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larger framework On 10 August 1944 the 5307th was reorganized as the 475th Infantry Regiment The combat narrative is based mainly on interviews conducted by the historian of the 5307th after the operation and on information furnished the Historical Branch G 2 War Department by the Commanding General and several members of the unit Few records were available because the Marauders restricted their files in order to maintain mobility while they were operating behind the Japanese lines During the second mission a Japanese artillery shell scored a direct hit on the mule carrying the limited quantity of records and maps kept by the unit headquarters During the third mission the heavy rains made preservation of papers impossible for more than a day or two The unit s intelligence officer was killed at Myitkyina and his records were washed away before they could be located      **Merrill's Marauders** DIANE Publishing Company,1998 An account of the operations of the 5307th Composite Unit Provisional in North Burma from February to May in 1944 during WW II The Marauders efforts was part of a coordinated Allied offensive to reconquer North Burma Details of the offensive are summarized briefly to set the operations of the 5307th within a larger framework The narrative is based on interviews conducted after the operation Contents 1st mission Walawbum 2nd mission Shaduzup 3rd mission Myitkyina casualties decorations Photos maps      *Merrill's Marauders, February - May 1944* Center of Military History,1945      Merrill's Marauders - February - May 1944 Center of Military History,1990      *Merrill's Marauders* Gavin Mortimer,2013-11-15 From late 1941 through 1942 Japan overran much of the Pacific including Burma In March 1943 British Gen Orde Wingate and his famed long range penetration unit the Chindits cut through the Burmese jungle skirmishing with Japanese troops destroying bridges and cutting rail lines Their advance and success shocked the Japanese who had been conquering East Asia at an unstoppable pace The Chindits success however came at a price they lost one third of their three thousand men during the two month long mission But though the Chindits were ultimately pushed back to India their mission set the foundation for long range penetration troops into Japanese controlled territory Months later in August 1943 a call went out for three thousand American troops to volunteer for a hazardous secret mission in the Burmese jungle Casualties were expected to be 85 percent Despite these unfavorable odds the required number of troops was raised comprising men with varied military and personal backgrounds such as Sioux and Japanese Americans who later formed the core of the unit s elite intelligence and reconnaissance platoons Code named Unit Galahad but lacking an official designation they were christened the Dead End Kids by an embedded newspaper correspondent After Col Charles Hunter the unit s commander during training was reassigned to second in command and replaced by Brig Gen Frank Merrill other members of the press coined the more popular nickname for the unit that eventually stuck Merrill s Marauders After training for months in India the Marauders made their way into Burma in February 1944 and cut their way over mountain passes and through thick jungle growth fighting off malaria and dysentery The Marauders continued their trek through the Burmese jungle and engaged in several skirmishes with Japanese troops on their way to their ultimate goal capturing the vital Japanese controlled airstrip at

Myitkyina which linked northern Burma to the rest of the country. Once the airfield was captured through a series of brilliant outflanking movements assisted by Chinese units and Kachin hill tribes, the Marauders dug in to defend it until troops from the First Chinese Army arrived. Only two hundred of the original three thousand Marauders remained in fighting condition when the support came. General Joseph Stilwell reorganized the group with reinforcements and then focused on taking the town of Myitkyina which the Allies finally wrestled from the Japanese in August 1943. For their bravery in the harshest fighting conditions, the group received a Presidential Unit Citation, six Distinguished Service Crosses, four Legions of Merit, and forty-four Silver Stars.

Merrill's Marauders is the story of this highly decorated unit, one of the toughest special forces units of World War II. Author bio: Award-winning historian Gavin Mortimer is one of the world's foremost experts on World War II special forces. His history of the wartime Special Air Service was praised by the BBC as a highly authoritative but also absorbing account, and it is currently under option from GK TV in Hollywood. He has also written *The Daring Dozen: Special Forces Legends of World War II*, a study of twelve of the most influential wartime special forces soldiers from the United States, Britain, and Germany. He contributes regularly to *World War II* magazine, *MHQ: Military History Quarterly*, and other historical publications on both sides of the Atlantic.

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Spearhead James E. T. Hopkins, John M. Jones, 1999. Walawbum, Shaduzup, Inkangahtawng, Nhpum Ga, Ritpong, Myitkyina. Although the names of these battles are not as familiar to the public as Guadalcanal and Iwo Jima, the name of the legendary American volunteer regiment that fought in them echoes throughout modern military history. Thrown into combat in the Burmese jungle in February 1944 at the request of the British government, Merrill's Marauders was the first American infantry regiment to fight on the Asian continent since the Boxer Rebellion. Assembled in 1943 as the 5037th Composite Unit (Provisional), the three thousand infantrymen who answered FDR's call for volunteers for a secret, dangerous, and hazardous mission found themselves in India training for jungle combat. Created to spearhead undertrained and American-led Chinese troops in Burma and reopen the land route to China, the 5037th was expected by the Joint Chiefs of Staff to take 85 percent casualties and be disbanded within three months. As it turned out, the Marauders existed for eleven months, operating successfully in hostile territory, pioneering long-range military activities in jungle and mountainous regions, and completing one of the most productive and perilous military campaigns in American history. Despite its considerable achievements under the most difficult conditions, there has never been a complete history of the regiment until now. In *Spearhead*, James E. T. Hopkins, a field surgeon with the Marauders Third Battalion in collaboration with John M. Jones, provides a detailed history of the highly decorated unit from the circumstances under which the 5037th was formed and its arduous training to the many battles in which the Marauders distinguished themselves to the unit's deactivation in July 1945. Drawing on unpublished logs, personal diaries, and histories kept by members of the regiment, Hopkins provides a personal story of combat in an environment that was nearly as deadly as the enemy. As a medical officer,

he witnessed the horrors of jungle combat the resolute heroism of the volunteers who fought and the genuine respect that men and officers in the regiment had for one another He also chronicles the remarkable efforts of the unit's rear echelon to keep the combatants supplied With *Spearhead* Hopkins reveals the real story behind a chapter in the history of the Second World War too often officially forgotten or clouded by myth *Spearhead* offers a heartfelt tribute to the men who served as Merrill's Marauders and a comprehensive account of their deeds in the treacherous jungles of Burma fifty years ago

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