



517th Parachute Regimental Combat Team



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*517th Parachute Infantry Regiment
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596th Parachute Combat Engineer Company*

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Wanne Ceremony – September 18th

Pictures from the 517th monument in Wanne (Trois-Ponts) flowers, ceremony of september 18th.

We'll never forget.

Irma and Arnold Targnion



Wanne - Trois-Ponts - Tribute and remembrance - Mayor and Vice-Mayor at the 517th monument.



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MailCall News

Dear Bob and Joanne: thank you for sharing the pictures from your Mother's burial. What an uplifting moment to have your whole, wonderful clan extended together for the ceremony. It must have been so moving. Additionally, the feminist in me is particularly grateful to see your Mother so honored -- don't know what we would have done without our brave nurses who served and they were often unsung heroines.

Pat and Alan

Time for my dues to Thunderbolt? Are they still the same \$30.00?

Tom McAvoy

Yes, the suggested donation for the dues and Thunderbolt is \$30. Payments should be sent to:

517 PRCT Association, Inc.
c/o Joanne Barrett
70 Pleasant Street
Cohasset, MA 02025

Bob, and Claire,

The film producer has asked me not to post any more pictures about the movie until it is officially announced. So please with the other pictures I sent DO NOT put them on mail call. Once the film is officially announced I can say more at that point.

Thanks

Lory

[Oops. Everyone please forget that you know anything about this. It sounds like the large numbers for the MailCall (circulation: 339) must have spread the word out too far. But now the suspense will really build up. - BB]

Lory,

OK. No problem. Now the hype will really build up!

PS: Did you notice Harlan Curtis' signature on the short snorter dollar bill?

Bob B.

yes I did, wow, that is something, do you have any idea what year it was???

Lory



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Bob: I can't imagine where I was when everyone signed the 'short snorter'. All these guys in 1st Battalion Hdg, were my buddies, we were in the Mortar Platoon together as well as in Hdg 1st Battalion. This must have been signed in Italy, as Danny Fisher was killed on the day of the jump in So. France.

Hoyt Kelley

In MailCall #530, according to Walter Smith:

Subj: **Parachuting into water (Fog)**

Date: 8/22/2003 9:15:10 PM Eastern Daylight Time

From: [WALTERWS](#)

To: [JBJB93](#), [Ben517](#)

John, that email to Boom Boom and Ben with a couple of mentioned things' one of which is so *familiar*, the thought that we might actually be jumping into water! It is old hat now, but for a few moments immediately after leaving that airforce C47 many of us looked down on a shallow fog covering the ground which we determined as water. That was just a brief belief, long enough to mutter "That @\$&% *#^%* pilot jumped us into the bay! Then immediately through small bushes and some barbed wire we were on the ground! That particular 4:00 AM (appx) experience led me and several in our jump-stick to a rendezvous with a tower supporting high voltage wires in which one of our boys, **Danny Fisher**, upon being sent on a mission to interrupt electric power with an entrenching tool, was electrocuted and fell from the tower. The very next morning we caught Hell in Les Arcs, if I remember that village name correctly. Anyway, that same morning in a withdrawal to a vineyard (thigh high) we encountered a machine-gunner on the far bank in which one trooper just ahead of me took one or more bullets which left him in one of the rows. while we crawled back to the beginning near a fence row. two of us crawled back in that particular row to retrieve the fallen comrade. By that retrieval time, apparently the machine-gunner must have fled, leaving the two of us able to carry the man out and fashion a makeshift carrier out of meshed wire from the fence to continue on to the nearest house. I mention this, because I never remembered hearing what the trooper's name was and never heard if he survived. Any one in that small column of first Bn Hq. Co. or others from any other Bn or co in that column that remembers that incident, please respond. It haunts me not knowing who or if he survived.

Walter W. Smith Hq, 1st Bn.

Bob,

I've been in contact with Ray Hess via e-mail within the past week. He's been receiving my e-mails no problem. I just sent one and am waiting to hear back from him. I mentioned the problem you've been having with the Mail Call.

The e-mail I use for him is: rrhess1@ptd.net.

Matt Holmgren

www.battlingbuzzards.org

[Ray Hess is now back on the MailCall distribution list. Thanks, Walt. – BB]

Thanks Bob for getting me reconnected to "Mail call" I appreciate it very much.

Best regards

RRHess



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Bob,

It was my pleasure to be with you, Jo Anne and the rest of your wonderful family in the commemoration of Fran's service and life at Arlington last weekend. I was privileged to have met your Mom last year at Ben's Service and it was a delight to have shared a few stories with her at that time.

I am honored to be an "adopted Barrett" after our exploits with Ben and your family in Southern France and the last 4 annual reunions. I really got to know Ben at depth at St Louis sharing stories of what he and my Dad experienced at Manhay. Your Dad's energy along with that of Merle, Lud, Alan, Leo, Gene, Hal and the families in Southern France in 09 was a once in a lifetime experience.

Of course I cannot measure up fully to the Barrett standards as y'all outdid me again last Friday nite as you did at the late night cafe in Sospel in 09 and in Arlington last year! At least you are sweating a bit as my Orioles are giving your Sox a tussle as I compose this.

Great that you pointed out the 517th memorial plaque in the building behind the Tomb of the Unknowns in Arlington. Alan, Claire, Gene Frice, the Seitz family, and myself saw this tribute at the Dragoon ceremony last month which included General Seitz receiving the Legion of Honor medal.

Best to all the family and thanks again for keeping up your service to the 517th!!

Tom Copsey

Dear Barrett Family;

I am sorry to hear about Fran's passing! My heart goes out to each and every family member!

Respectfully,

Teresa

517th Guestbook Entry:

Submitted by	Comments:
Name: Steve Milovich From: Trinity Center,CA E-mail: sawbuck1@tds.net	Hello. My uncle was Jack Milojevich (my dad changed the spelling after the war). If anyone can get me in contact with Jim Varner's son, Mike. Please do so. I would really like to talk to him... They were really good friends back then Please help me out... Steve Milovich
	Added: September 20, 2011

Would you please change my email address to debic@cctile.com? I have had to change it because somehow it has been sent throughout the internet mail system and I get 300-400 junk emails every day. I still want to receive the Mail Call.

Thank you,

Debi Coates

Daughter of Robert F. West



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Bob:

Enjoyed the MailCall 2069; specially the "Short Snorter!"

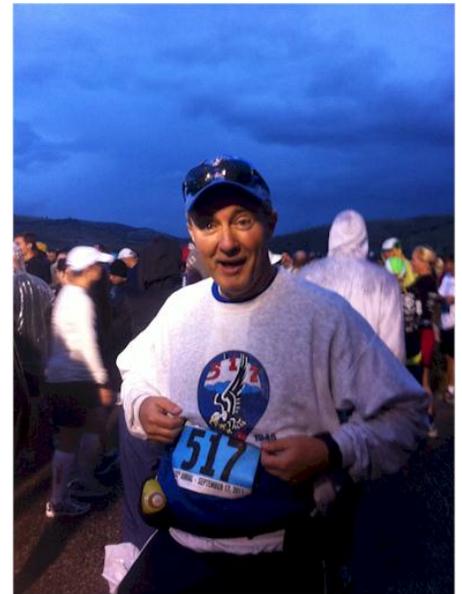
MORNING REPORTS UPDATE: I have just completed all of Company A. With the completion of this company, I have completed all of the following Companies: A, F, G, H, I, HQ 2nd Bn, HQ CO 2nd Bn, Reft HQ, Regtl HQ CO. The HQ MR's are very short. Maybe we'll find more as we go through the rest of the units. I am attaching the files; I hope! I would recommend holding off on publishing them to the website until they are all complete. But, you'll have copies of all the documents that I have and I will update you as each remaining company is completed. I am also considering attaching the applicable MR copy to each of the name entries. That way, when a person looks up a name on the spreadsheet, they could then open the PDF of the Morning Report and see the information in its original format.

PR FOR THE 517:

One of the goals of the Association is to promote the legacy of the 517th and its members. With that in mind, I am always looking for opportunities to get the name of the 517th into the public eye. This last year I had the opportunity to train for, and run, a marathon. The marathon was held in Logan, Utah and is called, "The Top Of Utah." During my training, my inspiration was the 517th. When I ran in public events, usually 5K fundraisers for good causes, I always wore something with the 517th logo on it; Hat, shirt, sweater, etc. When I registered for the Marathon, I requested the bib number of "517" and explained to the organizers why that number was important. I was VERY surprised when I picked up my registration

packet and my bib number was **517!!!!** I have to admit that up to that point I kept having second thoughts about running 26.2 miles; seems like a dumb thing to do when you don't HAVE to do it. But, when I got my bib number, I resolved to "ATTACK"

the marathon. And ATTACK I had to as the weather was wet and cold; I can truthfully say I went through "HAIL" to complete the mission!!! I wore a hat and sweater, with the logo's of the 517th units, and had a great time at the event. I am sending a couple of photos. The one I like the best is me standing in front of an emergency services equipment trailer that had these words painted on the side: "MASS CASUALTY INCIDENT RESPONSE." This trailer was at the very end of the race, where runners come down the chute, and it could be seen by all of them!!! Glad it wasn't parked at the beginning of the race!! So, while LORY CURTIS was lounging around a movie set, hobnobbing with future big name movie stars, sipping who knows what out of fluted glass and probably having his



toenails manicured by beautiful women, just to try and promote the legacy of the 517, others were out actually "pounding the pavement" to do the same thing!!! I encourage all Association members to find ways to publicly promote the 517th and its great legacy.

May God Bless!!--

Michael S. J. Wells



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Here is a sample of the Morning Reports info from I Company. I was easily able to look up the entries by last name. -- BB

STATUS	LAST NAME	FIRST NAME	M	RANK	DATE	CODE	ASN	MOS	LOCATION	NOTES
	Copsey	John	F	PFC	31-Aug-1944	11	33192926	521	1 mile S of Gilette, France	Rd to Pvt as of 19th
	Copsey	John	F	PVT	14-Sep-1944		33192926	521	Mt Farquet, France	fr dy to conf Regt Stockade as of 21 August 1944
	Copsey	John	F	PVT	19-Jan-1945	KI	33192926	7745	Fme de Houvegnez, Belgium	Fr Conf 517th PIR Stockade to trfd to Loire Disciplinary Training Center, Le Mans, France per GCM #18, Hqs, Sixth Army Group dtd 10 Dec 44.
	Copsey	John	E	PVT	31-Jul-1944	PFC-7	33192926		9 Miles South of Rome	promoted to the gr of Private First Class
	Moles	Marvin	D	PVT	31-Jul-1944	PFC-7	33535613		9 Miles South of Rome	promoted to the gr of Private First Class
MIA	Moles	Marvin	D	PFC	27-Dec-1944	MI	33535613	7745	Manhay, Belgium 533.902	fr dy to MIA
	Moles	Marvin	D	PFC	1-Jan-1945	AI	33535613	7745	Manhay, Belgium 533.902	fr MIA to ab sk in Hosp LWA (BC) as of 27 Dec 44 basic status changed fr asgd to atchd unasgd.
	Stott	Floyd	A	1st LT	11-Jul-1944	52	0-1311445		9 Miles South of Rome	Fr Dy (LD) to SK in 33rd General Hosp
	Stott	Floyd	A	1st LT	20-Jul-1944	P	0-131145		9 Miles South of Rome	Abs Dy to trfd to Det. Of Patients, 33rd General Hosp (LD)
	Stott	Floyd	A	1st LT	22-Jul-1944	A	0-1311445		9 Miles South of Rome	reasgd and jd company fr Det. Of Patients, 33rd General Hosp.
KIA	Stott	Floyd	A	1st LT	27-Dec-1944	MI	0-1311445	1510-9	Manhay, Belgium 533.902	fr dy to KIA

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

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c/o Joanne Barrett
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