For my 3rd continent book report I read *Elephant Run* by Roland Smith. Nick is a 14 year old boy living in London when the blitz was going on. His apartment was destroyed and his mother sends him to go to Burma, where his father lives and owns a plantation. Nick arrives and not soon after an elephant named Hannibal attacks him and breaks a couple of ribs. Soon after he arrives, Nick’s dad wants to send him to Australia via India because of an expected attack of the Japanese.

Well the Japanese find them when they are in camp on their way to India. Nick’s taken by Sonji a Japanese soldier and Nick stays at hawks nest (the plantation house); his dad is on a death march. One day Hilltop, who is over 100, shows Nick and Mya a tunnel in the building. They run into a village close to the plantation. Kya Lei is a thief but helps them go to Indaw and Nick’s dad. Bukong catches them and wants to know where Kya Lei are. Hannibal goes insane and kills Bukong and captain Moto; his guards are gunned down by Kya Lei and Bernard (Nick’s stepfather). The book ends when Nick is 18 and World War 2 ends.

The recommendation is the best part of this. I loved this book, I’ve been really lucky this year in picking out good books. This book brings out the best in a reader; if you read this you’ll love it, no questions asked. You have to understand a little bit of history in the World War 2 era. You will enjoy the book more if you have an advanced comprehension level, you’ll enjoy it anyways but you will be able to follow all that happens and to understand what is going on in the book. Some parts of this novel can be a bit confusing to an inexperienced reader.

Roland Smith does a very good job of showing feeling and emotion in *Elephant Run* and puts the reader in a 3rd person view but with almost a 1st person understanding, it takes a very good author to manage to do something like that. Something that makes this book difficult to manage is the fact that it is over 300 pages, if you’re tight on time this book isn’t for you; however it is a great summer read. I would recommend this to anybody who likes learning about World War II, anyone who wants to read about Asia, or just anyone looking for a decent book in general. This book has very relatable characters. Sergeant Sonji is a great example, he is a crescent guy, sort of like Homer in *Tomorrow when the War Began;* he is a tough guy at first but once you get past the first layer, he is a softie and will open up. We all know folks like that. This book has all the keys to being a great book it is well written, relatable, and makes you laugh. Overall I loved it and you will too, 10/10