

BTRY C 612th FA BN PK



INDIA - BURMA 1944  
CENTRAL BURMA 1945

612th FA BN (PK)  
DS TO 475th INF



ARTILLERY



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5332nd BRIGADE (PROV)

613th FA BN (PK)  
DS TO 124th CAV

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Hello Lippert

I saw your notice in the EX CBI ROUNDUP, asking for information on your brother Edward Lippert.

I was in Btry C 612th F A Bn (PK), the 612th was attached to the 475th Inf at Camp Landism, Burma.(North of Myitkyina).

The 475th Inf and the 612th F A Bn left Camp Landis on 17 Nov 44 for a long march. Our first combat was in Dec 44 at Tonkwa Burma. Then about the 1st of Jan 45 we left that area for a long march to Hosi Valley, we went into combat on 17 Jan 45. A few days latter we were joined by the 124th Cav(dismounted) and the 613th F A Bn (PK). This was called the Mars Task Force. In Feb 45 after combat that opened the Burma Road, the Mars Task Froce march south to Lashio, Burma. Then in Arpil and May of 45 the 612th and 613th moved to the Field Artilley Training Center at Kunming China. I am sure most of the 475th and 124th also moved to China. Some of the old timmers were sent home at that time. If your brother was drafted in 1943 and was with 475th, he must have had basic at Ft Bliss, TX and went overseas in Spring of 44 from Newport VA for Bombay India. These men joined the Marauders during the battle for Myithyina and later became start of the 475th Inf.

If your brother died in Sept 1945, was he still in Army and where stationed? The 612th & 613th were deactivated on 8 Sept 45 and most of us were sent to Shanghai China in Sept and Oct 45.

I am historian for the Mountain Artillery Assn, somehow a Helen Gileta got my name and address a few years ago.. She wrote that her brother was in 475th Inf kand was Killed In Action in Jan 45 in Burma. Their family only received word that he was killed in action, no other info. I wrote to her telling her about our combat in Burma. was able to give her a few address's(which I have Lost) of men who were in same Battalion as her brother. I belive he also was in the 2nd Bn. One on the men was with her brother the day he was killed and gave her the info that she had been wanting since 1945.

I am enclosing a few names and address, the 475th Inf men belong to the Merrill's Marauders Assn, here also is their Sec and address.

Also address of office of a Army unit that maybe able to give you some info, when you write be sure to give his complete name and Army Number.

If I can help in any way please drop me a line.

Take Care

*Randy Colvin*

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PS I have a little information on the U S S Butner. the ship that your brother may have gone overseas. I an a honorary member of the U S S Bunter Assn.