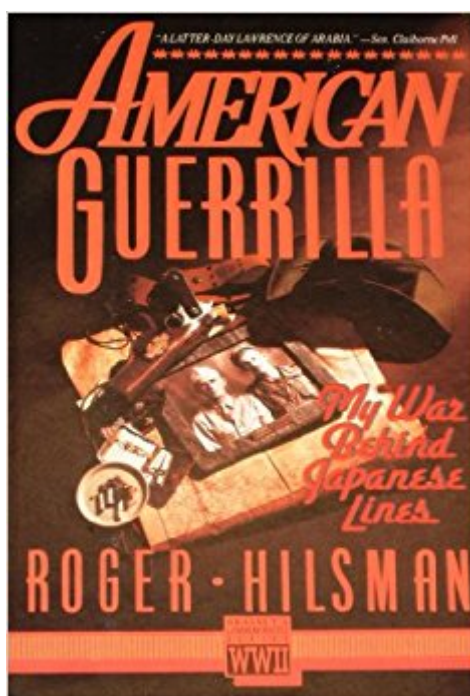


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# American Guerrilla: My War Behind Japanese Lines (Brasseys Commemorative Series Wwii)



## Synopsis

Recalls the adventures of a twenty-five-year-old lieutenant in Burma, ambushing the enemy and rescuing American prisoners, including his own father.

## Book Information

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## Customer Reviews

“An exciting, human-scale memoir of WWII derring-do . . . with a pointed coda on counterinsurgency.”  
• Kirkus Reviews “Enthralling . . . concludes with some useful reflections on the conditions required for guerrilla warfare to be effective.”  
• “A magnificent piece of work . . . Hilsman’s experience and observations should be studied closely.”  
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Analyzes the qualities of military leadership that made alexander successful and examines his profound impact on world history. --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

This is a specialized book that , in my opinion, would not appeal to the general reader. It was recommended to me because I happened to travel to Burma at the same time, and on the same ship, during World War Two. I never met him but we were in the same outfit (Merrill’s Marauders). I enjoyed reading his experiences as an officer as a comparison to mine as a soldier. However, he was wounded severely in his first two weeks of infantry combat while I lasted ten months without a

scratch. His experiences after Burma are really a biography that did not interest me.

Well written, easy to read memoir by a guy who "was there" during WWII and "did it". The book covers Hilsman's entry into OSS and deals with his involvement in occupied SE Asia. Very interesting and definitely worth the five bucks, or so, that I paid for it "used".

After reading the book and the included reviews below, they are just a reminder as to how controversial history can be, and how recollections vary about events. Roger graduated from West Point in 1942, and found himself soon entrenched with Merrill's Marauders and an OSS Detachment during WW II. After Burma and the Philippines, he started working as an intelligence chief in JFK's Administration (including Viet Nam). I suppose I found most interesting was his years working as a guerrilla and what you had to do, the techniques and sacrifices, to survive and be successful. Worth reading - make up your own opinion on some of the operations.

contains information that I need to compare with Rooney's, fellows-Garden, Mortimer's, and other volumes on WWII Burma.

A very informative book written by a member of the greatest of the greatest generation. Good history to learn, you never know when it will repeat itself...

The amazing thing about this book is who this guy became. He would have kept us out of Viet Nam if Kennedy had not been killed. He was Kennedy's A Team man about Counter Insurgency. He was a guerilla in Burma. Not the most well written, but a fascinating piece of history.

The book is in good condition. Delivery very prompt. Great account of WWII.

It is a matter of official U.S. military record that Roger Hilsman served first with Merrill's Marauders and later transferred to active duty with Detachment 101 of the Office of Strategic Services, with which he fought behind Japanese lines in northern Burma with the American-Kachin Rangers. (As an aside, Tom Chamales, who wrote the novel "Never So Few," also came to Det 101 from the Marauders.) Mr. Hilsman's prose may be politically incorrect, his military jargon may be imprecise, his post-war activities and claims may be distasteful to some--as reviewer John Hancock claims--but Hilsman's service during World War II should never be questioned or dismissed. Hilsman's service

record is referenced in several excellent books on the Marauders and on Det 101. Among the most notable books is OSS 101 Det veteran Richard Dunlop's "Behind Japanese Lines with the OSS in Burma" (Rand McNally, 1979); Dunlop also wrote a well-regarded biography of his former OSS boss, "Wild Bill" Donovan. Check out the sources...don't believe the rants of someone like Hancock.

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