



517th Parachute Regimental Combat Team



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*517th Parachute Infantry Regiment
460th Parachute Field Artillery Battalion
596th Parachute Combat Engineer Company*

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Donations to the 517 PRCT

Not too long ago, we changed the info on MailCalls that all donations to the 517 should be sent to Brenda Mortensen. (See last page.) I then heard from some troopers that they were concerned about this change and wondering what it meant. Is something wrong with Leo Dean? Doesn't this need approval by the Board? Does this affect our non-profit, tax-exempt status?

So Merle McMorrow sent me some background explaining the change and the future plans.

1. The primary reason was that we need more than one name on the account for our own protection. Should something happen to Leo Dean we had no authority to gain access to the 517th funds. *
2. The secondary reason was an attempt to give Leo a break. He will be going to the National Airborne Awards Festival early in April to receive the 517th Airborne Man of the Year. From there he will probably be going to the 517th Palm Springs celebration.
3. Since Brenda Mortenson has indicated an interest in the Treasurer's position in the new organization -- to be developed in July -- we thought it wise to get her involved early. Her name will probably be on the Nomination Committee's list for the Treasurer position.
4. Two separate funds would be maintained for the Auxiliary and the Association until such time when they become one and the same after the reorganization.
5. Leo is still the Treasurer; Leo will still make the deposit; Leo will still pay the bills, and if the checking account begins to become depleted he can call on Brenda to submit a check for Association money for deposit to the account.

** I believe that Leo's jump count is now somewhere around 145 jumps. Not that we should be concerned or anything. -- Bob Barrett*



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Some additional info from our illustrious legal advisor, Howard Hensleigh:

Dear Merle and Bob,

I agree with all your points in this message.

There are number of things that must be strictly adhered to if you maintained the Massachusetts nonprofit Corporation and the internal revenue status that allows gifts of donors to be deducted from their income tax returns.

The type of nonprofit Corporation we have in Massachusetts requires a certain percentage of the membership to have been veterans. This percentage is higher than the one required by the IRS. One we merge membership someone at some time may raise this question. We are all set with the IRS at this time. Ethically we may be required to report it to the IRS after the merger.

Another IRS requirement is filing annual tax returns. Before the Savannah reunion, I had an assistant treasurer who did this.

In order to keep the Massachusetts nonprofit corporation alive, we must file annual reports and pay a small filing fee. Ben did this faithfully. It must be done by a MA resident. Ben's daughter was willing to do this.

These items must be resolved if you continue the MA nonprofit corp. and IRS status.

My best, HH

MailCall News

Subject: Old Guys Can Still Shoot - WWII Veteran

Bob,

I do not know if you have received this link before but it reminds me of all of our 517th guys.

Diane Lynch

Daughter – Marvin Moles – I Company

Makes you proud, it's all about respect.

Impossible Shots with Ted Gundy and Gibbs 1903A4 sniper rifle.

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MQRpAxGVg4M>



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Dear Sirs,

I wrote to you a few weeks ago about my father John Gummow. Since then I found letters home that mentioned a number of guys he served with in D company. Some names are Powers, Thompson, Haley, Hanie, Martin and Kane. He mentioned that after getting released from the hospital he rejoined his outfit in Joigny, France and most of these guys were still there. If you find any of these men and they want to share any stories, I would gladly welcome any contact.

Thank You.

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Hi Bob,

I included your previous notes into a recent MailCall newsletter. <http://www.517prct.org/mailcall/2043.pdf>

I don't know if anyone answered you back. I don't know any of those names myself, but I am just a son of a trooper from H Company. The only name I recognize is Kane, since Mike Kane, also a trooper's son, is the one who posted his dad's D Company photos to the website. [Pvt. Kane's 517th handbook.](#)

I will add your note to the next MailCall as well.

You mentioned that your dad was wounded on January 3, 1945 in Trois Ponts. I traveled to Belgium in August 2009 with my Dad, about 6 months before he died. We spent time in the area around Trois Ponts with some wonderful Belgian friends of the 517th. My Dad, Ben Barrett, also fought in that area and was wounded about the same time as your Dad. Ben was wounded on Jan 5th in Bergeval. This photo is of a monument in Wanne (part of Trois Points) to the 517th soldiers. Other photos around Trois Ponts, Wanne, Stavelot area are at:

http://517prct.org/photos/2009_europe/2009_europe.htm

Regards,

Bob Barrett





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Morning Reports

From: RHONDA and MIKE WELLS

Subject: Johansen, Lloyd R. PVT, F Co, 2nd Bn

Bob:

In MailCall #2041 I read the request from William Lee in regards to **Lloyd R. JOHANSEN** of F Co. I found the following information on the F Co. Morning Reports (These have NOT been transcribed yet; I am currently working on them):

1/25/45

F Co., 517th Prcht Inf Regt

Location: 1/2 Mile North of Wallerode, Belgium

39467115 JOHANSEN, Lloyd R. PVT

Fr dy to SK in Hosp LWA (BC). Basic status changed fr asgd to atchd unasgd.

RECORD OF EVENTS: Company began attack at 1000 hours; under very heavy mortar fire; (?) snipers encountered enroute.

1/26/45

Have not yet found a MR for this date.

2/21/45

F Co., 517th Prcht Inf Regt

Location: Joigny, France

39467115 JOHANSEN, Lloyd R. PVT

CORRECTION MR 25 Jan 45 - Fr dy to SK in Hosp LWA (BC)

SHOULD BE - Fr dy to SK in Hosp SWA (BC) Basic status changed fr asgd to atchd unasgd.

39467115 JOHANSEN, Lloyd R. PVT

Fr AB SK DS Hosp SWA (BC). Basic status Atchd unasgd, to, to DOW 26 Jan 45.

RECORD OF EVENTS - Usual Guard & Camp duties

NOTES: DOW means "Died of Wounds" in Army jargon and it looks like Clark Archer made a notation, on our copy of the MR, about this entry.

William Lee can get copies of these MR's, with the information listed above, from the following link; they will probably be better than the ones we have:

<http://www.archives.gov/st-louis/military-personnel/morning-reports-and-unit-rosters.html>

Don't know if you want to pass this info on via email to William Lee or put in on MailCall.

And, FYI, I've finished up G Company MR's. Should have them done this week. Need to get them audited for accuracy; Same with I Co. Then, I can forward the excel sheets to you and, if you want, the PDF's of these MR's. All the companies from 3rd BN (G, H, I) have been completed.

Do you know how to combine the spreadsheets for these 3 companies into one sheet? This would



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make searching for a person, date, or status very easy. If combining is possible, I'd eventually like to see the entire MR's from the 517th combined into one document; sorted by date, by company and by person. Should help people searching for information to find what they need.

Dear Bob,

Thank you very much for forwarding this information. Please send my thanks to Rhonda and Mike Wells for providing it.

Sincerely yours,
Bill Lee

Administrivia

- If you miss any MailCalls, they are all available online at <http://www.517prct.org/mailcall/>
- At any time, if you want to be added or removed from the MailCall list, just let me know.
- Send any news, stories, or feedback to: 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:

Brenda Verbeck Mortensen
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Annual 517th Reunion (Probably the Last)

July 13-18, 2011, Atlanta, GA

with visits to

Camp Toccoa and Fort Benning



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