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PARASCOOPS

Edited by Dr. Charles E. Pugh

Greetings to all you 596ers. This Newsletter is designed to keep you informed periodically about the location and activities of our former comrades -in-arms. I hope it will also kindle an uncontrollable desire to attend the next Reunion of our group along with the rest of the 517 Parachute Regimental Combat Team in Orlando, Florida, Thurs, Fri. and Sat., 13-15 August 1981, at the Dutch Inn Hotel, Lake Buena Vista (Orlando) Florida.

In 1977, this Reunion was held in San Diego, Ca. and only six 596ers were in attendance. They were Hank Simpson, Al Goodman, Bill Hudson, Bob Verdi, Bill Christian and Mike Bulino.

In August, 1979, at Minneapolis, MN there were 16 of us in attendance: Warren Sundberg, George Ayling, Lyle (Gus) Madison, Brooks Moses, Clarence Hatlestad, Joe Smith, Fred Zavaterro, Al Goodman, Hank Simpson, Manuel Ventoza, Bernard Barnes, Michael Bulino, Dan Saunders, Art Von, Al Schornberg and Charles Pugh, Only a last minute emergency prevented Dr. John Holbrook from being there. There were others such as Ray Hild, Earl Dillard, Bill Christian, Dick Bartholomew, Bob Verdi and "Pop" Spencer who were prevented from coming by family illness or previous commitments.

Our company complement of men was about 135 I think, so that means we had about 11% of that number there. We are hoping and planning on having at least thirty 596ers in Orlando. That would be a fantastic occasion and an extraordinary turnout for we have been able to locate only 42 living members.

In Minneapolis, we had a marvelous and unforgettable reunion. Almost everyone brought his wife along and we had so much fun and fellowship and laughter and reminiscing and dancing, and high spirits, and distilled spirits, and LOVE. I believe everyone felt it was a memorable occasion that we all look forward to repeating in Florida in 1981.

I have ordered the 596 Emblem jacket patch (shown above) for all of you who didn't get one in Minneapolis. They are a gift but you must pick yours up in Orlando in August, 1981.

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At our Minneapolis Reunion there were several fellows with good memories of those long ago days at Camp Toccoa, Camp McCall, Fort Benning, Tennessee Maneuvers, and Europe but Don Saunders has a recall that is almost unbelievable and Brooks Moses memory is also phenomenal.

Bernie Barnes is incredible in that he looks about 10 years older than he did in 1943.

There is much more I could write about you fellows who were in Minneapolis but I would prefer to reprint your letters in the next newsletter and let you tell about yourself and family and what you thought about our get-together last August.

I called David Twight and talked with his sister-in-law. Dave is a seaman on the Great Lakes and is out on ships for months at a time.

Dick Bartholomew is Superintendent of Maintenance in the Industrial Chemicals Division of Allied Chemical Corporation.

If you wish to receive "The Thunderbolt" put out quarterly by the 517th Parachute Combat Team, write Bill Lewis, Route 1, Box 3, Trimont, MN 56176.

Cameron Gauthier is President of our 517 Reunion Association and our own Henry (Hank) Simpson is on the Board of Directors and has been representing us very ably in this capacity for several years.

The Jumpmaster for the Reunion in Orlando is Frank Grbinich, 730 Wingfoot Lane, Melbourne, FL 32935. He has made the local arrangements for our Reunion and also arranged with a local travel agent for an optional cruise of the Caribbean aboard the Carnival to visit the Dominican Republic, San Juan, Puerto Rico, St. Croix and U.S. Virgin Islands. The travel agent will contact you with details if you will send your request to Frank or call him at 1-305-773-6659.

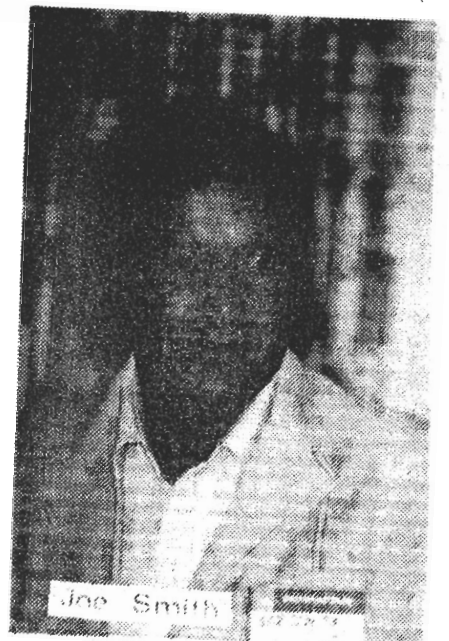
I am hoping that all of you who received this letter will take a few minutes to write me a letter or if you prefer call me on the phone and give me a short biographical sketch of your activities over the past 35 years and presently. What sort of work have you done and are you doing? Number of children and grandchildren. Your wife's name. Also please tell me about the present address of anyone not on the enclosed Roster and about any of our buddies who are deceased but are not listed herein.

Last fall, after the Minneapolis Reunion, Don Saunders and Gus Madison and their wives got together with the Bob Wilkersons in Virginia Beach for a few days of sun, surf and sand.

Along with this Newsletter I am sending a list of 5 or 6 names of 596ers whom we have not yet been able to locate. Don Saunders and I have spent considerable time and some money in trying to locate our buddies but the task is too time consuming for only the two of us. If you will find out the Area Code Number for the last known address of each of the men on your list, you can call the operator in that town and inquire after a phone listing for that person. If there is no listing and the town isn't too large you can ask for the phone number of 2 or 3 other persons in the town with the same last name. Then with a small cost you can call each of these people to find out if they know or are related to the person you are looking for. With your help we can probably find some more 596ers and at little cost in time or money to anyone. After you have used every reasonable means to locate the persons on your list, please return the list to me with notations about what you found out.



Catherine and Mike Bulino



Joe Smith



Al Schomberg, Moses and Saunders



Warren Sundberg

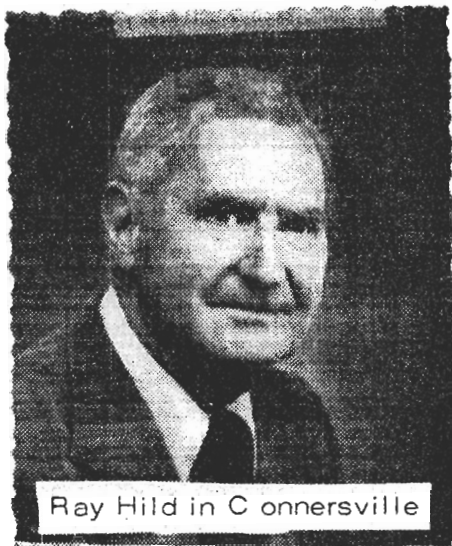


Bulino, Ventoze, Laverne Ventoza

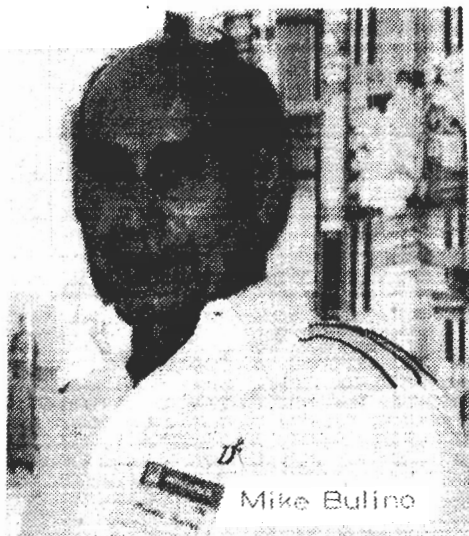


Clarence Hallestad

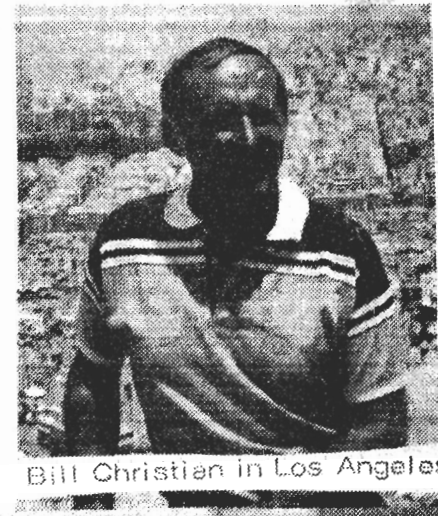
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Ray Hild in C onnersville



Mike Bulino



Bill Christian in Los Angeles



"Brooks" Moses, Col. Rupert Graves, Mike Bulino

Henry (Hank) Simpson



The better half and much better looking half of the Minneapolis Reunion 596 group.



Laverne and "Manny" Ventoze

Outer perimeter left to right: Mery Ann Madison, Andrée Schornberg, Thelma Barnes, Marion Saunders, Lee Aytling, Marion Simpson, Alice Goodman, Seated Left chair - Catherine Bulino. Seated right chair - Laverne Ventoze

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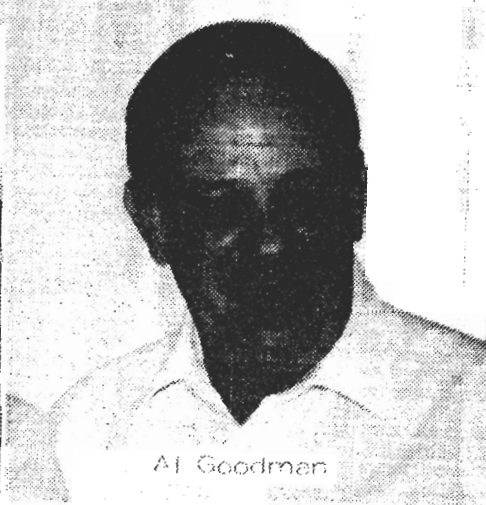
Fred Zavatiero



"Gus" Madison and his wife, Mery Ann



Joe Smith



Al Goodman



George Ayling



Don Saunders

Bonnie Barnes

Art Van

M. Dupe Venloze



Front Row - Saunders, Venloze, Simpson

Back Row - Zavatiero, Madison, Smith,
Goodman, Pugh

George Ayling (Lee)



Cary F. Gibbons



Dick Bartholomew (Florianne)



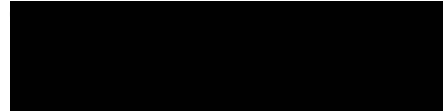
John (Jack) Guthrie



Bernard F. Barnes (Thelma)



Clarence Hatlestad



Michael Bulino (Catherine)



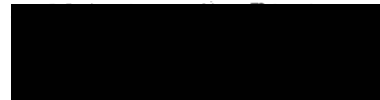
Ray Hild (Mary)



Bill Christian



Dr. John T. Holbrook (Azelea)



William R. Doane



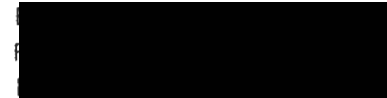
Bill (Mo) Hudson



Earl Dillard



M. B. (Monk) Johnson



Louis Gelen



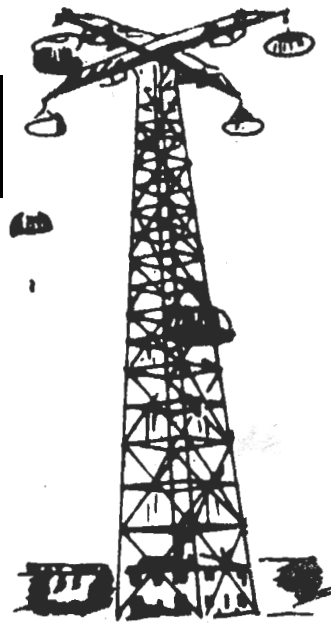
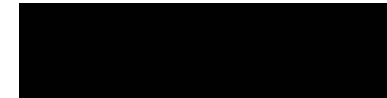
Alfred Kunzer



Al Goodman (Alice)



Lyle S. (Gus) Madison (Mary Ann)



1981 REUNION 517th PARACHUTE COMBAT TEAM

Thursday, Friday, Saturday, August 13, 14, 15
Dutch Inn Hotel - Lake Buena Vista - Orlando, Florida

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Carl Lee Mac Intyre



B.E. (Pop) Spencer



James M. (Brooks) Moses (Mary)



Lloyd H. Spencer



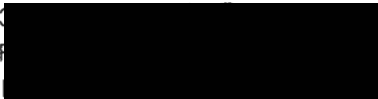
V.D. (Vince) Podrasky



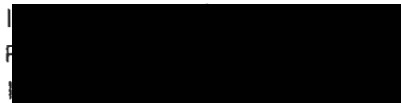
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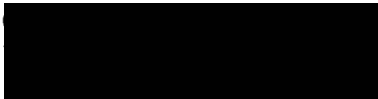
Dr. Charles E. Pugh (Ann)



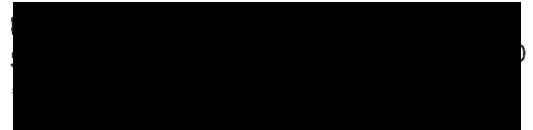
Al Schornberg (Andrée)



Don Saunders (Marion)



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Joe Smith



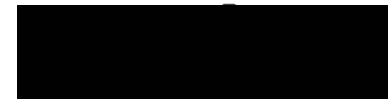
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Warren E. Sundberg



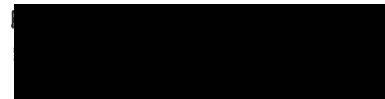
David Twight



Merrill W. Seely



Marshall H. Turner



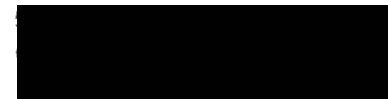
Henry (Hank) S. Simpson (Marion)



Manuel (Manny) Ventoza (LaVerne)



Bob Verdi



PLEASE DROP ME A CARD AND LET ME KNOW IF YOU ARE PLANNING TO ATTEND THE REUNION IN ORLANDO IN AUGUST. 1981

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SUPPLEMENT TO ROSTER 596 PARACHUTE ENGINEER COMPANY — 22 MAY 1980

Cornelius (Connie) Driscoll



Robert Egger



Harold Eddy



Dennis Shipley



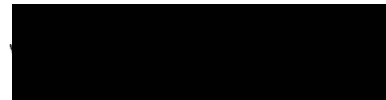
George H. Shull (Winston)



Thomas J. Young



Joe D. Miller (Mary)



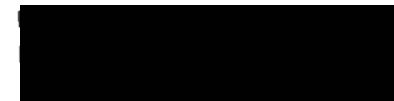
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James R. Botts



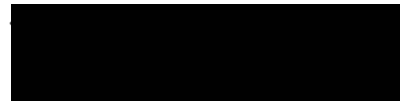
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Joseph W. Bennett



James Benson



Willard H. Conger



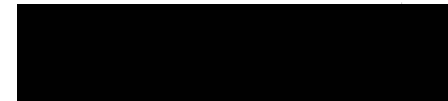
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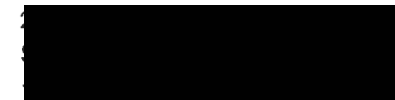
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Robert E. Anderson (Avls)

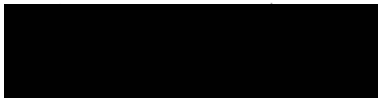


Harold R. Bean



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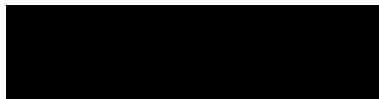
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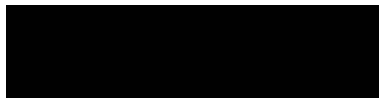
Robert C. Wilkerson (Betty)



Art Von (Marion)



Peter C. Zubricky



Fred H. Zavattero (Helen)



Peter Liberatore



In Memoriam

Ralph Longstreth
Ira Van Dyke
Al Foley
Elias Nolan
Durland (Bucky) McCauley
John Celecz
Gorda L. (Tommy) Landrum
Carroll W. Dorothy
Clyde V. Hoffman

TAPS

SICK CALL

Al Goodman dropped me a note about Fred Zavattero's ill health. On 13 April, I called and talked with Fred in Tokyo, Japan, and he was entering the hospital for tests and probably lung surgery. I know it will help him if you will send him a card or letter to express your concern and love.

I talked with "Monk" Johnson's wife a few days ago and Monk's health is not good at all. He has coronary insufficiency and I'm sure would welcome a card or letter from you.

Please let me know if I have your address or telephone incorrect on this Roster. Please write and tell me your wife's first name.

If I do not have your telephone number or your mail ZIP code number please send to me.

If you have any information about the present location, illness or death of any 596 er, please send the information to me.

I am sorry to have to report the death from heart and kidney problems of "TOMMY" LANDRUM in February in Hawaii. He was a very successful business man. He had an air conditioning company in California until he sold it in 1970. He retired to Kono, Hawaii where he built houses and sold boats and accessories. He is survived by his wife, Martha, a son and a daughter.

I'm sure most of you have already learned of the tragic death of Mel Edwards of Lubbock, Texas and his wife Margaret in an auto accident several months ago. Mel put out The Thunderbolt for many years and was very active in locating our former comrades.



AIRBORNE MAIL CALL



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Following is an excerpt from a letter I received from Mel Edwards in 1976 that I want to share with you:

"I was at Dick Seitz' retirement last May 1975 who retired as Lt. Gen. and at Mel Zais' this year who made 4 Star. Not bad for a couple of non-West Pointers. The outfit, I think, produced some 8 Generals altogether. Mickey Marks (G. Lt.) still is Airborne at 18th Corps. at Ft. Bragg, and Dave Grange, PVT in Hqs. 2nd Bn. back in the good ole days, has finally climbed up to Major General. I can still hear Dick Seitz hollering at him "Get that G. D. Radio up here" - He was Dick's radio man back then. We have one enlisted man still in that we know of; other than these 3, the 517th is about finished on active duty." Mel

"Mose" Moses wrote to say that in the early 60's he saw Gene Markle, Lt. McMillan, and Lt. Mullin, all of whom were then Army Captains at Ft. Stewart, GA. All were refereeing Army maneuvers but he hasn't seen or heard from any of them since then.

'Mose' thinks Paul Roberson is living in Cedartown, GA but he hasn't been able to contact him. 'Mose' goes to North Carolina from time to time to goose hunt with 'Pop' Spencer and 'Pop' hunts quail each year with him in Georgia. He says 'Pop' hasn't had a drink in 30 years and 'Mose' hasn't had one in 30 minutes. 'Mose' spent 17 years in the Georgia State Patrol and then transferred to the Georgia Criminal Investigation Division and stayed in that position until his retirement in 1975. He now is a Private Detective and Polygraph Examiner in Vidalia, GA, and says he enjoys his work. He and his wife, Mary, have raised two sons. The older son is a Detective and a Captain in the Army Reserve and a Sky-Diver. The younger son is a graduate engineer now attending law school.

'Mose' says he has lost his hair and gained about 40 pounds so running and push-ups are out but that he can still walk all day. He closed his letter: "I am sitting here sipping a tall one and thinking of you guys and a very cold winter in Belgium."

Ray Hild returned to his job as a refrigeration engineer after the war was over and worked with Avco in Cincinnati, Ohio, Whirlpool in Evansville, Ind., Borg-Warner in Ft. Smith, Ark., and Philco-Ford in Connersville, Ind., where he retired in 1976. Ray likes to garden and fish and his wife Mary sells real estate. Note in the photo of Ray elsewhere in this issue how enviably young he looks.

Bill Christian writes:

"I could not begin to tell you all the things that have happened to me over the years. Should probably write a book, but then again no one would believe it. Like a great many ex-GI's I wasted a few years before getting my feet on the ground, so after 4 colleges and 6 years, a degree finally came in Physical Education. Graduated with full expectations of being a football coach but gave up after one year due to the poor salary in those days. By the way, an old pal at the U. of Dayton was Chuck Noll, Coach of the Steelers."

"My first job was in Facilities Management for the largest management consulting firm in the country and for six years I traveled the east and midwest on assignments. Heavy travel commitments caused many personal problems so I resigned and was headed for final approval as a Treasury Agent when Tom Landrum called me from California with a substantial job offer. He had been Vice-President of the record largest construction company in the U. S. at that time. His company built almost 80% of Cape Canaveral plus jobsites thru out the world. We parted after six years as the company went belly-up due to very poor high-level management. For the next 15 years I traveled thru quite a few

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jobs all carrying the same titles and responsibilities, Director of Facilities which includes management of corporate functions such as construction, maintenance, security, safety administrative services, personnel, purchasing, facilities planning etc. I've been with some of the largest companies in the country and presently am Director of Facilities for the second largest public television station in the U. S. "

"I've been married 21 years to a wonderful girl, who was raised in Greece. We spent the greatest months vacation this past year visiting old relatives. My son is 20+ and finishing his sophomore year in college and my daughter is a Junior in high school. My hobbies are bike riding, golf, racket-ball and gardening, can't sit still for a minute."

"Up until last year I was totally involved in youth athletics. Spent over 10 years coaching baseball, football teams or directing league activities. One of my prides is Rod Boxberger who should come up with the Astros this year, plus a bigger number in college football."

"I see Moe Hudson a few times each year. You would not recognize him. Very conservative, fine engineer who will retire after 20 years with the State of California. His wife is also very personable and charming. I had dinner with Bob Verdi and his wife last year. He hasn't changed too much at all. Still flashy and lots of good laughs." Bill

In 1975, Fred Zavattero wrote me as follows:

"After leaving the Army at the end of WWII, I returned to the Univ. of Calif. and went to work for United Press International. I worked in San Francisco, Seattle, New York City and finally Tokyo. I remained with UPI for 16 years. In Tokyo I had the opportunity to become a professor of English at Hosei University where I am now. I also edit a magazine."

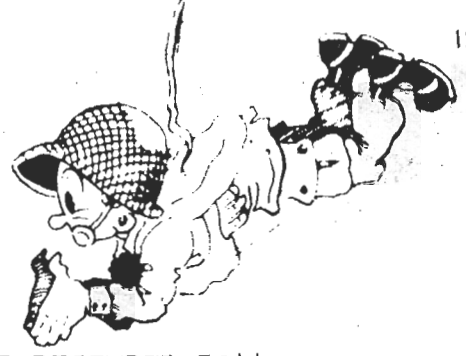
"My family and I have been living in Tokyo for almost 15 years. I am married and have 4 sons. Three of them are in the States. The youngest, nine years old, is still at home. He attends Nishimachi International School, where everything is taught in English. He also studies Japanese and is fluent in the language."

"My wife Helen, is an English professor also. She writes a weekly column for the Asahi Evening News and edits two hotel magazines."

Don Saunders writes to say:

"I got married in 1948 and Marion and I have 6 children. I worked as a foreman at Corning Glass Works for 8 years went to college in 1958 and have been teaching math in high school since 1962. Hope to retire and spend my time in my 31 foot Airstream trailer traveling around the country".

If for any reason you are not able to try to locate the 5 or 6 men whose names are on a separate sheet herein, please mail the list back to me so someone else can work on it.



ROSTER-DECEMBER 1944
596 TH. AIRBORNE ENGINEER COMPANY

OFFICERS

- Captain Dalrymple, Robert W.
- 1st Lt. Bonaventura, Charles M.
- 1st Lt. Dillard, Earl H.
- 1st Lt. Gainer, Glenn N.
- 1st Lt. Hill, Raymond C.
- 1st Lt. Norwood, Wayne D.
- 1st Lt. Phillips, Jr. Edward P.
- 1st Lt. Zavatiero, Frederick H.

ENLISTED MEN

- Anderson, Robert E.
- Ayling, George W.
- Barnes, Bernard F.
- Bartholomew, Richard B.
- Bean, Jr. Harold M.
- Bennett, Joseph W.
- Benson, James W.
- Bogan, Robert S.
- Botts, James R.
- Boyer, Jack W.
- Bramley, Richard L.
- Buchanan, Ambrouse W.
- Burns, Michael
- Calez, John S.
- Charlton, Walter K.
- Christian, William T.
- Cochran, Billy E.
- Conger, Willard H.
- Doane, William E.
- Dorman, Milton O.
- Driscoll, Cornelius M.
- Eddy, Harold L.
- Eggler, Robert P.
- Ennis, Frank E.
- Foley, Albert A.
- Gelen, Louis O.
- Gibbon, Corey F.
- Glenn, Verlin E.
- Goodman, Allan R.
- Gondie, Donald A.
- Greenwood, James O.
- Grona, Max W.
- Harrell, Alton W.
- Harris, Kenneth E.
- Hoffman, Clyde V.
- Holbrook, John T.
- Horrigan, Edward J.
- Hosterman, Ned E.
- Hudson, William S.
- Hyman, Lester E.
- Johnson, Harold C.
- Johnson, Murray E.
- Johnson, Roy C.

- Jones, George H.
- Kemp, Arthur M.
- Kenyon, Jr. Kyle F.
- Kosan, Ernest C.
- Kovach, Mike F.
- Kroll, Marion J.
- Kunzer, Alfred F.
- Landrum, Gorda L.
- Larivey, Edward J.
- Larsson, Gustaf
- Lester, Francis M.
- Longstroth, Ralph A.
- MacFadden, James M.
- Madison, Lyle S.
- Markis, Eugene C.
- McConnell, John A.
- McIntyre, Carl L.
- McRoy, Homer L.
- Maris, Warn R.
- Metsger, William J.
- Miller, Joe D.
- Mills, Claude K.
- Misaage, George E.
- Mitchell, George W.
- Montgomery, Wilburn T.
- Moore, Laverne B.
- Moses, James M.
- Myers, Taylor L.
- Nolan, Elias A.
- Nolan, James H.
- O'Neil, Donald F.
- Pearson, Russell O.
- Pierce, David W.
- Podrasky, Vincent D.
- Poe, Raymond E.
- Priddy, De Ole H.
- Pugh, Charles E.
- Randall, John L.
- Baptis, Andrew A.
- Batliff, Carl
- Rigdon, Marvan A.
- Roberson, Pan J.

- Roberts, Harold A.
- Rogers, James M.
- Ross, William A.
- Ryzac, Charles
- Saunders, Warren E.
- Saunders, Donald R.
- Savelli, George A.
- Schorberg, Albert G.
- Seeley, Merrill W.
- Senter, Joseph F.
- Sherman, Donald W.
- Shigley, Dennis H.
- Shull, George H.
- Simpson, Henry S.
- Small, Tom G.
- Smith, Clarence D.
- Smith, Joseph
- Spangler, Glenn C.
- Spencer, Bernard E.
- Spencer, Lloyd H.
- Starck, Arthur G.
- Sterling, Hugh D.
- Stevens, Roscoe E.
- Stihel, Joseph A.
- Swanson, Charles E.
- Skakas, Elmer
- Thomas, Earl B.
- Turner, Marshall H.
- Twight, David G.
- Vaisadz, Davis S.
- Ventoza, Manuel I.
- Vrdt, Robert J.
- Von, Arthur W.
- Walker, Leonard I.
- Ward, Arthur U.
- Whalen, John R.
- Wilkerson, Jr. Robert O.
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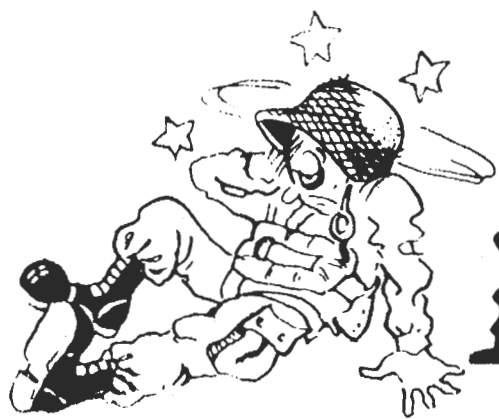


ATTACHED ENLISTED MEN

- Bennett, Woodrow D.
- Berryhill, John R.
- Buckner, Cyrus H.
- Courbatine, Charles R.
- Dall, Robert L.
- Diaz, Joe

- France, Ralph
- Lannen, Peter W.
- McEanney, Jr. James W.
- McKinley, Edward T.
- Nelson, Oliver J.

- Phoebus, Robert E.
- Ralston, Charles R.
- Reichwald, Herbert A.
- Secor, John A.
- Stuckey, Eugene F.
- Van Dyke, Jr. Ira



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PARACHUTE COMBAT TEAM

To all the 517th People: Remember ORLANDO, FLORIDA August 13-14-15-1981

The Dutch Inn hotel is one of the largest in the complex of Lake Buena Vista, located 100 meters from Lake Buena Vista Village which have restaurants, shops, delicatessen, the Princess Lilly which is a prototype of a sternwheeler and has four restaurants and a Dixie Lounge and Band, boating fishing and many other activities.

The Dutch Inn is a total service hotel, several lounges, shops, large pool and outside bar and lounge, a restaurant open 24 hours a day, ice machines on every floor, each room is a double-double and they have ample parking.

Nearby is a championship golf course where the Disney Open is held. Five minutes by bus from the hotel is Disney World. Five minutes by bus from the hotel is Sea World.

All of us can be assured of a heck-of-a-good time - there will not be a dull moment - there will be some activity for the ladies while the men attend the meeting on Saturday morning.

Enclosed is a "LETTER TO THE EDITOR".
Please see that your local editor receives a copy.....
maybe we can find some of our long lost friends.
If each of us could locate one man and send his name and address to the Secretary's office it will be a great help.

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God be with you and yours,

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TO THE EDITOR:

The 517th Parachute Infantry Regimental Combat Team Association will hold its 19th Reunion, August 13-14-15-1981, at the Dutch Inn Orlando, Florida.

This letter is part of our nationwide effort to locate former members who served during World War II. Our Combat Team was composed of:

- 517th Parachute Infantry Regiment
- 596th Parachute Engineer Company
- 460th Parachute Field Artillery Bn.



All former members are asked to contact:



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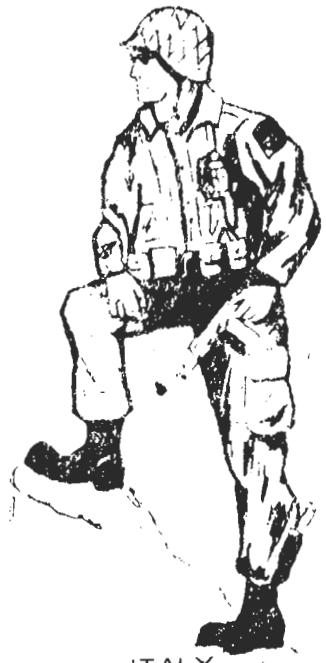


Battle Stars

- Naples - Foggia
- ★ Southern France
- Central Europe
- Ardennes - Alsace
- Rhineland

U.S.A.

- Camp Toccoa, GA
- Camp Mackall, NC
- Hamlet, NC
- Rockingham, NC
- Southern Pines, NC
- Fort Benning, GA
- Tennessee Maneuvers
- Ft. Patrick Henry, VA



ITALY

- Naples
- Bagnoli
- The Volcano
- Pozzuoli
- Civitavecchia
- Grosseto
- Follonica
- Rome
- Frascati
- Lago Albano

Champagne Campaign

- FRANCE
- Les Arc
- Le Muy
- Draughignon
- Antibes
- Grasse
- St. Martin du Var
- Nice
- Blausasc
- Colle de Bras
- Sospel
- Epinal
- Soissons
- Auxerre
- Tonnerre
- Chablis
- Peira Cava
- Col de Braus

Battle of the Bulge

- BELGIUM
- St Vith
- Stavelot
- Basse Bodeaux
- Trois Ponts
- Stavelot
- GERMANY
- Bergstein
- Berlin





Front row: Bulino, Saunders, Schornberg, Simpson, Goodman, Pugh
Back row: Ventozza, Madison, Ayling, Zavattero, Barnes, Smith
Not present for picture: Sundberg, Moses, Hatlestad, Von

Marshall Turner hadn't seen or talked with anyone from the 596 in 35 years and when I recently called him on the telephone he was thrilled to find out that I could send him the names and addresses of over 40 of our guys. I saw Marshall's name in the old 1945 Roster and decided to try and locate him by telephone and lo and behold he was in the same town. There are no doubt several others we can locate in this manner and I feel sure they will be as happy to be 'found' by us as was Marshall!

I talked with Marshall Turner and he plans to be in Orlando in 1981 as do Leo Wrobleski, and John Holbrook.

John Holbrook practices forensic psychiatry in Dallas and flies his own plane for both business and pleasure. John and I have been able to get together quite often over the years and enjoy a close and abiding friendship.

Earl Dillard and his charming wife had lunch in our home a few months ago and it was a delightful but all too brief few hours. Earl is in charge of the Book Store at Texas Tech University. For many years he was in the insurance business. Earl looks a lot like Lyndon Johnson and acts like Gary Cooper.

For many years Tom Small was a Baptist Missionary in Nigeria, Africa. I haven't seen Tom and his wife since he was student at Southwest Baptist Seminary in Ft. Worth, about 25 years ago.



If you haven't yet bought a copy of the recently published book, Paratrooper, by Gerard M. Devlin, please do so. If your local bookstore doesn't have it or can't get it for you, order it from The Battery Book Store, P.O. Box 3107, Uptown Station, Nashville, TN 37219. Price is \$21.00 postpaid. It is the definitive book about U.S. Paratroopers in WW2. A Great Book!!!

In Minneapolis, D Company of the 517 had the largest number of members present (22) and we had 16 there and we didn't even try hard. We had the third largest number of any Company. In Orlando let's set the all-time record for number of members from a Company of the Combat Team.

If you want this newsletter to continue, please take a few minutes right now or soon and send me some information about yourself. Your interest and participation is vital to the success of this effort.

I'd like to close this newsletter with the same sentiment I expressed in the first one I sent out:

There was never a more closely knit group than the 596 nor a finer group of young men. We were justifiably proud of ourselves as individual soldiers and as an elite military unit. I'm sure the experiences and associations of those years have had a great and lasting effect on the life of each of us and for the most part have been a positive, ennobling and elevating influence on our lives after 1945. We were as close and as loyal as brothers and although we have been long separated by time and distance, that feeling of warmth, brotherhood and closeness still exists for me and I feel certain is the same with each of you. So, let's rekindle the embers of these old friendships through the pages of our newsletter. Perhaps it will lead to some correspondence and visitations that will enrich your life and gladden your heart.

May the blessing of blue skies and gentle landings be with us all...

