



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



PARACHUTE REGIMENTAL COMBAT TEAM

## MailCall No. 2106

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

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## *Victory in Europe Day – May 8, 1945*



Morning Bob,

Just wanted to pass along a Sincere THANK YOU to all of the 517th PRCT Troopers, and extended family and friends, on the sixty-seventh Anniversary of Victory in Europe! So many Troopers knew the War had not ended for them as they might have been assigned to outfits going to the Pacific. But those who had experienced The Fight from Italy, through France, Belgium, into Germany, and looked forward to returning state-side, had memories that most of us will never fully understand. I just appreciate the fact I've been able to meet many of my Uncle's buddies and learn about their times spent in a far-off land.

If you've been following the national news, you know there is a Primary election in Wisconsin today, the forerunner of a Recall of the Governor. No matter what side-of-the-

fence a person sits on, the fact we are able to have such elections is ALL because of the brave men of the 517th and those men and women back-home who supported them.

God Bless,

**Kenton Floyd Immerfall**

Nephew of **Floyd Stott**, 3rd Bat. Co. "I."



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### *West Coast Mini – This week!*

#### **West Coast Mini-Reunion**

Palm Springs, CA

May 14-18, 2012

[Information and registration instructions](#)

### **Register now!**

#### **Annual National Reunion**

Kansas City, MO

July 12-16, 2012

[Program](#)

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### *MailCall News*

Hi Sir,

I'm a Belgian history teacher and militaria collector.

I have a few 517th PIR wartime letters in my collection. Would these "fit" somewhere on your great site?

rgds

Bart

Bart,

Yes! We are always looking for photos and artifacts and stories about the 517<sup>th</sup>. There are still many 517<sup>th</sup> troopers, as well as family and friends who are interested in these items, and some might also be able to comment or provide more background about the person or circumstances.

Can you scan them and send them to me?

Regards,

Bob Barrett



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Hi Bob,

I'll do that this evening after work!

Say, as I'm a teacher I'm also looking for veterans who want to share their stories. I have a small questionnaire I send to all veterans I've interviewed.

Do you know any 517PIR troopers who would be interested to share their stories with Belgian students?

I use them in my lessons to keep the history and sacrifice of those men alive!

Rgds

Bart

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Bart,

I will put your request into the next MailCall, a weekly email that I send out to about 350 members, friends, and family of the 517<sup>th</sup>. Are you looking for stories about particular events or locations in Belgium?

You can find past MailCalls at <http://517prct.org/mailcall/> and you can search the website, including past MailCalls for people or places <http://517prct.org/search.htm>

Bob Barrett

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Hi Bob,

Not particularly. I do like to send the questionnaires by old fashion airmail. Veterans can then spend more time on them instead of answering them on computer.

I'll browse to some 17th airborne pictures too. Perhaps I have some of 517PIR troopers in my collection.

Best regards

Bart

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The questions are very standard (who, what, where, when, ... ). Nothing shocking, personal, ... .

Best regards

Bart

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**Anyone who can help Bart and fill out a questionnaire, you can contact him at: [canmil@live.be](mailto:canmil@live.be)**



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### *Armed Forces Day - May 19th*

Saturday, May 19th is Armed Forces Day, a day to honor Americans serving in all branches of military – following the consolidation of the military services in the Department of Defense. Today, we celebrate Armed Forces Day much the same as they did the first one in 1949, with parades, receptions and air shows. This is a great opportunity to perform a small act of kindness for an Active Duty Military service member, Veteran, or their family. “America was built not just by great heroes or powerful politicians, but by ordinary people with wonderful ideas — by thousands whose names we don’t know, but should. They may not run for president or star on reality shows, but without their contributions, the kind of country we know would not exist.”-Bob Dotson (One of my favorite journalists & part of the Today Show Team.)

Best regards,

**Debbie Gregory, CEO**  
MilitaryConnection.com

### *More MailCall News*

Received your mail sent yesterday. Hope to attend reunion with son-in-law or grandson if wife’s health does not go down.

**Dick Hammel**

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Bob,  
I haven’t seen a mailcall for a while. I am wondering if there is something wrong with my email account?

Lory

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Lory,

I am concerned that you might not be the only one. **Dick Hammel** also said he hasn’t received any in a while, but then he did receive the one I sent this past Sunday. I imagine if you two have had issues, there are probably many others. I was getting them myself and some people were responding, so I thought it must be on the other end, not mine. I mentioned the problem in the last email.

But I just checked again and found something very “suspicious” in my own group list. I can open some people, but many I cannot locate. Hmm. I’m going to try to rebuild the list and send it out again.

Thanks for the heads-up.

Bob Barrett

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I am resending this last MailCall as a test. I received many reports that recent MailCalls are not getting delivered, so I have been doing lots of testing. I have no idea why, but it seems to go through OK if I remove the logo image, but I have no idea why that would make a difference.

Bob Barrett

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Hurray, I got it.

Lory

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In a message dated 5/9/2012 7:10:05 P.M. Pacific Daylight Time, [MailCall@517prct.org](mailto:MailCall@517prct.org) writes:  
It seems that many (most) people have not received the last few MailCalls.

I'm getting all the ones you send with no problem.  
Thank you for your service to this fine organization.

**Don Gentry**  
MSG (RET) US Army

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Lory, Thanks for the info.

Surprisingly, some people are now telling me that they have been getting them all along. But I know that I always send them to 2 of my own email addresses, just to make sure, and that one of those was not getting the mailings. No error message, and I can't imagine why the logo would make a difference. And I still don't know for sure whether everyone else is getting them. I'm keeping my fingers crossed.

Bob B.

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Bob: got the MailCalls both this one and the next. I do enjoy reading your excellent work so thanks for making the effort. Lory and my gmail account may share the same problem - Goggle! Ah technology, can't live without it and can't live with it. Thank you again.

**Pat Seitz**

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### Submitted by

Name: **Marcia I. McConville**  
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### Comments:

I noticed some questions regarding **Clement McConville** from **Mike Moyer**. I was just wondering if he needed more information?  
Marcia I. McConville

Added: May 9, 2012

Col. Moyer,

Back in 2009, you sent a note to the 517th PRCT website looking for info on **Clement McConville** of the 517th. Just recently, it appears that a relative of his responded on our guestbook. Are you still looking for info?

- Bob Barrett, webmaster .at. 517prct .dot. org

Hi Bob,

yes I am still looking for information. I paid a researcher to get his file from St Louis, but it had very little information and no DD 214. I paid another researcher to check the morning reports which gave me a little, but I would really like his discharge DD214 to fully appreciate his service.

thank you,  
Mike

Col. Moyer,

The only previous reference I can find in about McConville in our records is your note to my Dad in 2009, so I assume that this is what she is referring to:

*From MailCall #1913 - 517TH PRCT- November 20, 2009:*

Hello. Your website is a tremendous resource. I am enjoying the stories and information. The 517th is fascinating.

I am a former trooper [82nd Airborne 1980's] looking for information on a 517th veteran. If someone can help me find the following, I would be most grateful.

The trooper's name is **Clement McConville**. He enlisted in March 1943 and passed away in 2001. He was wounded, but I don't know when.

Using your resources, I found him attached as a CPL with H Co in the Christmas 1944 program. I also found him listed on the Service Company manifest on the SS Madawaska Victory in 1945. He is listed as Infantry with an MOS 7405 and ASR of 68. I used the search function for the electronic records with no luck.

What is MOS 7405 and ASR 68?



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Is there any data confirming his Purple Heart award such as a roster or order? I am interested in what battle and location he received his wound.

Is there any data confirming his Combat Jump and Arrowhead? Possibly he jumped with Service Co and Third Battalion. Is there a roster or manifest?

Is there a roster or order for his CIB and Good Conduct Medal? I assume his Bronze Star is a CIB qualifying award.

Are there any vignettes or recollections that might highlight his service?

What patch did unit members wear? It is hard to tell from the photos section. The Regiment was assigned to many different Corps and Divisions so it would have been hard to keep changing patches.

Thank you for any information you may have, and for service and sacrifice of the 517th troopers.

**Mike Moyer**  
COL US Army War College

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PS: I don't know what MOS 7045 is, but it is probably a typo. Many of the 517<sup>th</sup> troopers were MOS 7745, with 745 being rifleman, and 7745 being a paratrooper rifleman. ASR is the Adjusted Service Rating score, which is the number of points earned. Enough points (80 to 85) and you could be discharged.  
Hope this helps.

PS: I am curious as to your relationship or interest in Clement McConville.

Bob Barrett

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

**517 PRCT Association, Inc.**  
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