

HEADQUARTERS
475th Infantry
APO 218

11 November 1944

SUBJECT: Recommendation for Promotion.

TO : Commanding General, Burma Army Hqrs, New Delhi, India,
(thru channels to the Commanding General, USAF, IB).

1. Recommend that Capt. James Girsham of the Northern Kachin Levies, presently assigned to this unit as the successors of the 5307th Composite Unit (Prov), be promoted to the grade of Major in order to give the subject Officer the rank befitting his position with this organization.
2. Capt. Girsham joined the American Forces of the 5307th Composite Unit (Prov), on or about 18 February 1944 and served as scout, guide and interpreter into Walabum and later into Myitkyina operating in a superior manner with each of the Intelligence and Reconnaissance Platoons of that unit.
3. Major General Frank D. Merrill, Commanding General of the American Unit during this period, stated that the Marauders Columns would not have attained their remarkable success if it were not for Capt. Girsham.
4. Captain Girsham possesses sterling qualities of leadership and his bravery and courage under the most trying combat conditions in the North Burma campaign has clearly demonstrated his fitness for promotion to the grade of Major.
5. Careful consideration of the above matter in light of Capt. Girsham's past service and present position with the staff of this organization is urgently requested.

EARNEST P. BASTERBROOK
Colonel, Infantry
Commanding.

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Certified true copy of recommendation for promotion of Capt. Girsham
by Colonel Charles N. Hunter.