



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



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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## August 15 2011 – Southern France photos

Here are a few pictures of the 2011 Southern France ceremonies with **Leo Dean, Allan Johnson, Claire Giblin, Liz & Bruce Broudy** and all our wonderful friends in Southern France.

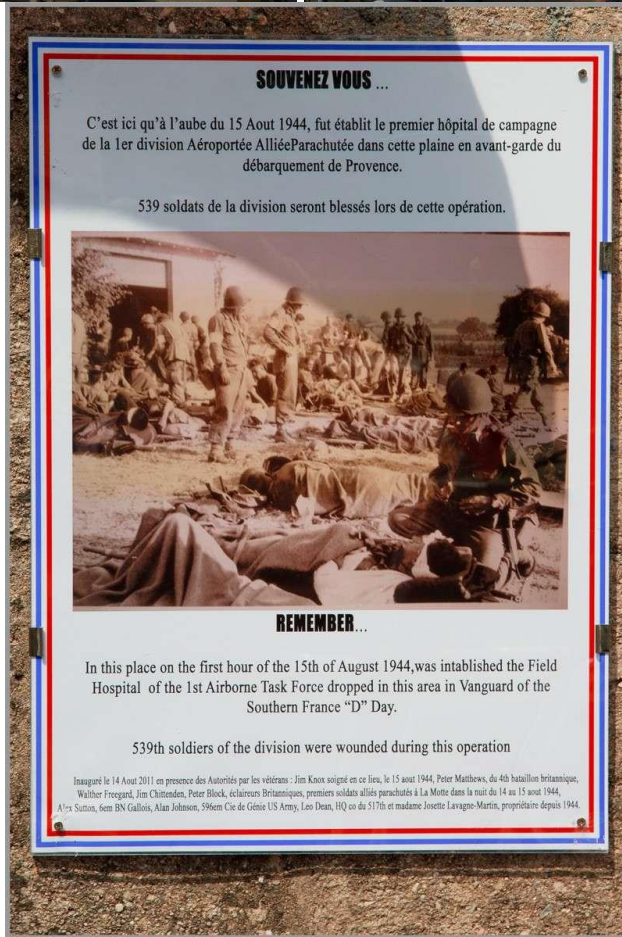
Kind regards,  
**Gilles**





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The 2011 reinvasion of Southern France – Le Muy, Sospel, Sainte Roseline, Col de Braus... with the usual escorts from Patricia and Roland Orengo, Gilles Guignard, J.Michel Soldi and Eric Renoux. Plus Leo's groupies. Did I miss anyone? These photos were sent in from Gilles Guignard.



For more photos from Southern France,  
visit: <https://picasaweb.google.com/107586547729593260325>



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### MailCall News

From: Jean-Loup  
Sent: Aug 31, 2011 2:08 AM  
To: **Howard Hensleigh**

Dear Mr Hensleigh

I hope all is well with you.

Right now I am just finishing to write the text for my book about the liberation of the Nice area and would like to ask you a question about that. I was wondering if you perhaps know what Company the two enlisted men who were killed on that Peira Cava patrol you told me about were from?

I am trying to figure out how and where the various casualties of the 517th occurred.

Best regards

**Jean-Loup**

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Dear Jean-Loup, The men who were killed were on patrols I did not plan or accompany. For a brief time **Col. Paxton** turned patrolling over to **Capt. Pazinski** at Piera Cava. When several were killed with no compensating gains, he made me responsible again. The casualties would have been from the rifle companies. My S-2 guys accompanied these patrols and fortunately none of them were killed or wounded on them.

Best regards, HH

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I would like to add my father, **Gabriel Delesio**, to the mail call list. His email address is: [gabe517ww2@aol.com](mailto:gabe517ww2@aol.com) He really enjoys the weekly newsletters.

I've attached a picture of Gabe, Brenda Carlan, and myself from the day we visited the museum. Gabe donated an original copy of the first edition of the Thunderbolt magazine to the museum.

Thank you for all the work that you do for the veterans.

Denise Delesio



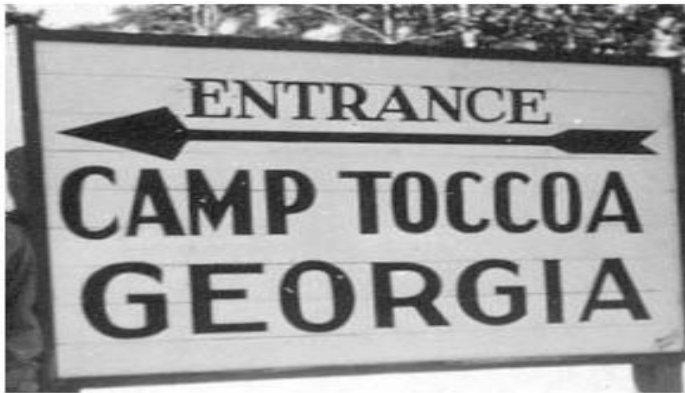
At the Toccoa Currahee Military Museum



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Speaking of the Toccoa Currahee museum... Here is the museum that we visited during the recent Atlanta reunion:

Visit the website for the Stevens County Historical Society website, including the [Toccoa Currahee Military Museum](http://www.toccoahistory.com).



You can also help the Stevens County Historical Society by buying a named brick for the Memorial Walk:

<http://www.toccoahistory.com/memorialwalk.html>





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Denise,

I will certainly add Gabriel to the MailCall list. Thanks for the picture. Question: You're not on the list, so how does he currently get the newsletters? Just curious.

Bob Barrett

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Hi Bob,

Thanks for getting back to me. I have been going on the site and printing out the monthly mail call mail for my dad. He doesn't have a computer but I have set up an e-mail address for him on my account so that I can just print them out. He really enjoys reading them as well as the Thunderbolt. Thanks again for your help.

Denise Delesio

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Dear Sir,

I am the son of **George A. Sullivan** (Ltc Ret.) who served in Company A of the 1st Battalion of the 517th PRCT during '44-'45. I found your contact information after some research on the various 517<sup>th</sup> websites.

I am looking for further contact information regarding men who may have served with him. I would be very grateful for a reply.

Thank you most sincerely,

Roger Sullivan  
[roger\\_k\\_sullivan@msn.com](mailto:roger_k_sullivan@msn.com)

*[Note: LTC Ret. George Sullivan was a PFC in A Company in December 1944. – BB.]*

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It is with deep sadness that I inform you of the death of **SSGT Cyril E. Welle**, 460th Airborne Artillery Battery B. He passed this morning (5 September 2011). SSGT Welle, my father, was always proud of the 517th PCRT and the 460th Airborne Artillery.

I spent three weeks with my dad in July. I knew his time was limited and I am glad that I had the time to be with help. He always delighted in the memories you all shared.

With respect,

Daniel A. Welle  
Son of SSGT Cyril E. Welle, Battling Buzzards - Attack!



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Found this at:

<http://www.ww2museums.com/article/1063/Memorial-517th-Parachute-Infantry-Regiment.htm?p=3>

## Administrivia

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- 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 new Association Treasurer: Identify the purpose of any donation (Annual Dues, etc.) and make all checks payable to:

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