



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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MailCall News

Bob: am just coming up for air and had targeted July 4th to email you about all your wonderful recent Mail Calls but when I saw the great picture of your girls and your new son-in-law I couldn't wait -- Fabulous, How Beautiful and Congratulations. The picture just brought the biggest smiles to us.

PS We are back from Houston (great medical team at the Texas Heart Institute); it's a 6 to 8 week recovery process - it's slow, but each day is better than the day before.

PSS The tributes to Dad were so moving, we can't begin to thank everyone who wrote enough for sharing them with us. You all are like family so it means a great deal to us. Hope Darrell is feeling back to his usual self. We miss seeing him.

The obituary for Gene was a treasure. What a wonderful man (and so handsome too!). Our hearts and prayers go out to Gene's family especially his wonderful bride of 65 years. What a privilege to spend time with him at the reunions. It's moments like this that underscore what a remarkable outfit they were part of, truly one of a kind. On this 4th of July, we owe an incalculable debt to these brave, selfless men. Bet Gene and Dad are having a great time with your Dad.

Pat Seitz

I am looking for information, pictures, and stories about my grandfather, **Marvin Crawford** who was in the 517 PIR. Can you help?

Matthew Clark



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Hi Matthew,

I will post your request into the next weekly MailCall newsletter and see if anyone remembers him. On a quick look, I didn't find anything about Marvin Crawford in the records that I have, but it would help me to know where to look if you know which Company he was with, or some other information about his service. Do you have any details about the unit, people, or places?

PS: I did find a Morris Crawford in D

Company http://517prct.org/documents/xmas1944/xmas_1944_company_d2.jpg

Bob Barrett

Update on **Lee Johnson**:

After a 19 day stint in the hospital in New Smyrna Beach, FL, Lee was released and he's now home recovering from surgery. Lee had a benign infection in his left lung that wouldn't respond to medication and that resulted in the surgery. All went as planned and the surgery was successful. He's now doing laps between the living room and his front door and talking about rejoining his "coffee call" group on Tuesday mornings. This 93 year old 517 Paratrooper is tough.

Thanks Bob,

Earl Tingle (Col. Retired)

A couple of 460th troopers came for a visit--**John Garvey** and **Phil McSpadden**. With guys like that it is no wonder the 460th gave us such good support, sometimes at point blank range out ahead with the infantry. Their forward observers were always there, but I'm talking about the 75mms.

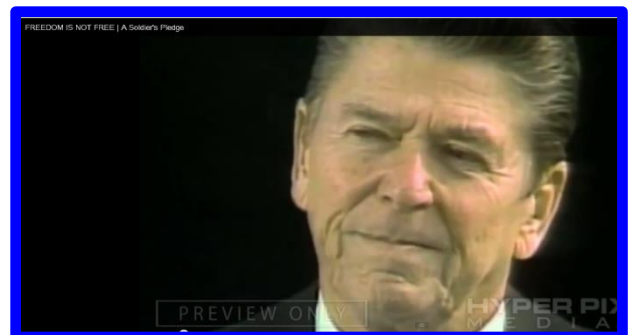
As **Dick Seitz** would say, AIRBORNE ALL THE WAY! Howard Hensleigh

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From **Bill Christian**:

A July 4th speech to be proud of: Freedom is not Free

http://www.youtube.com/embed/rKsW6c_CgFY





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Last Mailcall was special on Dick S. Please check and put me back on
I was in CoE

Dick Hammel

Hi Dick,

I have you on the MailCall list and have been sending them out weekly. Unfortunately, every few months, I find that some do not get through.

If you know how, make sure that MailCall@517prct.org is on your "whitelist" account and not your blocked spam or junk mail lists.

The news about Dick Seitz was posted in MailCall #2163, but there have been several more email since then. In worst case, you can read all the past emails here: www.517prct.org/mailcall/

I will be sending a MailCall out later today. Let me know if you do or do not receive it.

Bob Barrett

Yes, every few months I find that the MailCalls are blocked by various email providers. I always copy myself on each one, so that I can see if there is a big problem, and none are going out. But sometimes they are blocked by the receiver's email provider and I don't find out unless someone tells me. Even when my dad, Ben, ran the MailCall, we had issues. Sometimes Comcast or Verizon would not accept emails from his AOL account. Eventually he switched to gmail, but the same issues popped up again. He would just have to keep trying and after a week or so, things would magically clear up on their own, with no reason or explanation. For some reason, the internet powers find something they do not like in the MailCall and just decide to block us for a while. I try to be very careful and follow the rules as best I can, but it's mostly that I send out MailCall to about 400 people each week, and that raises suspicions that it might be spam. For now, I break it into 8 different email groups that are sent individually and that seems to work most of the time. But not always. So be patient and know that you can always check for new and old MailCalls at www.517prct.org/mailcall/

-- Bob B.

I recently received word from **Lory Curtis** that the next Thunderbolt newsletter is on its way to the printer. I will get it online soon as well. – BB

Thanks Bob for including your daughter's (and daughters) wedding photo in the recent Mail Call. They are beautiful young ladies and your son-in-law is beaming because he gets to be with both of them...at least for the one photo. Ha! May all three have healthy and happy lives!

Kenton "Kent" Immerfall



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Bob, thank you for sharing the photo of your beautiful daughters! Congratulations to the father of the bride!

I am actually the mother of the groom later this month, and we are so looking forward to it!

More later - got to get to work on The Thunderbolt, which should be at the printer by next weekend!

all the very best -

Claire

Senior Humor

From **Betty Travers**:

This test will keep that dreaded disease that effects your memory at bay!

New Senior's Exam, you only need 4 correct out of 10 questions to pass.

- 1) How long did the Hundred Years' War last?
- 2) Which country makes Panama hats?
- 3) From which animal do we get cat gut?
- 4) In which month do Russians celebrate the October Revolution?
- 5) What is a camel's hair brush made of?
- 6) The Canary Islands in the Pacific are named after what animal?
- 7) What was King George VI's first name?
- 8) What colour is a purple finch?
- 9) Where are Chinese gooseberries from?
- 10) What is the colour of the black box in a commercial airplane?

Remember, you need only 4 correct answers to pass. Check your answers below



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ANSWERS TO THE QUIZ

- 1) How long did the Hundred Years War last? 116 years
- 2) Which country makes Panama hats? Ecuador
- 3) From which animal do we get cat gut? Sheep and Horses
- 4) In which month do Russians celebrate the October Revolution? November
- 5) What is a camel's hair brush made of? Squirrel fur
- 6) The Canary Islands in the Pacific are named after what animal? Dogs
- 7) What was King George VI's first name? Albert
- 8) What colour is a purple finch? Crimson
- 9) Where are Chinese gooseberries from? New Zealand
- 10) What is the colour of the black box in a commercial airplane? Orange (of course)

What do you mean, you failed?

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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