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

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July 12-16, 2012

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Note to **Darrell Egner** --

Dick Miller is one of the 517th's unsung heroes. For many years while **Bill Lewis** was running the show and for years after, Dick took the records of the treasure, made sense out of them which sometimes was difficult, prepared the annual tax returns for the 517th Association, and sent them to the president for signature and filing with the IRS. In other words he kept the Association out of hot water for years. At the Savannah reunion when I was getting on the elevator, he handed me a batch of IRS forms which I signed. For all those years of work he never received credit or recognition, so as the president then, I made him assistant treasurer and put him on the 517th stationary letterhead. Apparently no one ever thought of Dick Miller after that until we were in deep trouble and had our IRS tax free status revoked for not filing annual income tax returns. Joanne Barrett and I brought Dick back to the rescue and he responded like the cavalry in the wild west movies. He helped take all of Joanne Barrett's hard work, of reviving treasury records for five years. Dick helped us put



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the figures onto forms the IRS would recognize. **Allan Johnson** has now signed them and sent them to our friends at the Internal Revenue Service. In due course we may have our tax free status retroactively restored. That is what Joanne and I asked for.

The 517th has many unsung heroes, but **Dick Miller** should be at the top of the list.

We wish you a great recovery, a smooth plane ride to Kansas City and a reunion that fires the cannons once again. I still appreciate your good work at the Savannah reunion as my sergeant of arms.

Highest airborne regards,

Howard Hensleigh

Hello,

A few years ago while in Seattle, Washington, I found a sterling silver USN bracelet with the name "**Holger E. Johnson**" engraved on the back. I just came across it again while cleaning and thought that I would google the name, and a "Holger E. Johnson" is listed on your site as being a member of the 517th Parachute Infantry Regiment who was killed in action. Would this bracelet belong to one of his relatives, and is there any way that you could arrange for it to be returned?

Thanks so much for your help.

Sincerely,
Lisa Caruana

Lisa,

Unfortunately, the only records I have for Holger E. Johnson are that he was in the HQ Company, 2nd Battalion of the 517th PRCT, was killed 23-Jun-1944 in Italy, and is buried in the Florence American Cemetery in Cassia, Italy. (Some records list him as **Holger R. Johnson**, which may be the correct version.) Unfortunately, I have no records of any relatives of his contacting the 517th or attending reunions.

According to the American Battle Monument web site, http://www.abmc.gov/search/wwii_list.php, his serial number is 36664215. I cannot find any enlistment records in the NARA database. But There is WWII Registry at <http://www.wwiimemorial.com>, which has him listed twice (by that serial number) as Holger R. Johnson, enlisting from Cook County, IL.

That site also lists another Holger E. Johnson, who enlisted from Kemmerer, WY.

Sorry I cannot help more. I will post your note into our weekly newsletter and see if anyone else remembers him.

Bob Barrett
webmaster@517prct.org



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Hi Bob and fellow 517th family and friends,

I am sending my regrets and don't think I will be able to attend the reunion in Kansas City unless something comes up at the last minute. I just don't have the funds. Too many vehicle and boat repairs etc. this spring! I will be thinking of you all and wishing I was there especially since this is the last one. It sounds like it's going to be a good one with the preview of the movie "Saints and Soldiers". Hopefully I will be able to obtain a copy someday. If things change I will be there. I am also saddened that **Merle and Betty** won't be in attendance. There are many good people associated with the 517th p.r.c.t. who I have met over the past five years that I am so glad I got to meet and talk with. I understand that it is just too difficult for some to make the journey. Please stay in touch with me and each other.



S.O.B
Rick Sweet

Please add me, my father **Lt. George Madison Roseberry of Service Company**. Love to read about his unit. He never talked about the war. I asked him where the pictures were taken and he told me he didn't remember. He had a good memory but wouldn't talk to me about them. Thank you.

Carol Roseberry Dreesen

Carol.dreesen@gmail.com

New Guestbook entry:

| Submitted by | Comments: |
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| Name: Randy Heber From: Merrill Mi E-mail: dkheber@gmail.com | Gentlemen, I'm the son of Robert Heber who served with the 517th in France. He passed away Jan. 13th 2010 at 88 yrs old. I had and have the greatest respect for him and the men of your generation. Sorry to hear this will be your last reunion, but wish all of you the best. If anyone knew my father and would like to respond please feel free. I think his nickname was "Clever" as people teased him about his little hometown paper from Harrison MI he received named the Clare county Cleaver. |
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From Forty Four Memories:

<http://forty-four-memories.fr/agenda/>

Faites passer le mot et venez nombreux, Unitées acceptées : 2nd Ind Para Brigade (GB), 517th RCT, 509th PIB, 551st PIB, 550th glider, 83rd chemical, 442nd Antitank, résistants.

Spread the word and come many, units accepted: 2nd Ind Para Brigade (GB), 517th RCT, 509th GDP, 551 st GDP, 550th glider, 83rd chemical, 442d Antitank, resistance.

Commemorations of the landing in Provence

August 14 to 24, 2012

* August 13

Installing camp in La Motte (83)

* August 14

- Departure of the Dragoon was March 4 HOO
- 10h: Arrival Dragoon March
- 12am: Ceremony at a place called "Le Mitan"
- 18h: ceremony at the monument to La Motte
- 20h: Ball at La motte (orga: FFM)

* August 15

- Morning: Ceremony in the morning - Lorgues
- 17h: Ceremony at Les Arcs
- 19h: Ball in Les Arcs

* August 16

- 9am: Ceremony at the U.S. Cemetery in Draguignan
- 12H: Lunch at Valbourgès (orga: Memoirs of Provinces)
- 17H: Ceremony in Trans en Provence

* August 17

- Salernes:
- Setting up camp
- Ceremonies
- Ball

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The poster features a black and white photograph of World War II soldiers in olive drab uniforms marching along a dirt road. In the foreground, a soldier with a white cross on his helmet is walking towards the camera. Behind him, other soldiers are visible, some carrying equipment. To the left of the soldiers are two wooden directional signs. The first sign points left towards 'LE MUJ' and right towards 'LA MOTTE'. The second sign points right towards 'DRAGUIGNAN'. The background shows a rural landscape with trees and a clear sky.

Dear Bob,

The American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU) has just awarded me the Congressional Medal of Honor, based in my outrageous lies about winning WWII single handedly and state that they will protect my egregious boasting about this medal I didn't get as constitutionally protected free speech.

Howard Hensleigh



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Dear Friends,

Like every year I spent one week in Normandy in June . This week is sacred for me . It's not really the time to think about WW2 veterans because it's every day . But It's special because you walk where so many heroes gave their lives for our liberty . Like every year my first stop was at Daint Mère Eglise Church for a prayer to all my US friends .

I took 2.000 photos but I can't put all ... You will find here around 180 photos , my favorites ... Hope you will enjoy it .

God Bless America

Dominique Potier

<http://s1176.photobucket.com/albums/x322/PotierDominique/Normandy%20June%202012/>

Administrivia

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- 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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