



517th 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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More Christmas Greetings!

Got all I needed and wanted for Christmas. My son bought me Saints and Soldiers Airborne Creed and I will relive the past today when I send the evening with the 517th.

Airborne All the Way

Dennis Sura son of Mike Sura 3 Battalion H Company

Dear Friends,

Thanks to you, we are in peace since 68 years old. From our hearth, we would like say you Thank You and sending you our best wishes for a marvelous Christmas' season.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year full joy and good health.

Sincerely,

Eddy Monfort and family

Manhay
Belgium

Florida Mini-Reunion

Last chance to register:

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January 18-21, 2013

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MailCall News

Dear friends of America,

Enjoy the beauty of the Holiday Season and may it fill your heart with happiness. We think of you and we wish you a HAPPY NEW YEAR !

The ceremonies and the pictures on the last mail call were taken during the dedication of the 517 th monument in SOY/HOTTON. 1992 may 3 - The monument was built by our Committee (CADUSA) with the help of the community of HOTTON. **Bruce CHESTNUT** came to choose the stones. It was the dream of **Charlie KEEN** to see a monument at the Cross Road (Quatre Bras) On the first picture, you can see **Sheila BOYLE - Phil DI STANISLAO - Carl KIEFER - Mr and Mrs HEKKALA - Charlie KEEN - Bob PASHLEY - ? MOORE - Lawrence ? - Al PACIOTTI - Bob and Bettie DAVIS** on an other picture ---- **Phil - Carl _ Mr Hekkala --- Sheila BOYLE and Charlie KEEN.**



With LOVE and BEST WISHES.

Irma and Arnold TARGNION

Hello,
I'm belgian and I'm in touch with member of the family of **Corwin C Clark, H company 517th PRCT.**
I'm member of an association of History and Living History here in Belgium.
We organize a walk in honor of the 17th Airborne Division.
I'm also a friend of **Eddy Monfort.**
I'm making some researchs about Corwin and Eddy said that you can help me.
I'm looking for any infos pictures ... about H company but also all the 517th by extension.
Thanks for your answer !
Nicaise Sylvain
(Sorry if there are fauts in my english)



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Sylvain,

I'm not sure that I can help much except in pointing you to what little info is on the 517th website or in past MailCall newsletters. You can search the website for **Corwin Clark**, you'll see a number of mentions, but very little detailed information:

<http://www.google.com/search?q=corwin+clark&sitesearch=517PRCT.org>

One of the items you will find is some recent correspondence that I had with David Clark, a nephew of Corwin Clark. David was also trying to do some research about Pvt. Clark. You could try to contact him. See emails below.

All the pictures and info that I have about H Company can also be found in this search:

<http://www.google.com/search?q=H+Company&sitesearch=517PRCT.org>

I hope this helps a little.

Bob Barrett

MailCall@517prct.org

From: David Clark [<mailto:dclark@geoengineers.com>]
Sent: Monday, June 04, 2012 11:52 PM
To: webmaster@517prct.org
Subject: Corwin Clark of H Company

Mr. Barrett,

My Uncle was Corwin C. Clark of H Company. I plan to write up his story as best as I can through v-mail letters and other accounts. I read Ben's story and the German shell that injured him in Bergeval killed my uncle Corwin. In his story, he includes the report showing that Corwin was KIA in that attack. I was wondering if you knew more about that day and the attack. My father who died a few years ago had always heard about the shelling, but never knew any more than that and it always seemed to be a mystery. If you know anything that could help me with this chapter, I'd greatly appreciate the help. This site and Ben's story have already helped me tremendously.

I was also wondering if you know if Howard Hensleigh is still alive. He is mentioned in one of my uncle's v-mails back home to Iowa in response to a question about him from my grandmother. There's a chance he may have some information as well if he is still with us.

Thanks for your time. Ben's story and the info I gained from it was amazing. I can't believe I found it.

Thanks and best wishes,

David Clark

Date: Fri, 8 Jun 2012 04:05:24 -0700
Subject: RE: Corwin Clark of H Company

David,



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One more item I found about H Company in Bergeval. I'm not sure if this is the same platoon or not, but the location and time match. Instead of an anti-tank "88", this mentions small-arms fire as well as a mortar position.

Bob B.

Ben:

This is a letter I came across when I was going through some of my parents things. I thought you may be interested in it. Also, if anyone knew Richard, I would certainly like to hear from them by way of you.

Bob Lynam

{Richard's brother}

"I have the honor to inform you that, by direction of the President, the Silver Star has been posthumously awarded to your son, **Private Richard L. Lynam**. The citation is as follows:
SILVER STAR

For gallantry in action. On 5 January, 1945 at 0400 hours, the second platoon, Company 'H', 517th Parachute Infantry, was ordered to reinforce Company 'C', east of Bergeval, Belgium. The platoon moved into position and was ordered to send a squad out as a combat and reconnaissance patrol. Private Lynam, acting squad leader, volunteered to take his squad on the patrol. The patrol advanced approximately 500 yards toward the position occupied by Company 'C' when it was subjected to heavy small arms fire from enemy soldiers protecting a mortar position. With utter disregard for his own safety, Private Lynam moved forward and calmly led and directed his squad in an attack on the enemy positions. Private Lynam, moving forward, killed five of the enemy before he was mortally wounded. Private Lynam's gallant and courageous leadership won the admiration of his comrades and was an inspiration to all who served with him.

(Authority: GO No. 15, 13 ABN Div, 19 May 45, Pvt, 517 Parachute Infantry)

My deepest sympathy is extended to you in your bereavement."

Edward F. Mitchell

Major General

The Adjutant General

From: David Clark [mailto:dclark@geoengineers.com]

Sent: Friday, June 08, 2012 8:33 AM

To: MailCall@517prct.org

Subject: Re: Corwin Clark of H Company

Bob,

Thanks a million! This shed's a lot of light on that day and the circumstances. I was sorry to read Ben passed a few years ago. I would have loved to have met him and listen to his stories. Reading his words is unbelievable. I never expected to find any details about the one particular attack out of thousands that took my uncle. This will be great to share with my family as we all loved my dad but never knew his one and



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only brother.

Thanks so much for your time. I'll get in touch with **Mr. Hensleigh**.

Thanks again and if you ever come across any details on Co H, please pass along.

David Clark

Just a short note to let each of you know that my mother passed away this morning. She was 95 and live a full and complete life. She was living in the house that her and pa built in 1947 with a VA loan. Her and Pa were married before the war and she had graduated from college before her parent ever had an indoor toilet or lights. Keep us in your prayers.

mickey moses (son of **Jim Moses, 596th PCEC**)

See: http://www.517prct.org/photos/jim_moses/jim_moses.htm

Dear Mickey

I am very sorry for this news. But I am so glad for her life and her many accomplishments-most of all her descendants. You must have made both your parents very proud.

We still look forward to meeting you when you visit DC to see your son.

Our parents' generation did indeed both see and create the greatest era of American progress and personal responsibility. Perhaps those of the Civil War saw worse tragedy. But our parents' generation moved from a country made up of mostly poor, rural and mostly uneducated to a generation of modern progress with traditional ethics. (My dad also grew up in a home with outdoor plumbing. Yet he went to college thanks to the GI bill)

Thank you,
Theresa

(Daughter of **Charles and Ann Pugh**)

Help us update the roster! Check your address and contact info on the new roster at www.517prct.org/roster.pdf. Send any corrections to MailCall@517prct.org.

Note that only people marked with a green **Y** will receive the Thunderbolt newsletter in a paper version. But if you receive weekly MailCalls, you don't need to receive the paper copy since we will be posting all future Thunderbolts on the website and in future MailCalls.



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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 Donations, In Memory of... etc.) and make all checks payable to:

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