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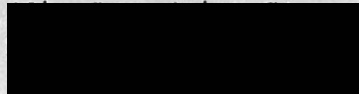
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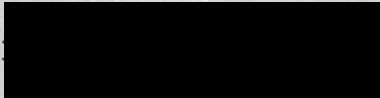
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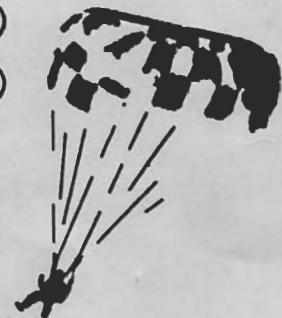
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There are many important items in this issue. (1) Joe Miller's letter regarding the Airborne Stamp Program. Please write your Congressmen requesting the stamp. (2) Charley Pugh's information regarding the 1990 Airborne Celebration in Washington, D.C. (3) A

revised mailing list (4) Some new pictures reminding us of where we were forty years ago, who is no longer with us and for all who are still here the pictures show us the fun we all can have at the reunions. Also note the announcements of the future events. HAPPY THANKSGIVING

Joe Miller

June 6, 1988

Mr. Frank B. Thomas
Program Manager, Philatelic Design
Stamp Information Branch
U. S. Postal Service
Washington, D. C. 20260-6753

Dear Mr. Thomas:

Thank you for taking time from your busy schedule in order to meet with me on such short notice on May 23, 1988. Also, please tell Mr. Rustin how much I appreciate his cooperation and assistance on the question of commemorative stamps for the U. S. airborne forces.

Your comments about the Citizen's Advisory Committee decision making process and the typical announcement schedule were most helpful. As I understand these procedures, it will be mid summer 1989 before your office releases the list of stamps approved for issuance in 1990.

You also reaffirmed previous reports that our earlier requests are under consideration by Mr. Faries' advisory group. Of course, this is encouraging news and will be reported through various airborne publications to our membership.

Please let me underscore two or three suggestions which I hope will be taken into consideration. First, there is a need to recognize the 50th anniversary of the airborne separate and apart from the events and personalities of WWII. Second, any such recognition should be limited to those troops that made up the original force - namely, paratroopers and glidermen. This does not preclude the appropriateness of future consideration of all elements of today's airborne assault units. Third, the broadest support would seem to favor commemorative stamps which depict the airborne in a generic manner rather than featuring a specific event or personality. And, lastly, it is our desire to work with the Postal Service in conjunction with the airborne celebration scheduled in Washington, D. C. during the month of July 1990. Some 50,000 potential stamp collectors are expected to attend those festivities.

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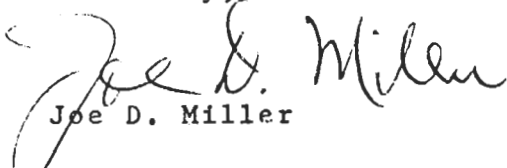
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June 6, 1988
Mr. Frank B. Thomas

I hope you will share this letter with Postmaster General Anthony M. Frank and Mr. Morison, Deputy of the Department. The latter gentleman is familiar with our cause and was most helpful to a delegation that visited he and Mr. Tisch approximately 18 months ago.

Finally, our files show an increasing volume of letters and verbal communications in support of not one but a series of airborne stamps and we will continue to encourage these men and women to express their desires to you and other authorities. Hopefully, the Citizen's Advisory Committee will honor us with a favorable decision. As you know, it is ironic to most of us that our own government has not been among the list of allied nations according such recognition to us and their own airborne forces.

Again, thank you for your time and attention to our concerns.

Sincerely,


Joe D. Miller



Vice-Pres. Joe Miller
Commemorative Stamp

517 Parachute Combat Team
Mini Reunion

Orlando, Florida-13-14 January 1989

Where: Delta Court of Flags, 5715 Major Blvd., Orlando, FL 32819-7988. Telephone 407 351 3340. (Located off the junction of the Florida Turnpike and Highway 4

When: Friday/Saturday - January 13-14, 1988

Cost: \$19.25 per person...This will include food in the hospitality room Friday and Saturday and a sit down dinner Saturday evening.

Jump Master: Bill Lewis, 18630 White Pine Circle, Hudson, FL 34667, telephone 813 863 2995.(Make check payable to 517-Mini.

Registration: send your registration fee to the jumpmaster as the above listed address.

Hotel Reservation: Send your reservation directly to the hotel, Delta Court of Flags. cost of rooms, single or double \$50.00 per room, triple or quadruple occupancy \$55.00 per room. Recommend you send a check or money order or your credit card information when you reserve your room.

Hi Ed,

Being from Maine you can appreciate good and bad winters. We are having a good and bad one here. Cold (very cold) and a lot of snow. It is good for our image up here in Minnesota. Nice for the outdoors people. We have 5 snowmobiles in the family. The young ones ski.

We just got the publication of Wings, and like always it was another joy to read. Always a few memories are relived, and revived.

Here's a couple bucks for stamps. Keep up the good work. Best wishes and love to all.

Warren E Sandberg & Melrose



10 Oct 1988

Dear Ed,

Tom Small and Mary have completed their missionary work in Africa and are now living in North Carolina (see enclosed new mailing roster). They are on a one year sabbatical which means they are traveling all over the U.S. on speaking engagements to religious groups.

They hope to be at our reunion in Nashville.

This new roster is as up to date as my information will allow. Please let me know if you have any changes of addresses. And do you want to make it a part of Wings or have it go as a separate mailing from here?

Ciao.

Charley

50th Anniversary
of Paratrooping
Reunion
Washington, DC-1990

February 10, 1988

Dear Ed,

I just received my copy of Wings, and as usual, I enjoyed it very much. It is so good to read names of the old buddies, and to learn of their activities. I must confess that after all the years I have difficulty remembering some of the names and matching them with a face. I lost all of pictures, so I must rely on memory only. However, Hyman and Williams sent me some of their duplicates and that really helps. The pictures in Wings really are interesting. I liked the shot of Horriqan. The last time I saw that smile on his face was when he had a bigger full-house than I had, when he was my very expensive poker tutor.

You asked for news and money to keep the newsletter going. News is in short supply. I'm married, have three children, and a bunch of grandkids. I am retired from the Idaho Fish and Game Dept. My conscience was bothering me for busting guys for doing the things that I grew up doing. (The Statute of limitations has run out).

I am enclosing a check for two reasons: (1) I enjoy the newsletter and hope it continues; (2) I think the same lines as the thrifty tom cat who says "Its always nice to put a little in the kitty."

I am sure all the guys join me in thanking you for the great job you are doing for all of us.

Sincerely,

Harold Bean

8-5-88

Dear Ed.

I have tried to reach you by phone for several weeks. I do hope you are not in some sort of emergency. Your note with "Albany" WINGS stated that Kay had suffered a bad fall. Can you give us the latest.

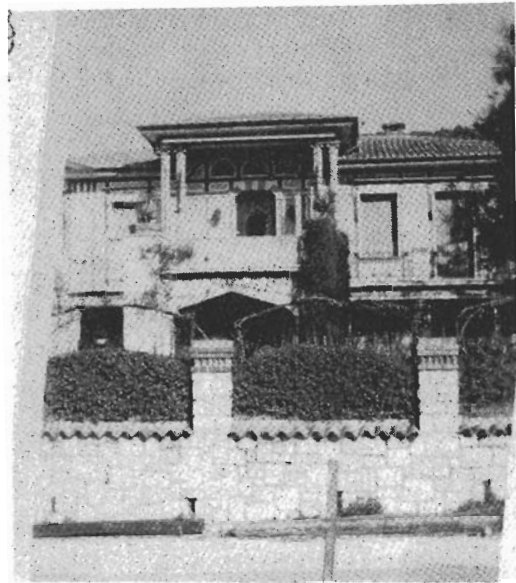
Garnet and I came to Montana early this year, arriving 9 May. I was anxious to see how our mobile had weathered two winters, without us, and I had never been here on opening trout day in all the years(15) that we have been summering in MT. The mobile was in excellent condition, and opening day didn't amount to anything; snowmelt runoff started early and spoiled that. But I have managed to snare my share of good trout. I'm into barbless hooks now, so I can release my game without fatal injury. Have you tried that approach?

Can you give any information on Bernie Barnes' condition? The latest I have is that you posted in your latest addition of Wings. I wrote Thelma at Christmas and inquired, but received no response.

Also, I was shocked to read in the STATIC LINE that Bonaventura had passed on. His wife's note did not give any details. Do you have any? Maybe you are putting together a current WINGS that will bring us up to date. I hope so. (This machine is getting the better of me today.)

As I recall, Bonaventura joined us in Southern France along

On October 23rd, I visited Bernie Barnes and Thelma. Bernie is in a nursing home and looks very good. He is recovering from another stroke is confined to a wheelchair but he is mentally sharp. However, he is unable to communicate by voice.



Officer's villa - 596 Engrs.



with Norwood. Norwood was assigned to the 2nd Platoon and I believe I used B in Hattr. Do you remember? I shall write Mrs B soon.

I don't recall if I sent you these pics enclosed or not. Use them as you see fit. The Lake is a view from our friend's cottage near Brownfield. I'm sure the view from your cottage is similar. Incidentally, our friends are Dr and Mrs. George Prescott. George was a Professor of Education at Orono for many years. They would enjoy seeing you if you ever get over their way.

All for now and do let us hear from you. I'm enclosing a check to help with WINGS publication. Are you in the black?

Warm regards to you and Kay. Garnet sends her greeting, too.

P.S. This epistle is a disaster. I can't seem to get my thoughts properly organized today.

Faithfully,

Bob

MAIL CALL****MAIL CALL****MAIL CALL****MAIL CALL****MAIL CALL

2-29-88

Feb 2, 1988

A good job again on the January issue of "Wings".

Was really pleased to get your note telling us you were coming to Palm Springs for the mini.

Bakersfield is approx. half way to Sacramento so you are welcome to ride with us and stop over if you are going that way from P.S. We will be traveling by car this time.

Our motor home trip last summer was a great success although a bit too long. We like our home too well and miss it when gone that long. We visited relatives on the farm in Illinois on the return from Albany but stopped at Niagara Falls, Cooperstown, Sault Ste. Marie, Wisconsin Dells etc. on that leg. We then returned to Canada via International Falls stopping in Minnesota on the way. We crossed Canada on 1 and stopped at Calgary, Banff, Lake Louise, Jasper, Kananaskis and played golf at each. Banff Springs Golf Course is still the most beautiful in the world and we stopped at Hilton Head, Myrtle Beach and Pinehurst before we saw you in Albany. We capped the trip by meeting friends at Desolation Sound-150 miles north of Vancouver. They are living on a 42' Grand Banks luxury traveler and spent the summer in that area. We spent 5 days fishing, oystering clamming-also hiking on deserted island and swimming in clear lakes. It is a Canadian national boating park and the seafood was plentiful.

We stopped in Sacramento to visit my brother and in Saratoga to visit my sister and brought their Salmon steaks from the largesse of Oregon where Salmon were running. We arrived home just before Labor Day a few days short of 4 months on the road. Will

Dear Ed & Kave-

Received your nice letter and copy of "Wings" yesterday. Each issue keeps getting better and congratulate you on a wonderful job. Since the reunion Mary has started reading them more.

If all keeps going well with us we'll go to Nashville next year, but several days earlier than Albany.

Except for bad colds, we're both O.K. Seems the bad weather that been bugging you for weeks has missed us, for except several weeks of bitter cold weather, we've only had about 1/2 inch of snow.

We hope you can come visit with us some on your way back from Oregon, and plan on staying awhile with us if you don't mind our small house. We got by real nicely when the Dillard's came by. We're keep looking for a larger house with a smaller yard, closer to town.

Sure sorry Kave isn't improving certainly sad for someone with her personality and love of life. Tell her our thoughts and prayers are with her, and you too, Ed.

Hope to see you this summer if you can possibly make it. If you fly and layover in Indianapolis Dayton or Cincinnati will be glad to meet you and bring you to Connersville and take you back to the airport.

We both send best wishes and love

Ray

bring you some WW 2 photos for next edition when I see you in P.S.

Your Pal,

Al

P.S. Enclosing some expense help for Wings.

February 3, 1988

Hi Mr. Ed:

How are you doing? Hoping this letter finds you and the family doing well.

I received the "Wings" February 1st and had to write to you a few words or two.

We are doing as well as we can, considering we are not getting any younger. I was operated on November 4, 1987 for gall bladder. I still feel lousy. The wife had a type of a stroke (November 27, 1984) and it left her with a bad right leg. She walks with a cane now. But she says it's better than sitting in a wheel chair. It was called "Browns Sequard Syndrome". Its a nerve disease and if at the time it doesn't get better in 3 weeks, you're stuck with it as far as getting any better. Well enough of that.

In that picture in this issue of "Wings" the photo of four troopers. I make them out to be from left to right "Don O'Neil 3rd Platoon, 2nd man I don't know, 3rd man Leonard Mathis 3rd Platoon, 4th man I don't know. Mathis and I were close buddies back at "Camp Mack". In fact, he and I married sisters. man that was a long time ago.

So until the next time Ed (I really look forward to the next edition of "Wings"). Enclosed a check for your expenses.

Best Regards,

Mike Kovack

P.S. 45 years ago today I left Milwaukee under Uncle Sam's care for the duration and 6 months.



Schlitz Brewhouse
Milwaukee, Wis.
Mike Kovach



MIKE KOVACH

Dear Ed,

I have not been to re-union since Orlando, Fla. Thanks for sending Wings, nice to see some of my old buddies. sorry we lost Monk Johnson. I will see some of you in Nashville. Sending some money to defray cost.

Thanks-

Jim Benson

Feb. 4, 1988

10 Oct 1988

Dear Ed,

I just talked on the phone with Thelma Barnes. Bernie is still in the Hallmarks Nursing Home in Schenectady, N.Y. and she spends every day with him. Her devotion is incredible. Bernie had another stroke in September and lost everything he had gained--some speech and some movement on one side. Now he is totally immobile but she says his mind is still very alert. Please urge other 596 ers to send him notes and cards as she says this means a lot to him.

I have a new up to date 596 mailing list roster (3 pages both sides) ready. If you have room for it in the next issue of Wings, I will send you a copy. If not I will mail a copy to everyone.

Please let me hear from you ASAP on this question and also send me any address changes you have learned of since the last roster was drawn up.

Warmest personal regards,

Charley

Dear Ed,

I hope all goes well with you. I tried to call on the phone a night or two ago but you were out. I was calling to pass the time of day and ask if I could be of any help with anything---anything being mostly the next issue of Wings.

Enclosed is some info concerning the 50th Anniv Meeting in July of 1990 in D.C. Perhaps you can give it a bit of promotion in Wings. Also prompt our members to write their Senators and Representative about an airborne Commemorative stamp for 1990 to ask them to write the Postmaster General about it. Warmest regards.

Charley

Dear Ed.

Enclosed is a check I hope will keep Wings coming. Winston & I enjoy getting it. I have sent in 10 petitions for the airborne stamp. Tell Joe Miller.

Regards,

George (Schull)

Now I ask you. If you had received a letter like this, what would you think? I took it that Charley was telling me that an edition of our newsletter "WINGS" was overdue.

(The Editor)

3 Sept. 1988

Dear Ed.

I'm sitting here in my wing-back chair in the east wing of our home contemplating taking a wing next week with Ann on a short trip to golf at Winged Foot Country Club. We don't have hotel reservations and plan to just wing it. We are hoping to have a winging vacation. Ann and I are also celebrating our 35th wedding anniversary. She gave me a new wing collar shirt to wear with my tuxedo and a pair of wing-tip shoes.

Dove hunting season opened on 1 September and I went out for a few hours and made some good or lucky wing-shots.

Ann and I were just looking through our family album and were enjoying some of the WWII photos and also pics of me in High-school football uniform when I was a wing-footed wingback. Also laughed about a photo of Ann in her tap shoes doing a buck and wing.

Ann and I send our warmest regards.

Charley



Gene & Elaine Markle



Alice & Al Goodman



Bill & Sophia Christian



Al Goodman & Alice Bauld
(The smiles are still
the same)



Marian & Lyle Madison



Ed & Jean McKinley

WEST COAST PARTY
Palm Springs, Ca.
March 1988

LOUNGE · DINING
HUNGRY HOUR 5 TO 7 PM
MUSIC DANCING
WITH BILLY BURDIN
517 PARACHUTE COMBAT
TEAM WW2

Sundav May 29.1988

Dear Ed & Kave-

The memorial Day weekend looks like a beautiful one here. We have no plans, except maybe watch the 500 races on Cincinnati TV. most Indiana stations will be blacked out. Not even going to the cemetery in Cincinnati as we were there several weeks ago.

We certainly hope Kave is doing O.K. and able to get around. Do give her our love and best wishes.

We're both doing real well, in fact I feel better than I have that past 10 years.

Marv went to Nancy's earlier in the month and while there flew to Tucson Az. for a visit with one of Nancy's college girl friends.

While she was gone I drove about 40 miles north to visit Jim Rogers. Altho I didn't remember him very well from the army days, he came to the 596 in Southern France and was in the 2nd Platoon. He gave me the enclosed clipping which you may want to use in some future newsletter.

Do stop by should you head West again. Ed. and stay a while with us.

We both send love.

Ray



Palladium-Item/Steve Koger

Veterans fire a 21-gun salute at the conclusion of the memorial service Wednesday. Veteran James Rogers, his wife, Carrie, and daughter, Amber Lane Rogers, 3, at right, try to keep warm at the service.



Veterans warmly saluted

By JOHN SISSON
Palladium-Item Staff Writer

The bank sign read 35 degrees Wednesday as a crowd gathered at the Freedom Fountain for a Veterans Day memorial service.

"It's snowing in Washington, so we're thankful to have better weather than that," said Dick Brandenburg, veteran's council president, after the opening prayer.

Brandenburg and several speakers addressed a quiet crowd of about 90 people, which included many veterans and their families. The sound system broke halfway

through the ceremony, and speakers had to compete with Fifth Street traffic noise.

Speakers included Salvation Army Lt. Rae Baer, Mayor Frank Waltermann, State Rep. Richard Bodiker, D-Richmond, State Sen. Allen Paul, R-Richmond, and U.S. Rep. Phil Sharp, D-Ind.

Several speakers spoke on the importance of remembering those veterans who had not lost their lives in service, as well as those who had.

Baer concluded the ceremony with prayer. The veterans then honored their dead and living members with a 21-gun salute and the playing of "Taps."

Orlando Mini-Reunion



DON SAUNDERS

The Mini-Reunion in Orlando, Florida was a fabulous success. Bill Lewis did his usual wonderful job of organizing the affair. The 596 only had seven members attending the banquet. However, a good time was had by us all. I hope that in 1989 we have a better attendance.

THE 1989 MINI-REUNION WILL BE HELD JANUARY 13-14 IN ORLANDO, FLORIDA AT THE DELTA COURT OF FLAGS HOTEL.



DON SMITH



Joe & Mary Miller



Markle & Phillips



Gene & Elaine Markle



Bramley's home away from home -- 1944



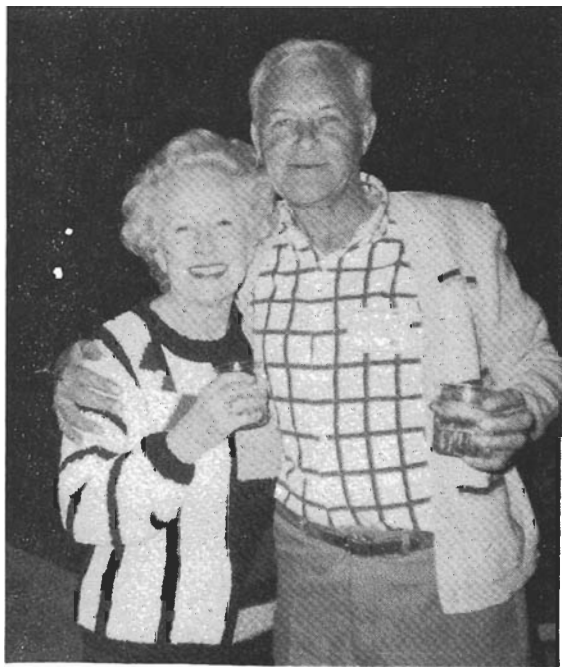
Charley & Bill



Charley Pugh



Group visiting Bramley - 1988



Ann Pugh & Dick Bramley
(The Perfect Host)



In the kitchen where the action was



MARIE & BOB VERDI



BILL & GLORIA HUDSON



ALLAN & BETTY WARD



RUSSELL & MARIE PEARSON



DICK BRAMLEY & JEAN MCKINLEY



MARIE VERDI & ED PHILLIPS

WHEN WE WERE YOUNGER...



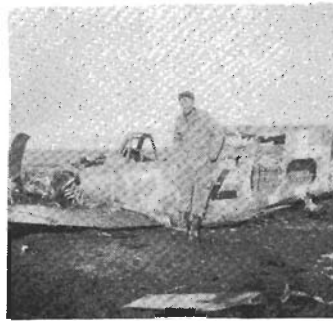
ERNIE KOSAN



A group of 596 troopers



HERB LARSON



SAUNDERS

Nashville
July-1989



"The Operators"
(Goodman & Egler)



AL KUNZER



DAIL



Holbrook & Goodman

WHEN WE WERE YOUNGER...



Jaynes - Englert- Michaels
Wrobleski - Bogan - Johnson



596 Troopers



LEONARD MATHIS



Hattlestad - Greenwood
Hoffman - Roberts



Marshall Turner
Near Nice - 1944



MIKE BULINO



Michaels(KIA) & others



DENNIS SHIPLEY

WHEN WE WERE YOUNGER...



Goodman & Joe Smith



Ward, Williamson, - - - Dillard
- - Madison
15 Mar. 45 - 13th ABN Div-129 Engrs



Driscoll & Egler



Goodman & Pierce
(fishing w/TNT)



Bramley & Spangler



COREY GIBBONS



JESSE FLOYD



Montgomery & Madison

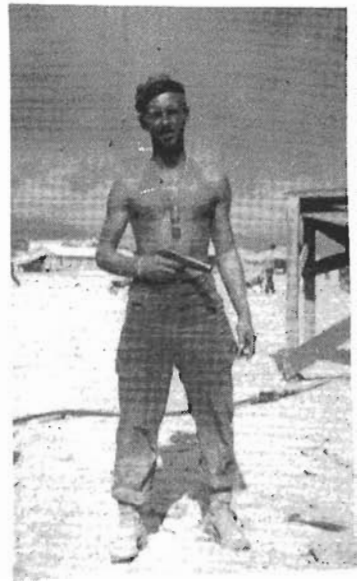
WHEN WE WERE YOUNGER...



Ventoza & Turner



Goodman & Holbrook



DON O'NEIL
(Stavelot)



McFadden - Ryznic - Stihel
(Dugout in Manhay)



In the Hurtgen Forest



LAVERNE MOORE



Dear Tom and Bill,

27 June 1988

Enclosed are the minutes of the most recent meeting of the Executive committee of the U.S.A. Airborne Fiftieth Anniversary Foundation, Inc. as well as some other related information. Please feel free to use any information contained herein as you publicize this event to our membership. If you have any questions about anything concerning this meeting, please let me hear from you.

The 1990 meeting in D.C. is being supported with enthusiasm and full cooperation by almost every Airborne organization of the past and present. We have a smooth running executive committee and the two co-chairmen are working in complete harmony and friendship.

You will note that several Airborne units have loaned some seed money to our Foundation. I have not approached the 517th PRCT about a loan because these units stepped forward very quickly and I feel we have enough initial funding at this time and should not need to borrow any more money.

I welcome your ideas and suggestions concerning any aspect of this event. I do hope that you will send in the names and addresses of any of our people to Ivan Worrell (see enclosure) who you feel might be able to help obtain corporate contributions from either the corporation they are associated with or others or who might be willing to make a personal contribution. Please do this at your earliest opportunity.

The 517th PRCT is well represented in the planning and arrangements for this event----Joe Miller is ram-rodding the Commemorative Airborne postage stamp campaign, Clark Archer has just agreed to take charge of publicity and public relations, and I hope to not disgrace myself and the 517th as co-chairman. I just talked today with Don Lassen and he told me that his physician wants him to have quadruple bypass heart surgery right away. It is well for him that he relinquished his co-chairmanship of this event.

Airborne best regards, *Charley*

517th Parachute Regimental Combat Team Association



U.S.A. AIRBORNE

Fiftieth Anniversary Foundation Inc. *

1940 - 1990



Quarterly Update

Clark Archer, Chairman, P&P Group

An increasing number of volunteers are working on a variety of projects to assure the ultimate success of our fiftieth-anniversary celebration. In the main, these individuals are your Association Representatives who serve on the Advisory Board and committeemen assigned to perform specific tasks.

The organizational traumas so characteristic of serious projects are a matter of history. You, as an individual, have direct access to the decision making process through your Association Representative. All points of view are being heard and decisions are made in the open. Do not hesitate to contact your representative on any matter you deem important to the best interests of our Airborne Family.

Attendance at regularly scheduled meetings has been near 100%. There are no private meetings or high-handed decisions. Advisory Board Members are invited to attend all Executive Committee meetings.

Committees are making arrangements for the parade, fund raising, publicity, promotion, logistics, facilities, protocol and support functions. Designs are being reviewed and selected for a variety of commemorative items (logo, flag, challenge-coin, ring, tie, headgear, etc.).

1990 SUMMARY SCHEDULE

- 5-6 July - Unit Associations plan and execute their own activities.
- 7 July - Parade Division Associations will have 500 marchers each.
 - RCT & Brigade Associations " 350 " "
 - Regimental Associations " 250 " "
 - Battalion Associations " 125 " "
 Active military, service bands and other groups.
 Special arrangements for those unable to march.
- 8 July - Mass Muster RFK Stadium- Special Program- Address by the President of US

SOME FACTS AND FIGURES

We anticipate a minimum muster of 35,000 Troopers.
7,000 rooms at 16 hotels are in reserved status.
Special room rates are applicable from 1 July through 12 July.
There will be a one-month display at the Smithsonian Institution.

Unit Reps & Hotels

UNIT	REPRESENTATIVE	HOTEL
11 Airborne Division	George Hurchalla*	Shoreham
13 Airborne Division	Robert Sommers*	Crystal City Gateway
17 Airborne Division	Joe Quade*	Crystal City Hyatt Regency
82 Airborne Division	Dan Campbell*	Gateway Marriott + KB Marriott
101 Airborne Division	Robert Jones*	Hyatt Regency
173 Airborne Brigade	Gene Weeks	-
187 Airborne RCT	Don Parks*	Shearaton National + BWestern
501 Parachute Battalion	Lewis Brown**	w/ 82nd
503 Parachute RCT	Gerald Hasbargen*	-
507 Parachute Regiment	John Marr*	Crystal City Sheraton
508 Parachute Regiment	O.B. Hill**	w/ 509
509 Parachute Battalion	John Costello	West Park Rosslyn
511 Parachute Regiment	Mattie Pike**	Hyatt Rosslyn
517 Parachute RCT	Charley Pugh*	Mayflower
542 Parachute Infantry	George Labuda	Bethesda Holiday Inn
550 Airborne Battalion	Gene Tennison**	w/ 82nd
551 Parachute Battalion	Doug Dillard	J.W.Marrlott
555 Parachute Infantry	Cliff Allen*	J.W.Marrlott
Special Forces	Clyde Sincert	Sheraton Premier

UNIT	REPRESENTATIVE	HOTEL
Allied Airborne	Mark Lenze	DuPont Plaza
FSSF	Henley Wood	-
Glider Pilots	Tip Randolph	-
Rangers-Korea	Bob Bodroghy	-
75th Rangers	Robert Gilbert	-
Rangers/LRRP (Nam)	Michael Kentes	w/75th
Hispanic American	J.B. Quiroz	-
Polish Paratroopers	Jan Szygenda	w/ 82nd
Canadian	Bill Storyy	Canadian Embassy
1/8 First Cav	Gerrell Plummer	-
Troop Carrier Command	Vito Pedone	-
Paratroopers	D.E. Secerence	-
OSS	Harry Bailey	-
Airborne Command	w/ 542nd	w/ 542nd
Flight Nurses	Ms E.C. Cerasale	-
Dept of Army	Hal Bailey	-

* Member of Executive Committee

** Information

Note: All unit representatives are members of Advisory Board

Officers of the Executive Committee: Bill Weber (187) and Charley Pugh (517) are CoChairmen
Joe Quade (17) is Secretary and Don Parks (187) is Treasurer

Sunday, July 9

1. Morning reserved for Church Services
2. Hospitality Room: 12:00 noon until 5:00 p.m. and after banquet.
3. Cocktails: 6:30 til 7:30 p.m.
4. Banquet/Dancing: 7:30 p.m.

*Dates and times for "Optional" activities are only SUGGESTED times for those wishing to go with others from the group

Recreational Vehicle Information

No recreational vehicle facilities are available at the Marriott Hotel.

The following three Campgrounds are conveniently located to the Hotel and all are within seven (7) miles of the Hotel.

TRAVEL PARK 2572 Music Valley Drive NASHVILLE, TN 37214 Telephone 615) 889-4225	TWO RIVERS CAMPGROUND 2616 Music Valley Drive Nashville, TN 37214 Telephone (615)883-8559.	NASHVILLE KOA 2626 Music Valley Drive Nashville, TN 37214 Telephone (615) 889-0282
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Request for reservations should be made direct to campground, and should be made immediately as spaces are often sold out one year or more in advance.

**517 Parachute Combat Team Reunion
Nashville Marriott Hotel
Friday-Saturday-Sunday
July 7,8,9, 1989**

517TH PARACHUTE COMBAT TEAM REUNION
NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE
Friday, Saturday, Sunday, July 7,8 & 9, 1989

REGISTRATION

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City _____ ST _____ Zip _____
UNIT _____ Is this your FIRST Reunion _____

Please indicate exactly how you wish name tag for yourself and for your wife or other guest(s) to read:

REGISTRATION FEE - \$55.00 each
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GOLF (Thursday) - \$29.00 each
Number of persons _____ \$ _____
Total \$ _____

Mail Registration Fees and Golf Fees along with this registration form to:
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C/o William Pencak
Route 1, Box 161
Adams, TN 37010

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Fourteenth Reunion
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Where: Nashville Marriott Hote, Nashville, TN located I-40, at Briley Parkway and Elm Hill Pike. Approximately three miles from Nashville Airport and five miles from Opryland Park. (See nashville Points of Interest Map enclosed.)

Rates: Reunion room rates are \$59.00 single or double. Suites are available at a 30% discount on regular suite rate. Prices are subject to change based on the economy. Firm reservation rates and information will be announced in the July '88 THUNDERBOLT.

Registration: At the present time it appears Registration fee will be \$55.00 per person. Firm fees and other registration information will be announced in the July 1988 THUNDERBOLT. Every effort will be made to keep costs down and give you an outstanding reunion.

Tentative Schedule of Events Thursday, July 6

1. Limited Registration (afternoon) for golfers and other early arrivals.
2. Golf Tournament: Detailed information to be announced in the July 88, THUNDERBOLT.

Friday, July 7

1. Registration: 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
2. Executive Board Meeting. Time to be announced
3. Hospitality Room open-12:00 noon until....
4. Optional: "General Jackson Showboat Dinner Cruise" 7:00 p.m. This is a sight-seeing cruise of the Cumberland River, dinner and one hour stage show. Recommend you make your reservations IMMEDIATELY, as dinner cruise accomodates only 600 and tickets are usually "sold out" one year in advance. Details for making reservations and prices are included in this mailing.*

Saturday, July 8

1. Registration : 8:a.m. until 12:00 noon
2. General Membership Meeting: Time to be announced
3. Hospitality Room: 12:00 noon until....
4. Optional: "The Grand Ole Opry 6:30 to 9:30 P.M. Details of prices and reservations are included in this mailing. Recommend mailing your request for tickets IMMEDIATELY if you wish to attend as tickets are usually "sold out" at least one year in advance.*

5. Plans are being made for the ladies. Details will be announced in July 1988 THUNDERBOLT.

517th Parachute Regimental Combat Team Association

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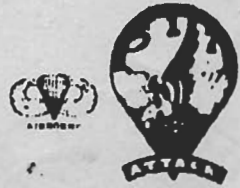
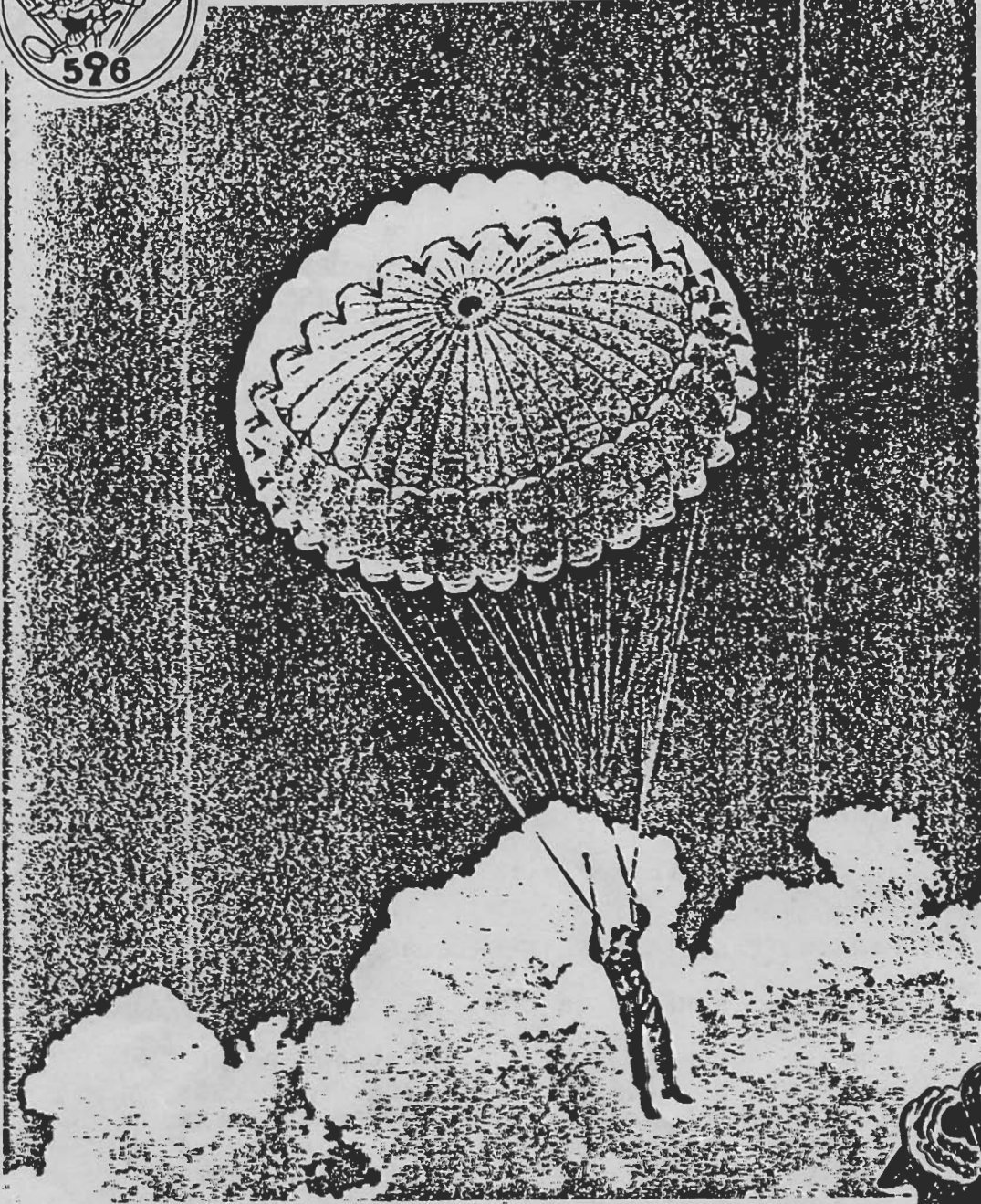
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