



# 517<sup>th</sup> Parachute Regimental Combat Team



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## *Belgium Remembers*

Dear Friends of America, We are happy to send some pictures of the ceremonies of 2011 Jan 8 - Father RADERMECKER celebrated a Holy Mass to pray for our Liberators. Maria had a special speech to welcome the assembly and to remember the sacrifices of the US soldiers. Ceremonies took place at the monuments - you can see the homage in St Jacques and Logbiermé. A picture of **Maria Gaspar** with **Chevalier Massange de Colombs** as Maria was giving a little reception in her house with coffee and cakes for the members of CADUSA. The weather was rather nice after many days with a lot of snow. From the bottom of our hearts, our thanks to you and gratitude for our Liberty.

*-- Irma and Arnold TARGNION*





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### *In Memorium*



J.B. Walton

It is with a heavy heart that I relay this news. I just received a phone call from Orene Walton, that her husband, **JB Walton (F Co.)** passed away today at 3 PM. There is much yet to be done, so I have no additional details to report at this time.

I first met the Walton's at a Florida Mini-Reunion a number of years ago, only to learn that we lived only a mile from each other.

Bob, if you have any contact with the people at the current FL Mini - Orene would like people to get this news.

Regards,

**Tom Reber**

son of Lt. Bob Reber (HQ 3rd)

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Bob, we are truly saddened to hear of the passing of JB Walton yesterday. We will make sure that this news is shared at the mini-reunion. I'm sure that a number of people there will want to extend their personal condolences to Orene.

Best,  
**Brenda (& Helen)**

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Bob,

Follow the link to see details for JB Walton's notice and services:

<http://www.legacy.com/obituaries/kentucky/obituary.aspx?n=jb-walton&pid=147754368&fhid=4756>

Our thoughts and prayers go out to his wife, Orene, and his family.

Regards,

Tom Reber

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My uncle, **Johnnie Bland** (Co F, 517 PIR) passed away today (Tuesday, Jan 11, 2011) He had lived in Georgia. if you knew him or had any stories to share, I would love to hear from you. I used to love to hear him talk about the outfit and his recollections of WWII. He had a high regard for the officers and men of the 517th.

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Hi Bob,

I thought others might like to know about the passing of **Maj. Richard Winters of the 506th Easy Co.** As I watched the "Band of Brothers" on TV it reminded me of the 517th and what they went through also. They shared Mt. Currahee! It was a great program. I received this email from a friend.

Rick Sweet

HERSHEY, Pa. – **Maj. Richard "Dick" Winters**, the man whose quiet leadership was chronicled in the World War II book and television miniseries "Band of Brothers," has died in central Pennsylvania. Winters died Jan. 2, a [family friend](#) confirmed Monday. Winters was 92. He lived in Hershey but died in Palmyra, Pa.

In September 1944, Winters led 20 men in a successful attack on 200 German soldiers. He and his men later helped hold the Bastogne (bas-TOHN') area of [Belgium](#) during the Battle of the Bulge. The exploits of Winters and the other members of Easy Company were chronicled in the Stephen Ambrose book "Band of Brothers" and later the [HBO miniseries](#) of the same name. Winters also published a memoir in 2006 entitled "Beyond Band of Brothers."

Winters was buried in a private funeral. Arrangements for a [public memorial service](#) are pending.

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IT IS WITH GREAT SORROW THAT I ANNOUNCE THE PASSING OF A REAL AMERICAN HERO, DICK WINTERS. WINTERS WAS FEATURED IN THE HBO MINI-SERIES, "BAND OF BROTHERS". HE WAS THE LEADER OF EASY COMPANY, 506th. HE MADE HIS LAST JUMP THIS PAST WEEK IN HIS HOME STATE OF PA. HE WAS A VERY SPECIAL SOLDIER AND LEADER OF MEN. ALMOST TO A MAN HIS MEN SAID THAT HE WAS THE KIND OF OFFICER THAT THEY WOULD HAVE FOLLOWED INTO THE GATES OF HELL. THESE GREAT SOLDIERS OF WWII ARE DWINDLING DOWN TO A PRECIOUS FEW. HIS LIFE WILL BE CELEBRATED BY THOSE SURVIVORS WHO SERVED UNDER HIM. REST IN PEACE BRAVE SOLDIER FOR YOUR WORK HERE IS DONE.

JERRY WOFFORD

[http://news.yahoo.com/s/yblog\\_thelookout/20110110/ts\\_yblog\\_thelookout/dick-winters-wwii-hero-chronicled-in-band-of-brothers-dies](http://news.yahoo.com/s/yblog_thelookout/20110110/ts_yblog_thelookout/dick-winters-wwii-hero-chronicled-in-band-of-brothers-dies)

### *Other MailCall News*

Hi...can you change my email address in your address book from [andyhill72@gmail.com](mailto:andyhill72@gmail.com) to [andrew.hill@umconnect.umt.edu](mailto:andrew.hill@umconnect.umt.edu)?

Thanks,  
Andy Hill



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Bob, This brings back many memories and I thought that the troopers and their families might enjoy watching this video. Myrle and I are planning on attending the Atlanta reunion. See you there.

Betty Traver

They finally came up with one for the forties. I thought they forgot about them.

<http://oldfortyfives.com/decadeofthe1940s.html>

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Bob: This is for Brenda Mortensen:

Due to Joyce's late developing Gastric Medical Problems, she and I will not be attending our long looked forward to Snowbird Mini Reunion. Please do not return our Registration Fee, but use it toward dinner and Hospitality Room expenses. We will be content with waiting for the next Reunion while wishing everyone a good time at this one.

Lou and Joyce Scaringi

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Today is January 12, the birthday of John "Boom Boom" Alicki, (1917-2008).

### *Can Anyone Name These Troopers?*





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- Send any news, stories, or feedback to: [MailCall@517prct.org](mailto:MailCall@517prct.org)
- If you send me email that you do not want included in MailCall, just label it as FYEO.
- I now understand how Ben could get confused about what he already posted and what he didn't. If I miss something, please just send it again.
- Donations for any programs involving the 517th should be sent to our treasurer:

Leo Dean  
14 Stonehenge Lane  
Albany, NY 12203

### *Reunions - Save the Dates!*

[Florida Mini-Reunion](#)  
**January 15-17, 2011**  
[Register now!](#)

**Annual 517th Reunion (Probably the Last)**  
July 13-18, 2011, Atlanta, GA  
with visits to  
Camp Toccoa and Fort Benning



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