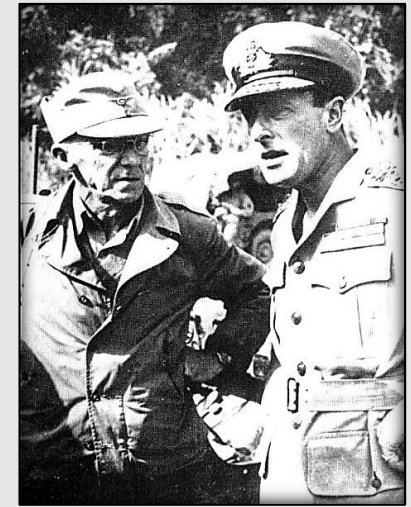




Merrill's Marauders were originally a British unit

"We were an international football between two nations"
said Merrill's Marauder and retired Lt. Gen. Sam Wilson



created by Jonnie Melillo Clasen

The three battalions of American volunteers code-named "Galahad" were part of the Southeast Asia Command under Lord Louis Mountbatten when their troop ship reached Bombay Oct. 29, 1943. They did long-range penetration training in India with Maj. Gen. Ode Wingate's Chindits. Wingate (top left center) and the unit's American commander, Col. Charles N. Hunter (Left) walk with other officers. Wingate (center - bottom left) instructs troops. Men below take a respite from cleaning weapons. There was tension over the Americans between Mountbatten (top right) and Lt. Gen. "Vinegar Joe" Stilwell (left) who wanted them.

**On Dec. 31, 1943,
Mountbatten
transferred
the Americans to
Stilwell's China Burma
India Theater**

