



517th 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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Name those Troopers

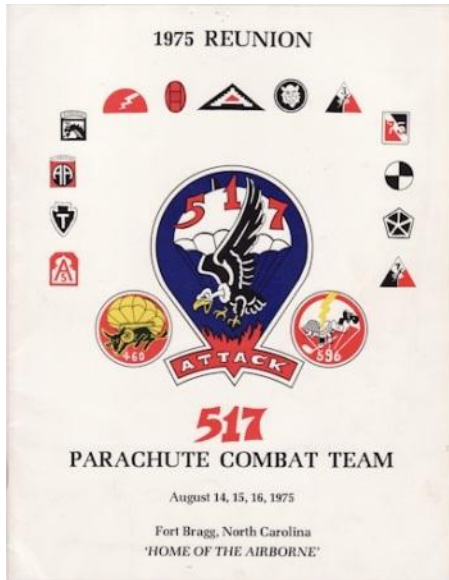
Can you identify this photo? Who, when, where?
Extra points for identifying the woman.





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MailCall News



At the Kansas City reunion last July, I picked up a copy of the 1975 Fort Bragg Reunion booklet that someone left behind. It is now posted on the web site at: [1975 Fort Bragg NC Reunion Booklet](#)

This booklet includes biographies of all seven (7) members of the 517th who went on to become generals. Can you name them all?



I saw this on eBay recently. I've never seen a version like this before. Is this anything?





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Back in [MailCall # 2122](#), Ponnie Davis told us about her visit to the WW2 reenactment in Conneaut, OH, including her invitation to be guest-speaker at the showing of the Saints and Soldiers movie. Here are a couple of photo from Ponnie:



Conneault, OH
August 17-18, 2012



Eric Montgomery, co-founder and
Veterans rep

Ponnie Davis, guest speaker

Dan Merzke, co-founder

D-Day reenactment



Dan Merzke and Ponnie after the
movie

[By the way, I read something about WW2 reenactments that had never occurred to me before: In the US, these enactments include reenactors from both the Allied and Axis armies. In most of Europe, I have been told that you cannot dress in a Nazi uniform, so they are not represented. How did I not notice this before? -- BB.]



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Hello, I just read your site by chance and came across photos of **PFC George A. SULLIVAN, A Company**. I am part of the organization that restores and maintains the height of Barbonnet to Sospel.

I can tell you that the pictures:

6C , 14A, 26A , 29A, 31C, 32A, 32D, 33C, 33D, 34D, 36A, 37A, 48B, 49B, 52C, 52D were taken Barbonnet

11A : I'm not sure whether to Barbonnet

13 C : on the road to Col de Braus

Greetings

Marc ENDINGER

Thanks, Marc. I added your info to the page:

http://www.517prct.org/photos/george_sullivan/george_sullivan.htm

I will be sure to visit Barbonnet on my next trip to Sospel.

Bob Barrett

No problems send me an email when you come, I can guide you from the airport

Greetings

Marc

1970 517th Reunion Booklet:





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Subject: William Mitchell and "Sully"

My name is William Donald Mitchell. My father was **William (NMI) Mitchell**. That is him with the dog in that picture. He was joking on the back of the picture. He was married to my mother for more than 50 years, they knew each other since they were kids.

My father went on to become a policeman in a suburb of Detroit, retiring as a Detective Sergeant after 33 years' service. He passed away in 2000. Parkinson's did what others could not.

Among the many pictures I have, one is of a soldier with "Sully" written on the back. When I find it I would like to post it for you. I also have the very long photo from Camp Toccoa.

I am a retired Border Patrol Agent with 31 years' service.
U.S. Army 1969-71

William Donald Mitchell

From [MailCall #2080](#), November 19, 2011

From **Roger Sullivan** (son of **George Sullivan**),



This photo of **William Mitchell** has the following inscription on the back – presumably sent to my Mom (I think (hope) as a joke?).

*"Say, what do you see in Sully.
When I am around I am really a
nice guy.
Maybe we should get together
some time.
How about it?"*

*PFC William Mitchell
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We have a whole page of **George Sullivan** photos at:
http://www.517prct.org/photos/george_sullivan/george_sullivan.htm



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Submitted by

Name: **Edith Clayton Jones**
From: Ten Mile, Tennessee
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Comments:

I am so excited to find this wonderful Web page. I am the daughter of **Benjamin Jackson Clayton**, who was a member of the 517th Parachute Infantry Regiment in World War II. He was in the Battle of the Bulge. I have some wonderful photographs that were taken in France during that time. I will try to figure out how to upload them to this site. My dad died in 1997 at the age of 81. He was so proud of his service and the incredible men he served with.

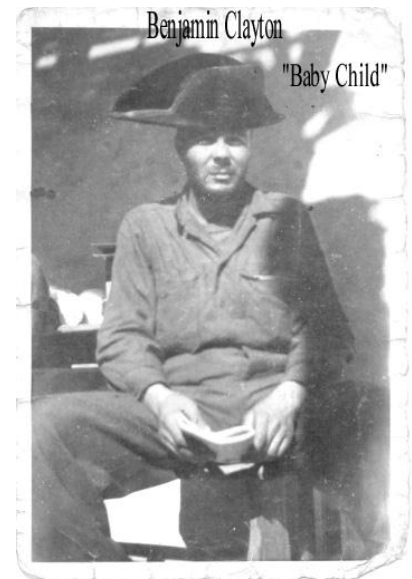
Added: October 8, 2012

Hello Edith,

Yes, we would love to post any WW2 photos that you have. You can scan them and send them to me (I can work with any format), or let me know if you can't and we'll figure something out.

If you do a search on the web site for "clayton", you will find a couple of mentions and at least one photo of your dad.

Bob Barrett
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Picture from [Rocky Coiner's D Company photos](#):

Bob -

Reason I'm emailing, is I saw **Lory Curtis'** comment. We know from other 517th sources that both **COL Boyle** and **LTG Seitz** were able to select the men who trained in their battalion. **GEN Zais**, on the other hand, was sent many of the men assigned to his battalion and, those, he didn't have a chance to interview.

The comment attributed to LTG Seitz did not make clear the 3,100 were interviewed before they were permitted to join, not the 517th, but 2nd battalion.

Considering the concept of airborne troops was new, and many men who wanted to get in didn't even make it to be part of the 3,100, it boggles the mind that he accepted less than one in four of the men he interviewed. Had the number included the many who applied at volunteer/draftee induction stations, while they were in basic training, those who made it to Camp Toccoa but were soon washed out and didn't even get to be part of the 3,100, the total could easily have been climbed to five or ten thousand.

This serves to further underscore the quality of the 517th Troopers.

Best,
mark landreth



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Hello Pascal,

Last April, you sent me a note looking for information about **Leonard Stevens**. See: <http://517prct.org/mailcall/2104.pdf>

I was never able to find Wayne Caudill's contact information, but here is a note from someone else who might be able to provide some info.

Please keep me posted on what you find!

Bob Barrett

[Note: Pascal Prickartz contacted us last April. He lives in Holland near Margraten and has adopted the grave of **PFC Leonard Dallas Stevens, G Company.**]

I am not sure I am sending this message to the correct email address. But while searching for information about my husband's uncle **Leonard Stevens** I ran across a request by Wayne Caudill for information on Leonard Stevens. You can contact me at lbwat7qc@frontier.com and maybe I can provide some of the information that you want.

Becky Watson

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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