Cleveland T. Storey and he was in Headquarters Company 3rd Battalion, Orange Combat Team. His son is a very good friend of mine and I am trying to help him find out about his dad. We are building a shadow box with his patches and medals in it. We are trying to find a picture of him in uniform or while he was with the Marauders. Could you put something in the news letter that if anyone remembers Mr. Storey or has a picture to please contact me at the following address. I really would appreciate any help that you could provide. Sir, I would like to thank you for the service that you gave to our country. I served 4 years in the Navy from 1966-1970. But it can't compare to what ya'll went through. Every time I read something about the Marauders I am more in awe of what went on.

Billy R. Bowers, P.O. Box 117, Rodessa, La. 71069, 318-223-4765, cbrbowers@softdisk.com

EDITOR

Dear Mr. Lyons,

John Louton gave me your name and address because we appear to share a common interest in Yunnan's history during the final years of the Nationalist government on the Mainland. A good friend of mine temporarily in Chendu met John and the two of them are looking for a book in Chinese on my behalf. I do not read Chinese, but I my partner in a book project is Chinese.

John tells me you were one of Merrill's Marauders and are knowledgeable about events in post-war Yunnan. My Chinese colleague are researching and writing a book about the KMT army that occupied large parts of northeastern Burma between 1950-1961. As an important part of the story, we are going back into Yunnan's historical setting leading up to Lu Han's defection in December 1949 and the final debacle in his province. That background includes some coverage of the Chinese Sixth Army in the southern Shan States in 1942, their retreat back into Sipsongpanna, and their activities during the remained of the war. We are especially focused on the 93rd Division that subsequently occupied Laos in 1945-46, became part of the Twenty-sixth Army in 1948, and then (at least in part) joined the KMT exodus into Burma ahead of the advancing Communists. We are also covering a bit of Lung Yun's wartime reign and the coup by which Chiang Kai-shek deposed him in October 1945. In short, we are interested in the political-military history of Yunnan in the decade of the 1940s.

If you have the time to spend with me, I would love to tap your knowledge for good references that might add to the materials we already have. Please let me know if you would be willing to chat a bit. If so, I will give you a call.

I look forward to making your acquaintance. Regards, Dick. (Ed. Any of you folks out there interested?)

SIGNS OF OUR TIMES

- In an office: Would the person who took the step ladder yesterday, please bring it back or further steps will be taken.
- In another office: After the tea break, staff should empty the teapot and stand upside down on the draining board.

SHARING THE STORY

ACTION AT THE BACK OF THE PACK!

I avidly read about all the great things happening in the organization. Who get what and goes where and why. I would like to share a story with you.

It was during the Nhpum Ga Battle and my radio team and I had dug in about four feet deep and 6 X 6 (Sgt Ballard's idea). Sgt Smally was operating with a Cpl from Maine (Can't think of his name) and I was standing outside the hole, when popping noises came across the field. A Mule Skinner asked, who would be chopping wood in this hot sweaty weather? I gave it a little closer attention and told him I thought someone was chopping his way through the bamboo grove. The Skinner said, "Yeah, a lot of some bodies."

The transmitter generator was grinding up a storm that could be heard all the way back to base. I figured that the Japs must be trying to get us from behind. The second Mule Skinner was a little Indian from Montana, and after listening a moment or two he said he thought it was about five guys chopping out there and if I was a Jap, I'd be hitting you guys from behind. You can hear that "genny" (generator) for miles around!

I called for Tony (He was my runner and in addition he could procure anything we needed) and I told him to get to Col. Beech and tell him we need a B.A.R. man here A.S.A.P. and don't stop for anything. Keep moving! If you should see Sgt Ballard, we could sure use him about now! (Ballard was the Sgt in command and though he was not an operator, he certainly kept our equipment in good condition. He could take a radio apart and reassemble it with his eyes closed. He was always up front with the guys and never with his platoon. I ran the show with his blessing. By the way he carried the biggest backpack in the company. With the chopping noise getting closer and louder, I was getting worried! Here we were, four radio men, 2 mule skinners, three guards, Tony and myself; eleven men against what?

I shut down the "genny", told the skinners to move the mules away, and stacked all the loose equipment behind trees. Radio equipment is too heavy to carry, so we laid the transceiver on its side and dismantled the "genny". I told the guys to gather all the ammo they had and get into the radio hole. They moved pretty fast when I shared what I thought was happening. Just as we settled in, Tony returned with the B.A.R. man. He acknowledged how things were secured and said he wanted to be in the center of the hole, with two riflemen on the ground on either side of the hole and shoot about two feet above the ground on my order. I placed myself next to the B.A.R. man. He had about forty clips of ammo with him and a helper with an M1 rifle. He checked our positions on both sides and said, "Load the rifles (Of course we were already loaded.) On count of three, start shooting and sweep from that tall tree on the left side to the palm tree on the right. The guys on my right side start shooting from the right. The guys on my left side start shooting from my left. Sweep to the middle and back to where you started on the count of three! ONE! TWO! THREE!

Let me say, "Nothing sound sweeter than a B.A.R. going THUMP! THUMP! THUMP!" He was firing full blast, followed by twelve M1's making one hell of a racket. We were loading so fast, all I remember is the clink, clink, clink, as the clips jumped out of the rifles. We probably fired about twelve clips each. We fired for at least a minute (seemed a lot longer). The B.A.R. man ceased firing and an eerie silence fell like a rock on the area. The barrel of my rifle was so hot, I couldn't touch it. We sat perfectly still for about five minutes. Starting to breathe regularly again, the B.A.R. man said, "I'll stay until midnight, then I have to hit the trail to help the gang."

We passed the night far from relaxed. No hot supper. No smoking. No generating. No moving about. No snoring. The skinners quietly fed mules and returned to the radio hole where we huddled, alternating naps, but alert through the night. When dawn broke, the B.A.R. man was still with us. I told him he did one hell of a job with that gun! He said, "A B.A.R. man is no good without rifles at his

side and that we deserved just as much credit as he. He told me that he was going across the meadow to see what was going on. My big Polish mule skinner said, "I'm going with you!" The B.A.R. man borrowed my rifle and they disappeared across the field into the jungle.

Three hours passed with no word or sight of them. I feared they had been bushwhacked. I told the men to return to the hole and the skinners to move the mules out of harms way again.

There we were in the hole, rifles at ready and the B.A.R. mans helper with the B.A.R. ready to fire, when we finally saw them break out of the jungle toward us. I heaved a sigh of relief. They had retrieved a couple of bloody legging bandages, a canteen with two bullet holes and confirmed our assessment of the situation. A lot of bamboo had been cut and about a platoon of Japs had attempted to hit us from behind. I guess we inflicted quite a few leg wounds, because most of the bamboo had been used for stretchers with shirts.

There were no "Atta Boys!" pats on the back or thanks, and none expected. It was my job and I know that I saved the back of the Marauders column from ambush that day.

Sgt Ballard came waltzing back and sat next to me at the edge of the hole. He noticed all the shell casings and said, "What the hell you guys been doing, target practice?"

BERNARD N MARTIN, 5307/3/OCT/COMM/ RADIO SECTION, 3627 Corral Canyon Rd,
Bonita CA 91902-2801, (619) 479-1252

A soldier's last words.

I am not too well and thought before I left, this should go into our history. There wasn't a man in my platoon that didn't like Captain Hopkins. What I am about to write is true. I am not that smart to dream this up. Somewhere near Walawbum, Captain Hopkins was preparing to operate on a wounded soldier. Someone came by and said "Hoppy was told by another medic that this soldier

SHARING THE STORY, continued

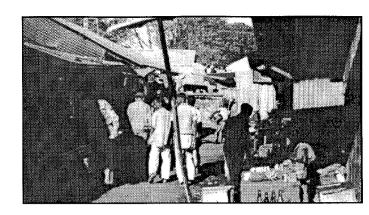
doesn't have a chance of living." Hoppy was quoted as saying, "Yes, I know but I am going to give him that chance." Hoppy might have forgotten that incident but I didn't after sixty years. The soldier did die but from then on, Captain Hopkins gained our respect and admiration. My famous Battle call was, "I am scared but let's get the hell out of here." It never did catch on.

Captain Ossie Burch was a good C.O. Petito was very unfriendly and hardly ever talked to the men except to chew "ass". He did help pulling the mules up the trail. I never heard one thing about him as an officer. I may have been the first soldier in the Fiji's to step on a Sea Urchin. I did nothing but walk. File 13. Charles E Beck, 5307/3/OCT/L CO, 4642 Monroe St, Riverside CA 92504, 909-689-7238.

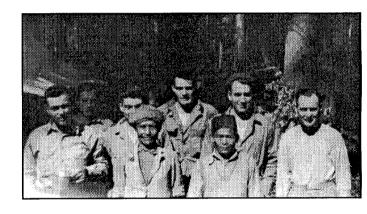
EDITOR

Many, many thanks for sending me a copy of the BURMAN NEWS, November 2002 issue. My husband's name, (Anthony Iuliano) was on page 5. He died on July 8, 2001, not 2002. The V A in Washington lost all his records and I wrote to Senators Chaffee and Reed for help. They sent a letter to the VA and everything was straightened out. I am enclosing some photos we found. Tony didn't talk very much about his life in the China, Burma India Theater. We had never seen these pictures before. Maybe someone can identify them. If you would like anymore, let me know. Rose Iuliano, 7 Circle Dr, Riverside RI 02915-1412. (Editor: Photos are shown following. Any identification of the place or men will be appreciated by Mrs Iuliano and us)









SIGNS OF OUR TIMES

- On a church door: This the gate of Heaven. Enter ye all by this door. (This door is kept locked because of the draft. Please use side entrance).
- Outside a second hand shop: We exchange anything...bicycles, washing machines, etc. Why not bring your wife along and get a wonderful bargain.
- Quicksand Warning: Quicksand...Any person passing this point will be drowned. By order of the District Council.
- Notice in a dry cleaner's window: Anyone leaving his or her garments here for more than 30 days, will be disposed of.
- In a health food shop window: Closed due to illness.
- Spotted in a safari park: Elephants-Please stay in your car.
- Seen during a conference: For anyone who has children and does not know it, there is a day care on the first floor.
- Message on a leaflet: If you cannot read, this leaflet will tell you how to get lessons.



From Left to Right
PVT. Stanley H. Bragg, Ival Maxwell, PVT. Elpidio
Ortega, SGT. George A. Mount, Ricco



Elpidio Ortega, 475 being pinned by General Sultan. Bronze Star for Valor.

- THE "HEREAFTER": I don't know about you, but at any age, I'm beginning to think about the "hereafter". Like when I enter a room, I always have to think about what I came in here for.
- You know that you are over the hill when people stop saying, "you're looking good" and start saying, "you're looking well".
- Once over the hill, you pick up the speed.
- · He, who laughs last, thinks slowest.
- Everyone has a photographic memory. Some don't have film.
- Change is inevitable, except for in vending machines.
- I just got lost in a thought. It was unfamiliar territory.
- When the chips are down, the buffalo is empty.
- Seen it all, Done it all, can't remember most of it.
- Those who live by the sword get shot by those who don't.
- I feel like I am diagonally parked in a parallel universe.
- I wonder how much deeper the ocean would be without sponges.
- You can't have everything, where would you put it?
- The things that come to those who wait may be the things left by those who got there first.
- A fine is a tax for doing wrong. A tax is a fine for doing well.

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